



BNP has only itself to blame

Hasina says about rival party's election debacle

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday held the BNP responsible for its polls debacle.

"The BNP got seven seats in the election only because of them. There is no fault on our part," she told foreign election observers and the media at the Gono Bhaban.

Hasina alleged that the BNP indulged in nomination trade and put its nominations on auction. Many competent BNP candidates who had good prospects of winning the polls were left out, she added.

"They had just indulged in trade while picking their candidates. What can you expect from them? That's the question. People gave their mandate in favour of us."

Responding to a query, the PM said the priority of her new government would be to complete the projects that have already been taken up. "We've endorsed different projects; we will have to work on them. Now, the most important thing is to ensure the safety and security of our people."

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World leaders congratulate Sheikh Hasina

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Heads of state and government, including from India and China, have congratulated Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on her party's landslide victory in Sunday's national polls.

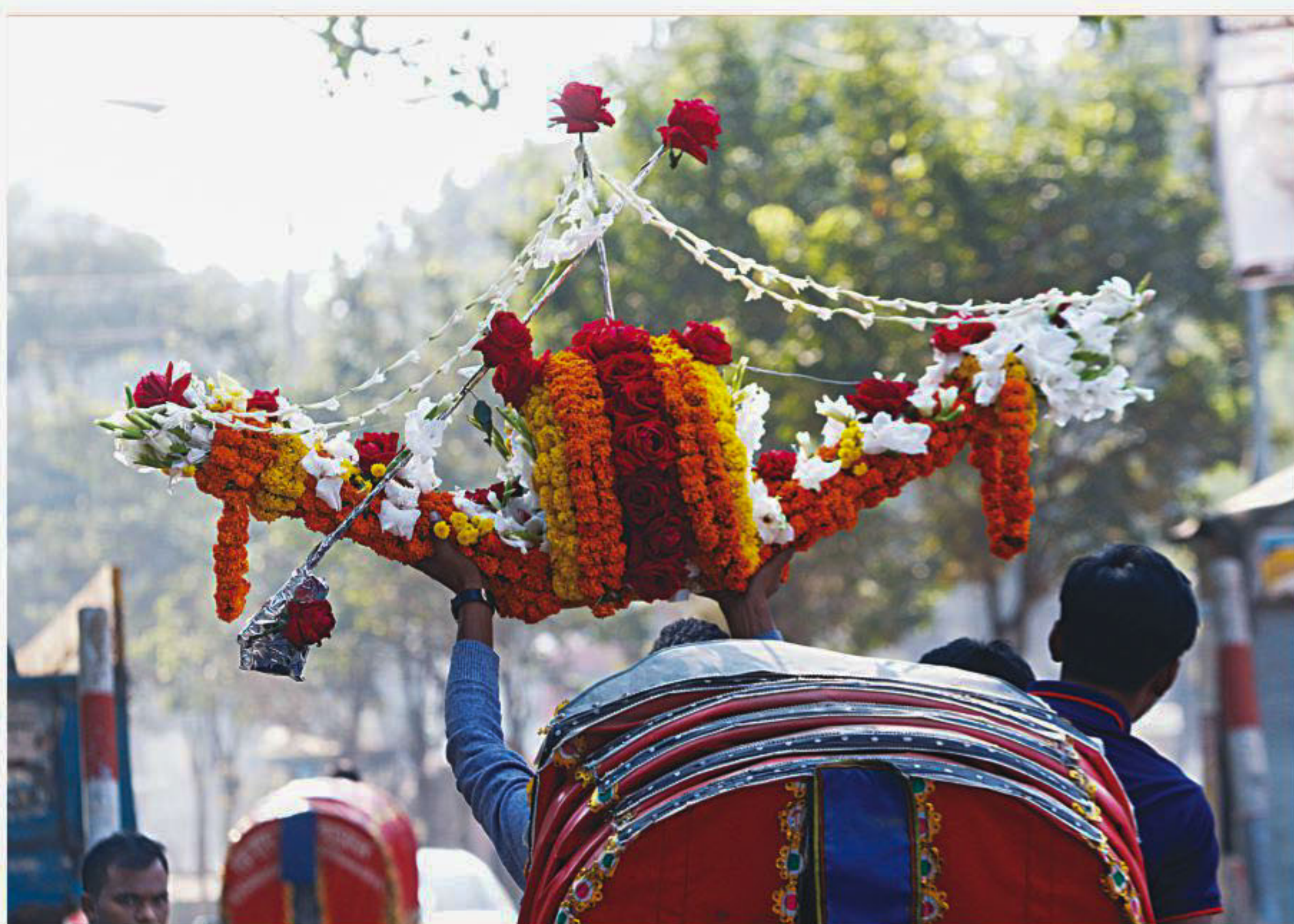
This is Awami League's third straight victory.

India welcomed the successful completion of the election in Bangladesh and warmly congratulated the people of Bangladesh for reaffirming their faith in democracy, development and the vision of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi phoned his Bangladeshi counterpart Hasina yesterday morning to convey his heartiest congratulations on the polls results.

He expressed confidence

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A man on a rickshaw carries a floral replica of "boat" -- the electoral symbol of the Awami League -- to be presented to an MP-elect of the party. The photo was taken in the capital's Shahbagh yesterday. Flower traders in the area said the sale of such replicas of boat shot up after the AL secured a landslide victory in Sunday's polls.

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GENERAL ELECTION 2018

PARTIES AND VOTES IN %
AL-BNP gap widens

BIG LEAP IN AL VOTES
2008: 48%
2018: 77%

SHARP FALL IN BNP VOTES
2008: 32%
2018: 13%

Star analysis based on voting data of 214 out of 298 seats

OVERALL TURNOUT 80%

12 SEATS WITH MORE THAN 90% TURNOUT		
Gopalganj-1		95%
Gopalganj-2		91%
Gopalganj-3		93%
Sirajganj-1		95%
Sirajganj-3		90%
Shariatpur-1		93%
Shariatpur-2		90%
Brahmanbaria-6		93%
Madaripur-1		93%
Madaripur-2		92%
Bogura-1		91%
Rangpur-6		90%

5 SEATS WITH LESS THAN 50% TURNOUT		
Pabna-3		41%
Dinajpur-6		42%
Dhaka-13		43%
Dhaka-6		45%
Khulna-2		49%

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Turnout 100pc!

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A polling centre in Dhunat upazila in Bogura-5 constituency was one of the centres to record a 100 percent voter turnout, which is generally considered to be a rarity.

None of the voters -- from the young to the aged -- missed the opportunity to cast their vote in Sunday's election in the centre at Chikashi High School.

Of the total 2,310 votes, Awami League-led grand alliance candidate Habibur

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BNP MPs-elect won't take oath

Opposition candidates to submit memo to EC on Thursday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP leaders elected in the 11th parliamentary polls will not take oath as they have already rejected the results, alleging various irregularities including ballot stuffing and ouster of opposition polling agents from voting centres.

The party rather demands a re-election under a non-partisan interim administration, saying it has been proved that a free and fair election is not possible under a partisan government.

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