

# Chinese envoy for broadening people-to-people contact

UNB, Dhaka

Chinese Ambassador in Dhaka Zhang Zuo yesterday said his country wants to give a further push to broaden people-to-people contact with Bangladesh, taking the mutual bilateral relations to a new height. "Our hearts get closer now, our friendship is strengthened," said the Chinese ambassador, adding that the friendship between the two countries will be even deeper. Ambassador Zou was addressing an experience-sharing event at the embassy on medical treatment and tourism. Deputy Chief of Mission and Counselor Chen Wei and Irving Group Chairman and Chief Executive Officer HBM Lutfur Rahman, among others, spoke on the occasion.

Earlier, China opened its doors for Bangladeshi citizens to get "affordable and quality medical treatment" in a bid to further boost people-to-people contact between Bangladesh and China. Chinese Embassy in Dhaka is now granting medical visas for Bangladeshi citizens, said the embassy.

"We want to boost people-to-people contact between Bangladesh and China under the Road and Belt Initiative," said the Chinese ambassador. He said this medical tourism will help strengthen relations between the two countries.

Chen Wei said there is a necessity of building bridges and roads, but people-to-people contact is also very important.

A group of patients who availed treatment in Kunming with funding provided by the embassy, lauded the quality, affordability and advanced medical equipment there, but they urged to address the language barrier.



A man walks home after tending to his farm in Sylhet Sadar upazila yesterday. Although the Aman harvest is not finished yet, farmers are busy preparing for the next cropping season. With arable land shrinking alarmingly, wasting time is not an option for marginal farmers. PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

# NATIONAL POLLS: DHAKA-19 A battle of two doctors

AKLAKUR RAHMAN AKASH, Savar

The contest in upcoming parliamentary polls for Dhaka-19 constituency will primarily be between two physicians.

In this seat, the Awami League (AL) has nominated incumbent lawmaker Dr Md Enamur Rahman, chairman of Enam Medical College Hospital in Savar.

The BNP, on the other hand, has also nominated another physician, Dr Dewan Mohammad Salahuddin, popularly known as Dr Salahuddin Babu. He was elected in the seat in 1996 and 2001 general elections.

Aside from Dr Enamur and Dr Salahuddin, eight others are also contesting for the seat under different political parties.

According to data provided by the Election Commission Dhaka-19 has 7,48,736 voters.

In the 2014 elections, Dr Enamur was elected unopposed with AL ticket. He was awarded nomination in the seat after his hospital caught national attention through the treatment of Rana Plaza disaster victims in 2013.

During a visit, this correspondent found the area abuzz with his campaigning. He has made a reputation in the area as an honest person and a public representative who contributed to local development during his tenure.

Although campaigning for BNP candidate Dr Salahuddin is not as visible as that of his AL opponent, locals consider him a strong contender for the seat.

He defeated AL candidate Ashraf Uddin Khan Emu in 1996 national polls, while AL's Talukdar Mohammad

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## NAT'L POLLS: CHATTOGRAM

# BNP campaign gathers pace after army deployment

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Chattogram

Electoral campaign of BNP in Chattogram started to become more visible since yesterday, as leaders and activists of the party said they were feeling secure after the army started patrolling in the district.

Significant changes were seen in BNP campaigns, both in the city and different upazilas, particularly through the use of loudspeakers.

Some CNG-run auto-rickshaws were seen yesterday campaigning through loudspeakers for BNP candidate of Chattogram-9 Shahadat Hossain in Jamal Khan Road, Kazir Dewri, Nur Ahmed Road, Chatteshwari Road and Anderkilla areas in the city.

BNP standing committee member and candidate for Chattogram-11 con-

stituency Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury said the situation was changing after deployment of army. "Our activists are now feeling safer," he said.

The situation also changed outside the city. BNP candidates and activists earlier alleged that they came under attacks by AL activists while campaigning. When contacted yesterday, many of them said the situation has started to change after the army deployment.

Rizwan-ul-Haque, Children Affairs Secretary of Patiya upazila unit BNP, said they felt more secure after the deployment of army.

"In our constituency [Chattogram-12], ruling party men used to constantly threaten us when we went for campaigning. They removed our posters and banners," he said, adding, "But from today, AL men are not seen

around our campaign."

Md Manjur Alam, an activist of Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) in Chandanaish upazila, said, "We could not stay in electoral camps of Oli Ahmed, our party chairman and Jatiya Oikyafront candidate in Chattogram-14, due to police harassment and threats from ruling party men earlier."

"From today, we feel secure to stay in camps," he said.

