

One last effort to woo voters

Campaigning for Rangpur-3 by-polls ends; election Saturday



Ershad's son and JP candidate Saad Ershad and BNP's Rita Rahman campaigning in Rangpur city's Mahiganj and Station Road areas respectively.

KONGKON KARMAKER

With yesterday being the last day of campaigning for the by-election to Rangpur-3, candidates spent a busy day visiting different neighbourhoods in the constituency and trying to persuade prospective voters.

The by-election is slated to be held on Saturday. The parliamentary seat fell vacant after HM Ershad, Jatiya Party (JP) chairman and also opposition leader of the House, died on July 14.

According to election officials, all sorts of campaigning will remain suspended from 9am today. The election day has been declared a holiday in Rangpur.

Today, a mock voting using electronic voting machines (EVM) will be held at 175 centres from 10am to 4pm, added the officials.

"We have taken all-out preparation for the by-polls," GM Sahatab Uddin, regional election officer in Rangpur, told this correspondent yesterday. He said they have already appointed 175 presiding and 2,046 polling officers

for the centres.

Besides, sufficient numbers of law enforcers from different agencies -- including police, Rab and BGB -- along with executive magistrates will remain deployed throughout the polls day, Sahatab mentioned.

At least 49 centres out of 175 are "extremely sensitive", he said, adding that a total of 4,42,072 people are expected to exercise their franchise in the election.

According to the district election officials, six candidates of different political parties including Jatiya Party and BNP are contesting the race.

The constituency (Sadar upazila) is considered the stronghold of JP, the main opposition in parliament. Ershad won all elections he took part in from this seat following the end of his military rule in 1990.

A total of six aspirants from different political parties are contesting the by-polls. Among them, three are actively campaigning. Of the candidates, two are Ershad's family members -- his son and JP candidate Saad Ershad and nephew

Shahriar Asif.

Yesterday, they were seen campaigning with their supporters in Mulatol, Sen Para, Lal Bagh and Co Bazar Intersection areas.

Talking to journalists, Saad said he is optimistic about winning. Throughout the day, no senior leaders were seen beside him.

Asif, who is contesting as an independent candidate, assured residents of developing the constituency, if elected.

Meanwhile, the election office in Rangpur warned two of his supporters for violating election code.

Another active candidate, BNP's Rita Rahman alleged that other candidates are using multiple loudspeakers but election officials were not taking any action against that.

Asked, the regional election officer said no one complained to him regarding the matter.

Yesterday, some senior BNP leaders were seen campaigning for Rita in Station Road area.

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Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary celebrated

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The 150th birth anniversary of India's founding father Mahatma Gandhi was celebrated in Sylhet yesterday.

Marking the day, Assistant High Commission of India in Sylhet organised a programme at the gymnasium of Abul Maal Abdul Muhith Krira Complex.

Parliamentarian Mohibur Rahman Manik was present as the chief guest while Assistant High Commissioner of India Shri Krishnamurthy was present as moderator of the programme.

At the event, a portrait of Gandhi done by sixth-grader Aninda Kundo of Jalalabad Cantonment Public School and College was unveiled.

Mohibur Rahman said, "Gandhi was a victim of racism when he was in South Africa, but he fought against racism all his life."

Subroto Chakroborty, commander of Sylhet Muktiyoddha Sangsad; Dr Arman Ahmed Shiplu, deputy director of Ragib-Rabeya Medical College and Hospital; and Swami Chandranathanand Maharaj, principal of Ramakrishna Mission, spoke at the programme.

Tk 1.25cr, 2,000 yaba pills seized from businessman's home

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Police yesterday raided a businessman's residence in Narayanganj's Rupganj upazila and seized 2,000 pieces of yaba pills, Tk 1.25 crore, and arrested him and two of his associates.

The arrestees are Jamal Hossain Mridha, 45, a mosquito coil businessman; Md Mostafa, 35, and Manik Mia, 36.

