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## No end in sight to violence

**Pabna-4 BNP candidate stabbed, flown to Dhaka; Fakhrul's wife alleges threats from AL men**

STAR REPORT

The election is just three days away and polls campaign ends at 8:00am tomorrow, but election violence and attacks on BNP and Oikyafront candidates are escalating even after military deployment.

In the latest such attack by alleged Awami League men, BNP candidate for Pabna-4 constituency Habibur Rahman Habib was stabbed in Ishwardi of Pabna yesterday.

His wounds were said to be serious, and the BNP leader was flown to Dhaka in a helicopter in the afternoon for treatment.

"He has four stab injuries on his hip and all the wounds are deep. So after primary treatment, he was taken to Dhaka for better treatment," said Abul Kalam Azad, emergency ward record keeper at Pabna Medical College Hospital.

It comes a day after BNP candidate Goyeshwar Chandra Roy and 30 others were injured in an attack by alleged AL men in Dhaka's Keraniganj.

Since election campaign officially began on December 10, at least 53 BNP and Jatiya Oikyafront candidates have now been attacked allegedly by

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### VIOLENCE DURING CAMPAIGN

SINCE DECEMBER 10

**2 KILLED**

**1,160 INJURED**

(Mostly BNP, Jamaat, AL activists, supporters)

Attack on candidates' motorcades and campaigns

**OIKYAFRONT 53**

**AL 2**

Arrests

**750 INCLUDING 7 CANDIDATES**



Stabbed BNP candidate for Pabna-4 Habibur Rahman Habib is being taken to hospital after alleged Awami League men attacked him and his supporters on Alhaj School ground in Ishwardi yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

## Violence and polls can't go hand in hand

**Says election commissioner Mahbub Talukdar**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Expressing grave concern over the ongoing spate of violence ahead of Sunday's polls, Election Commissioner Mahbub Talukdar has said violence and election cannot go hand in hand.

"If we cannot hold a peaceful election in a violence-free environment after 47 years of independence, the sacrifice of 30 lakh martyrs for independence and democracy will go in vain. We cannot allow this to happen," he said at a press briefing in his Nirbachan Bhavan office yesterday.

Reading out a statement, the commissioner said, "An election is not just about being participatory; it has to be free, fair,

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## CAMPAIGN ENDS TOMORROW AL dominant, BNP hamstrung

STAR REPORT

Oikyafront has sensed defeat, now flexing its muscles

Says Hasina

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday alleged that the Jatiya Oikyafront, sensing its inevitable defeat in the election, has begun flexing muscles across the country, killing five AL leaders and activists and leaving over 400 injured. "They [Oikyafront] know they won't be able to win the election because the people of Bangladesh

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With the 17-day electoral campaigns ending tomorrow morning, the Awami League-led alliance candidates are campaigning at full throttle while contenders from the BNP-led combines are struggling due to "arrests, police harassment and attacks by opponents".

The ruling party candidates have been dominating the scene since the election campaign officially began on December 10.

They are making door-to-door visits, bringing out processions, holding meetings and distributing leaflets. Their posters can be seen almost everywhere.

Their supporters are using social media platforms for campaigning.

Talking to The Daily Star last night, AL Joint General Secretary Abdur Rahman said party President Sheikh Hasina will address election rallies in four districts, including Jashore and Panchagarh, through video conference today.

He also said party candidates as well as leaders and activists will carry out hectic campaigns on the last day of electioneering to woo voters.

However, the contenders of the BNP-led alliances -- the Jatiya Oikyafront and the 20-party combine -- are campaigning on a limited scale.

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## Plot on to see Oikyafront out of polls

Dr Kamal alleges; police seek to give him security

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Alleging mass discrimination to push it out of election, major political opposition Jatiya Oikyafront says it is now depending on the vote of the people.

"It's too apparent, the arrangement is complete to oust Oikyafront from the election," Dr Kamal Hossain, key leader of the alliance, said in a press statement.

He alleged that the government had made "the arrangement" by pulling strings of the administration, judiciary, law enforcers, goons and the Election Commission.

"At this point, the people's vote is our hope. Voters never made a mistake in the past and they never will," Kamal said.

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## BNP loses three more candidates

HC disqualifies them 3 days before polls; Jamaat man running on BNP ticket arrested

STAR REPORT

With the election this Sunday, three more BNP candidates skidded off the race yesterday as the High Court disqualified them on the ground that the government did not accept their resignation as upazila chairmen.

Meanwhile, a Jamaat leader, contesting the polls on BNP's ticket, was arrested in

Dhaka on charge of carrying out subversive activities.

An HC bench of Justice JBM Hassan and Justice Khairul Alam passed the orders on Manjur Elahi in Narsingdi-3, Faruk Ahmed Kabir in Gaibandha-4 and Abdul Aziz in Natore-4.

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The Daily Star has prepared a four-part infographic on the candidates of major parties for the Dec 30 polls as well as winners and runners-up in their constituencies in 2001 and 2008 polls. Today, we are running the third part of the series on Chattogram and Sylhet divisions.

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### ICAB Awarded Bank Asia

#### 1st Position for Best Presented Annual Reports 2017

Mr. Md. Arfan Ali, President & Managing Director of Bank Asia Limited is receiving Trophy from Mr. Abul Maal Abdul Muhith, MP, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Finance, GoB in the 18th ICAB National Award for Best Presented Annual Reports 2017 (Private Sector Banks). Mr. Mohammad Ibrahim Khalil FCA, CFO of the Bank is also seen in the photograph.

Bank Asia has also received award for Corporate Governance Disclosure and Integrated Reporting

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And all loving members of the family