

VOTING PATTERN IN BARISHAL DIST

From well-contested to lopsided

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sunday's election revealed an intriguing voting behaviour in Barishal district. In the district's six constituencies, the BNP candidates not only suffered a crushing defeat, but two of its runners did not even get a single vote in many polling centres.

In Barishal-1 (Gournadi and Agailjhara), BNP candidate Jahiruddin Swapan got zero votes in 26 out of 115 polling centres. He got one vote in nine centres, according to the centre-wise result sheets signed by the returning officer.

Swapan, a former lawmaker and BNP central leader, got less than 10 votes in 40 polling stations.

Out of 2,11,507 votes cast in 115 centres, he bagged only 1,305, less than the number (1,415) obtained by the Islami Andolan Bangladesh's candidate.

Swapan's rival Awami League's heavy-weight Abul Hasnat Abdullah did a lot better by bagging 2,05,502 votes.

The former chief whip secured all votes in seven polling centres, leaving his challengers with zero votes.

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A day after two girls were run over and killed by a bus, people continue to jaywalk at the same place yesterday even though there is a footbridge nearby. The photo was taken near Abul Hotel on DIT Road. PHOTO: PRABIR DAS



Putin, Sonia, Rouhani greet Hasina

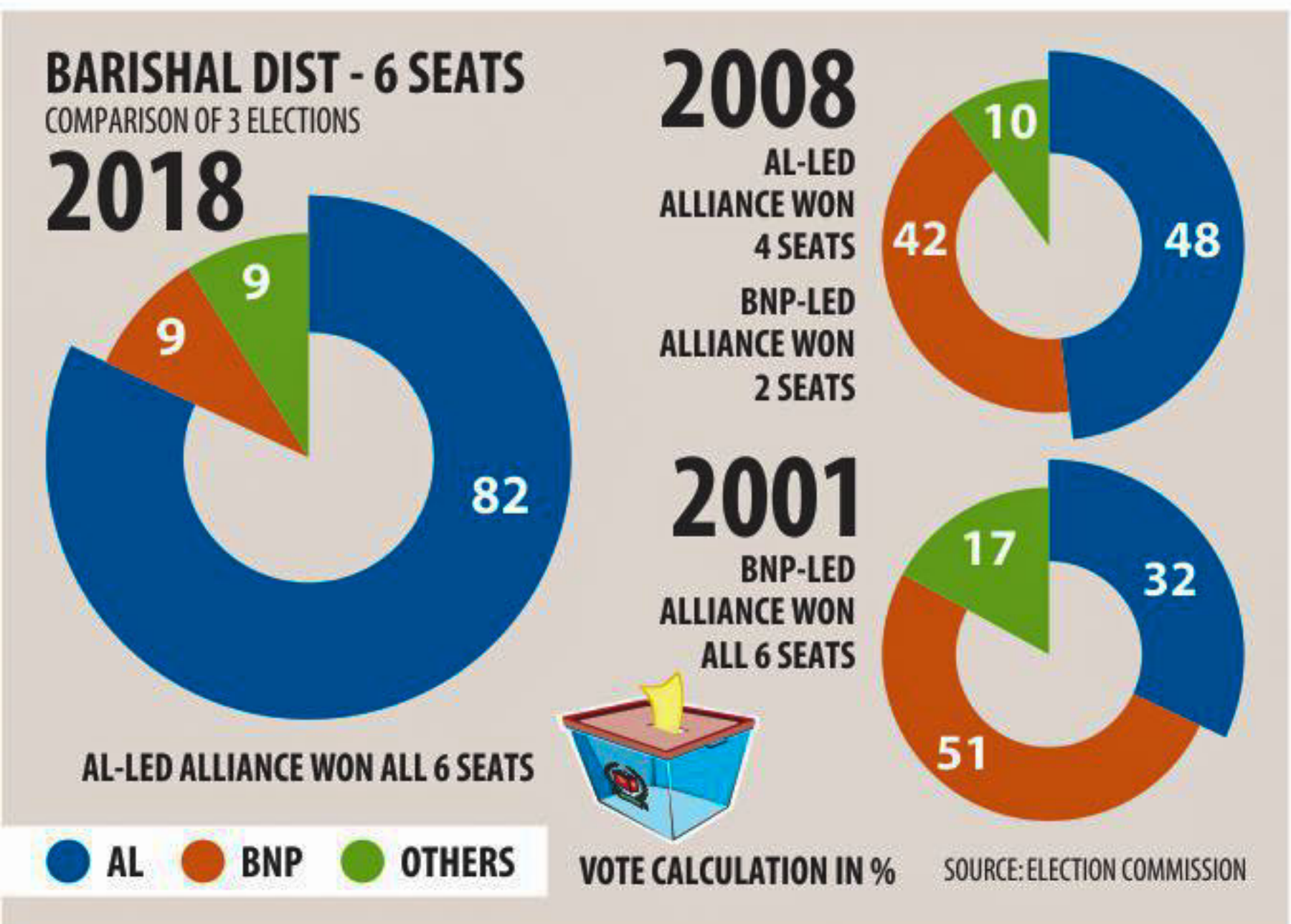
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Accolades continued to shower upon Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on her party Awami League's landslide victory in the national election.

Hasina led her party to a thumping victory in Sunday's polls, in which the AL-led grand alliance secured 288 out of the 300 seats.

Russian President Vladimir Putin yesterday

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Western powers denounce polls day violence

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Strongly denouncing the election-day violence in Bangladesh, Western powers have said there are "credible" reports that polls irregularities marred the voting on December 30.

Diplomatic sources said the strongly-worded statements from the USA, the UK, and the European Union were indicative that they might mount pressure on the Bangladesh authorities for transparent examinations into the alleged irregularities, violent incidents, intimidation and

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Hasina may spring cabinet surprise

New faces likely to replace 'tainted' ones

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who led her party to a landslide victory in the national election, may come up with a surprise by inducting new faces into the cabinet, likely to be formed on Sunday.

On the other hand, she may exclude some current cabinet members with "tainted images" for their "controversial roles" during the last five years in power, said party insiders.

Hasina may pick the new faces with clean images to present the country a new leadership, they said.

President Abdul Hamid will appoint members of the new cabinet on the PM's advice and administer their oath at the Bangabhaban.

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Most of the JP MPs-elect for joining govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Most of the lawmakers-elect of the Jatiya Party yesterday said the party should join the Awami League-led new government.

The opinion came at a joint meeting of JP presidential members and MPs-elect at the party chief's Banani office, JP Co-chairman GM Quader told reporters after the meeting.

The party's parliamentary

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