



12 die in deadliest phase of UP polls

2 candidates, 2 schoolchildren among those killed; over 100 killed so far in five phases

STAR REPORT

It was the deadliest phase of the ongoing polls to union parishads.

At least 12 people, including two school-goers and two candidates, were killed in violence during yesterday's fifth-phase voting that was also marked by various irregularities.

Before yesterday, the highest number of people killed in election-day violence was 10, and it was in the first of the six phases of the staggered UP polls.

The election-day death toll in the five phases now stands at 37.

This apart, violence erupted also during electioneering and after the polls since February, leaving 76 more dead.

More than 200 people were also injured, many of them shot, as the supporters of chairmen and member



Wife of Babul Shil, who was killed in yesterday's polls violence, wails.

candidates got locked in fierce clashes yesterday, when 717 unions went to polls.

Most of the casualties were the results of clashes between supporters of ruling Awami League candidates and party rebels in around 60 unions.

Deaths were reported from Jamalpur, Chittagong, Noakhali,

Comilla, Panchagarh and Narayanganj.

The supporters of candidates captured polling stations and stuffed ballot boxes, like in the previous four phases.

Voting in 120 centres was called off as law and order went out of control, according to the Election Commission.

Until yesterday, the total number of deaths in UP polls violence stood at 101, according to civil body platform Shushashoner Jonno Nagorik (Shujan). Of the deceased, 40 were supporters of AL nominated chairman candidates while 12 were loyal to AL rebel candidates and two were supporters of BNP candidates. Most of

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'9 MISSING PABNA MEN' Rab says it has four in its custody

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Families have all along alleged that their loved ones were picked up by law enforcers, who denied the claim. Now, weeks after nine Pabna men had gone missing, Rab yesterday said they arrested four of them on Friday night from the capital in a murder case.

They are Ramjan Ali, 38, SEE PAGE 10 COL 2

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Tokyo renews pledge of \$6b to Dhaka

\$1.5b to be cleared this year, Japanese PM assures Hasina

BSS, Tokyo, Japan

Japan yesterday assured Bangladesh that it would fulfil its commitment to provide \$6 billion, of which \$1.5 billion would be released this year.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe gave the assurance during an official bilateral meeting with his Bangladeshi counterpart Sheikh Hasina in Nagoya.

Hasina is now in Japan on an official visit to attend the G7 Outreach Meeting.

PM's Principal Secretary Abul Kalam Azad, Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim, Senior Secretary of the Economic Resources Division Meshbah Uddin and Foreign Secretary M Shahidul Haque briefed reporters after the meeting.

During the talks, the Japanese PM assured Hasina of conducting a feasibility study on the proposed modern airport at Charjanazat on the other side of the Padma Bridge.

Japan also agreed in principle to take steps for building the third terminal of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport by 2019, the secretaries said.

Issues of economic cooperation, development and cooperation in the global arena came up for discussion. The two countries agreed to take the



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina shakes hands with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe during a meeting at Marriott Associa Hotel in Nagoya of Japan yesterday.

PHOTO: PTI

bilateral partnership to a new height, which took shape after Hasina's visit to Japan in 2014, they added.

"Japan will continue to support your aspirations to become a middle income country by 2021," the Japanese premier was quoted as saying.

Abe also assured Hasina of further

relaxing the rules of origin to promote trade and business between the two countries.

Attaching importance to quality infrastructure in Bangladesh, he said the Matarbari coal-based power plant and Dhaka Metro Rail would be two

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"To tolerate such misdeeds is to destroy the existing social and religious harmony by inciting such acts that go against the constitution as well as the law."

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IPL FINAL TONIGHT Fizz hoping to play

BISHWAJIT ROY

When Royal Challengers Bangalore and Sunrisers Hyderabad take the field at the M



Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bangalore today in the quest for a first Indian Premier League (IPL) title, millions of fans in Bangladesh will pray that the magical Mustafizur Rahman will retain his fitness and finish this season's cash-rich T20 tournament with a flourish.

The beloved 20-year-old cricketer, who is affectionately called Fizz in

cricketing circles, however

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At the heart of Superjumbo

Bangladeshi engineering scientist in US instrumental in inventing, designing advanced aerospace technologies

INAM AHMED

As a young boy, slender and inquisitive, he would lie on the roof of his home, looking up at the moon and wonder how men had reached that silvery heavenly body.

He had thumbed through the Time Magazine's coverage of the moon landing in July 1969 over and over again, and each time he was awestruck by the human feat. After all, the moon landing

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CHANGE MAKERS

RifatUllah, inset, in front of the Airbus A380 before its test flight. He was on the test flight as technology designed by him and his company were used in the airliner.

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Non-refined steel can never be earthquake resistant

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