Contacted, Azim Ullah Bahar, BNP candidate in Chattogram-2 (Fatikchhari), said after the deployment of army, he and his activists felt more secure than before.

"People in my area told me that the army personnel were asking them why posters and banners were not seen in many areas of the upazila. They also

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# 'Won't contest if you want to win by force'

## BNP candidate tells AL at meeting with RO

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Mizanur Rahman Minu, the BNP candidate for Rajshahi-2, yesterday said his party would withdraw their candidates if Awami League (AL) declared the seats that they prefer to "win by force".

Asking to "stop atrocities on BNP men and their families by law enforcers and political goons", Minu said, "Tell us which constituencies you want to win by force and we will withdraw our candidates from those seats."

Minu, also an adviser to the BNP chairperson, made the call while addressing a views exchange meeting at Rajshahi deputy commissioner's conference room.

SM Abdul Kader, the returning officer (RO) of Rajshahi, organised the meeting for electoral candidates and their agents in all six constituencies in Rajshahi district.

The meeting was attended by three BNP candidates, one AL candidate and agents of other candidates.

Minu, during his speech, gave an account of an incident when a group of plainclothes armed men terrorised Mosaddek Hossain Bulbul - his election agent and also a former mayor of Rajshahi city - and his family by besieging his residence for an entire night yesterday.

When Minu went to the scene in the morning, the armed men refused to identify themselves to him, he also said.

Minu said that BNP leader Waliul Haque Rana's child is still suffering from trauma ever since the law enforcers raided their house during the last city corporation election.

Besides, the law enforcers and a group of AL men were also maiming BNP leaders after abducting them, Minu also said. "Give us names of the BNP men who are wanted in criminal cases or whom you consider a threat for the upcoming elections. We will hand them over to you. But please, stop torturing them and raiding their houses."

However, the election atmosphere in his constituency has so far been peaceful, the BNP leader said.

Speaking at the programme, Abu Hena, BNP candidate in Rajshahi-3, demanded

removal of the officer-in-charge (OC) of Bagmara Police Station.

He claimed that the law enforcers and AL men were harassing BNP leaders and activists in the area as the OC unlawfully prepared a list of 178 BNP leaders five months ago.

Rebutting Hena's claim, Mosleh Uddin, election agent for AL candidate Enamul Haque, said locals have given "no confidence" to Hena as he has stayed away from the upazila for the last ten years.

BNP candidate in Rajshahi-3 Shafiqul Haque Milon said, due to the terrifying atmosphere created by AL men, he has not yet been able to campaign in Mohonpur upazila, when the election is only five days away.

He has provided the RO with names of the AL men responsible for establishing a reign of terror in the area, Shafiqul also said. Abdus Salam, candidate of Islami Andolon Bangladesh in Rajshahi-6, alleged that he was not allowed to campaign in his own village.

"Ours is a very small party and we are hardly able to provide our agents in all voting centres. Still, the AL men did not let us hang posters, let alone do our campaigning," he said.

The AL candidate in Rajshahi-5, Mansur Rahman, however, claimed that the situation is peaceful in his constituency.

Shafiqul Islam, Zaker party candidate in Rajshahi-5, claimed that a police official had recently told him that it would be the same if one voted for him or threw the ballot into the dustbin.

When the RO asked Shafiqul to file a complaint, he said, "I won't file any complaint as the result of a complaint against a policeman is known to all."

Returning Officer SM Abdul Kader in his speech said the candidates have to trust the administration.

Urging all candidates to follow the electoral code of conduct strictly and take part in the election with fanfare, the RO also said he was sending all the complaints to judicial enquiry teams formed for the elections. "Action will be taken as per their findings".



Girls draw decorative patterns on the premises of Barishal Baptist Church as part of their preparations for Christmas celebrations today. PHOTO: TITU DAS

## India

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The assistance is in response to request made by Bangladesh's minister for disaster management and relief and is a part of India's continuing partnership and support for Bangladesh, the release added.

Distribution of the relief materials began at Rohingya camps in Cox's Bazar yesterday by Refugee, Relief and Repatriation Commissioner of Bangladesh.

"India is ready to continue to assist Bangladesh in catering to the needs of displaced persons from Myanmar, in a manner that is sustainable, people-centric and is also in the best interests of the host communities as well," read the press release.

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Invitation for International tender Notice Published in different national dailies as per Memo No-44.01.0000.058.03.023.18/4985 Date: 11/11/2018 for procurement of 9 mm Pistol (Special Operation) in FY 2018-2019 is hereby amended as follows:

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Tender last selling date	01 January 2019	16 January 2019
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