A team of detective branch (DB) of police raided his home in Rasulpur area early in the morning and made the arrest, said Mohammad Mizan, inspector of Narayanganj DB police.

On information that a large consignment of yaba would be delivered at Jamal's residence, detectives beefed

up vigilance in the area from Tuesday evening, he added. After the raid, Muhammad Harun-or-Rashid, district superintendent of police, visited the site.

Talking to journalists, the SP said Jamal claimed that he is the owner of three coil factories. But he could not produce any legal document in this regard.

Mizan said Jamal also could not show any legal source of the money. "After primary inquiry, it can be assumed that the cash was kept for laundering abroad. Furthermore, we suspect that he was involved in drug trade under the guise of selling coils," the SP said.

Police will produce them at court and seek remand to dig out more information. Filing of three cases was underway.



The arrested businessman along with seized money and yaba pills at the police superintendent's office in Fatullah yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Farmer dies of dengue in Magura

336 new patients hospitalised in 24 hrs

UNB, Dhaka

A farmer died of dengue in Magura on Tuesday night while being shifted to Faridpur Medical College Hospital.

The deceased is Nazmul Hossain, 30, from the district's Sadar upazila.

Magura Civil Surgeon Dr Pradip Kumar Saha said Nazmul got admitted to the Sadar hospital on Saturday with dengue.

As his condition deteriorated, doctors

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'TAKING BRIBE FOR RECRUITMENT'

RU students demand removal of pro-VC

OUR CORRESPONDENT, RU

Students of Rajshahi University (RU) yesterday demanded removal of Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Choudhury Zakaria, after an audio clip of a conversation surfaced, where he was allegedly found involved in "fixing money" to recruit a teacher.

At least five spokespersons from three student organisations -- Bangladesh Chhatra Federation, Rucsu Andolon Mancha and Bangladesh Sadharan Chhatra Odhikar Sangrakkhan Parishad -- met VC Prof Abdus Sobhan around 2pm and placed their demand.

Abdul Mazid Antor of Rucsu Andolon Mancha said, "We demanded immediate removal of the pro-VC. But the VC assured us that they will form a probe committee

soon to investigate the allegations."

VC Prof Abdus Sobhan could not be contacted over phone despite repeated attempts.

On Monday night, an audio clip of a conversation between Prof Zakaria and wife of Nurul Huda -- a job seeker -- surfaced on social media. In the conversation, Prof Zakaria is heard introducing himself as the pro-vice chancellor of RU, and saying, "Please tell me; I am interested to know how much money are you ready to pay? Please tell the truth..."

In reply, the woman says, "... Sir, honestly speaking. You know his (the candidate's) condition. Another thing, he is a person of strict principles..."

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Battery-run rickshaw drivers on hunger strike in Barishal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

Over a hundred battery-run rickshaw drivers went on hunger strike unto death yesterday in Barishal, protesting Barishal Metropolitan Police (BMP) and Barishal City Corporation's (BCC) decision to ban the vehicles from five major roads of the city.

The auto-rickshaw drivers gathered in front of Ashwini Kumar Hall in the city, under the banner of "Battery-run Rickshaw Sangram Committee".

The drivers alleged that this ban will cause woes for around 3,000 families.

Dr Manisha Chakrabarty, adviser to the protesting committee, said, the BCC and BMP have already damaged 500 battery-run rickshaws and the families of the drivers are now suffering.

Dulal Mallik, one of the leaders of the committee said, "If needed, BCC can make new rules for the vehicles but it is inhumane to ban those altogether."

Meanwhile, five roads of Barishal city were made off-limits to battery-run easy bikes and rickshaws from October 1 for safe road communication and to improve the traffic situation.

The roads are Zila school to Jaikhana mor, Kakoli mor to settlement mor, Girjamahalla road, Bhatarkhal to DC office crossing, and City Corporation to Chawker Pole crossing.

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e-Tender Notice

Tender Notice No. 20/EED/BZ/Project Code: (224264100)/e-Tender/2019-20 Date: 01/10/2019

Name of Project: Development of Selected Madrasahs

e-Tender is invited through the National e-GP Portal for the following procurement of works.

Sl No.	Name of the tender	Tender ID	Type method	Last date & time of selling documents	Last date & time of submission documents
01	MAD-01: Construction of 4-Storeyed Academic Building with 4-Storeyed Foundation in/c Sanitary Water Supply & Electrification Works at Beluhar Nesaria Alim Madrasa CoE-A at Agailjhara Upazila Barishal District.	347904	NCT, OTM	27-Oct-2019 15:00	28-Oct-2019 12:00
02	MAD-02: Construction of 4-Storeyed Academic Building with 4-Storeyed Foundation in/c Sanitary Water Supply & Electrification Works at Amboila Keramotia Alim Madrasa CoE-A at Agailjhara Upazila Barishal District.	347905	NCT, OTM	27-Oct-2019 15:00	28-Oct-2019 12:00
03	MAD-03: Construction of 4-Storeyed Academic Building with 4-Storeyed Foundation in/c Sanitary Water Supply & Electrification Works at Goyla Dakhil Madrasa CoE-A at Agailjhara Upazila Barishal District.	347906	NCT, OTM	27-Oct-2019 15:00	28-Oct-2019 12:00

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Bangladesh for enhancing South Asian connectivity

Says law minister at Asia Infrastructure Forum

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Law Minister Anisul Huq yesterday said Bangladesh has made remarkable progress in socio-economic development, as its GDP growth increased to 8.13 percent in 2018-19 from 7.86 percent the previous year.

"Per capita income touched USD 1,909. Now our USD 302 billion economy is moving forward with mega development projects including the Tk 300 billion worth Padma Bridge, Tk 22 billion metro rail, elevated expressway, flyovers, dozens of economic zones and Payra seaport," he said.

He said this while speaking on "Strengthening Partnership to Drive Asia's Infrastructure Vision" at the Asia Infrastructure Forum 2019 in Singapore.

The law minister said regional cooperation between Bangladesh and neighboring countries has received a great boost during last 10 years from Bangladesh's pro-active stance on enhancing connectivity in South Asia.

"Bangladesh is playing a leading role in the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) which groups together Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Nepal and Bhutan in a forum for multilateral cooperation. Bangladesh is also a centre point of different initiatives that seek to connect

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“দি পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট আইন” ২০০৬ এন্ড রেগুলেশন-২০০৮ এবং তদীয় সংশোধনী মোতাবেক চলতি ২০১৯-২০ অর্থ সালে ৫ এপিবিএন, উত্তরা, ঢাকার সুইমিং পুলের Sauna Bath নির্মাণ কাজের ঠিকাদার নিয়োগের লক্ষ্যে প্রকৃত যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন ঠিকাদার/সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে প্রতিযোগিতামূলক উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে। প্রয়োজনীয় তথ্যসমূহ নিম্নে প্রদত্ত হ’লঃ-			
১.	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	:	স্বরাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়/বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ।
২.	সংস্থা	:	৫ আর্মড পুলিশ ব্যাটালিয়ন, উত্তরা, ঢাকা।
৩.	দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারী প্রধান	:	অধিনায়ক (পুলিশ সুপার), ৫ আর্মড পুলিশ ব্যাটালিয়ন, উত্তরা, ঢাকা।
৪.	দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারীর জেলা	:	৫ আর্মড পুলিশ ব্যাটালিয়ন, সেক্টর-২, উত্তরা, ঢাকা।
৫.	কাজের নাম	:	সিডিউল মোতাবেক Sauna Bath নির্মাণ কাজ।
৬.	দরপত্র আহবানের সূত্র ও তারিখ	:	স্মারক নং-এপিবি(৫)প্রশাