



LAST DAY'S CAMPAIGN

## Outsiders flout rules in 3 cities

Fresh case filed against Sylhet BNP men; polls tomorrow

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Defying a ban on their stay in the city corporation areas going to polls tomorrow, outsiders campaigned for the Awami League's mayoral candidates in the three cities on the last day of electioneering yesterday.

In Sylhet, Jatiya Party leader and lawmaker from Sylhet-2 constituency Yahya Chowdhury and SM Jakir Hossain, general secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra League, campaigned for Badar Uddin Ahmed Kamran.

In Barisal, Sadar Upazila Chairman Saidur Rahman Rintu campaigned for Semiabat Sadiq Abdullah. Gourmadi Mayor Haris Chowdhury and upazila chairmen Khalid Hossain Swapan of Babuganj and Shamsul Alam Chunnun of Bakerganj were staying in different areas of the city yesterday.

In Rajshahi, Chapainawabganj district AL President and Zila Parishad Chairman Moynuddin Mondol campaigned for AHM Khairuzzaman Liton.

As usual, election officials said the atmosphere is good and action will be taken if they get any written complaint. And they have instructed police to watch out for outsiders in the cities.

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Violating the electoral code of conduct, Jatiya Party lawmaker Yahya Chowdhury, second from right, campaigns for Awami League mayor candidate Badar Uddin Ahmed Kamran in Sylhet city's Taltala area yesterday. Inset, Chhatra League General Secretary SM Jakir Hossain distributes leaflets of Kamran in the area, flouting an Election Commission order that bars outsiders from staying in the city corporation area ahead of tomorrow's polls.



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## Three more killed in 'shootouts'

STAR REPORT

Three alleged criminals, including a "drug peddler", were killed in separate incidents of "shootouts" with law enforcers in Comilla, Satkhira and Barguna early yesterday.

In Comilla, Shahidul Islam Sabur, an alleged drug peddler, was killed in a "gunfight" with Rab in Sadar upazila, reports our local correspondent quoting Rab.

Maj Ataur Rahman, a company commander of Rab-11, alleged that the shootout took place when a Rab team conducted a drive at Gomti river dam area in Kaptanbazar around 4:00am to arrest Sabur, who was accused in 27 drug related cases.

Sensing Rab's presence, Sabur and his cohorts opened fire. When Rab officials retaliated, Sabur was left with bullet wounds while the others fled, Maj Ataur said.

Sabur was rushed to Comilla Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead.

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## Nine hours in captivity

AL leader says abductors 'threatened to kill him in crossfire'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Moments before being released by his abductors, an Awami League leader was threatened with death in "crossfire" and forced to sign two sets of blank papers and stamp papers each.



Parvez Hossain

Parvez Hossain Sarker, president of Comilla North Awami League, claimed this while sharing the experience of his nine-hour ordeal of abduction with The Daily Star at his home in the capital's Lalmatia.

Parvez, also a former chairman of Titas upazila of Comilla, was picked up in broad daylight from in front of his house allegedly by four unidentified people equipped with firearms and walkie-talkie sets around 1:45pm on Friday.

Nine hours later, around 10:45pm, the kidnappers released him in Purbachal area.

However, many questions remain about

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## Dengue threat looms over city

DSCC survey finds breeding grounds for Aedes mosquitoes in an alarming number of houses

HELEMUL ALAM

A large part of Dhaka South City Corporation is at risk of a dengue outbreak as the carrier of the virus, Aedes mosquito, is present at over one-third of the houses and other structures in that zone, a survey has found.

Officials have found Aedes larvae in 938 of 2,599 buildings and construction sites they visited in the zone-I of the DSCC between June 25 and July 15.

The areas at risk include Dhanmondi, Shukrabad, Sobhanbagh, Kalabagan, Kathalbagh, Gausia, Elephant Road, Nilkhet, Pilkhana, Buet, Shahbagh, Dhaka University, secretariat, Topkhana Road, Segun Bagicha, Siddesdway, Mouchak, Ramna, Kakrail, Eskaton Garden, Minto Road and Bailey Road.

The disease has claimed seven lives, and 898 others have been infected with the virus in the capital until July 24, according to Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

Clear, stagnant water kept in barrels and reservoirs at construction sites in the areas are the major breeding grounds for the Aedes mosquitoes, DSCC officials said.

As the Aedes can breed in just a few millimetres of clear water, the larvae was found in many plant tubs, abandoned tires and open containers.

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## BARAPUKURIA POWER PLANT Govt may go for coal import

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is considering importing coal to run Barapukuria coal-based power plant in Dinajpur as supply from the country's lone coal mine, Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Ltd (BCMCL), has stopped.

"As an alternative, we have already considered coal import," Power Division Secretary Ahmad Kaikus told reporters at Bidyut Bhaban in the capital after introduction of a guideline for production of renewable energy.

Nasrul Hamid, state minister for power, energy and mineral resources, said the government could import coal to increase its stock, but it was yet to decide from where it would be imported.

The 525MW Barapukuria coal-based power plant suspended its production on July 22 for an indefinite period for a lack of fuel supply, a fallout of around 1.45 lakh tonnes of coal "going missing" from the coal mine yard.

Electricity supply in the country's northern region has been hampered severely as Barapukuria power plant, which depends on coal supplies from the BCMCL, was shut down.

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## Tigers take series 2-1

SPORTS REPORTER

Buoyed by a century from Tamim Iqbal, some good bowling and work in the field coupled with the West Indies' struggles in the middle overs, Bangladesh secured a somewhat nervy 18-run win in the series-deciding ODI in Basseterre to seal a 2-1 win yesterday.

It was Bangladesh's first series win outside Asia since 2009 and an important result considering the manner of that 2-0 series defeat in the preceding Tests, where the visitors failed to cross the 200-run mark in any of their four innings.

Bangladesh posted 301 after Mashrafe Bin Mortaza had won the toss and opted to bat as opener Tamim Iqbal hit back at his critics and laid the platform with a fine century, his second in three games.

The experienced left-hander, who came under fire for his slow pace in the second ODI which Bangladesh lost by three runs, hammered 103 off 124 balls, smiting seven fours and a couple of sixes.

Shakib Al Hasan joined Tamim after his opening partner Anamul Haque departed for a disappointing 10 off 31 and the pair added 81 runs before Shakib departed for a well-compiled 37 off 44 balls, top-edging off-spinner Ashley Nurse.

Mushfiqur Rahim did not last long, scoring 12 off 14 balls before Mahmudullah Riyad and Tamim Iqbal put on 48 runs.

Tamim's dismissal in the 39th over with the score at 200 prompted Mashrafe to come onto the pitch and he added 53 runs with Mahmudullah, with the skipper shouldering the run-scoring duties. He hit a 25-ball 36

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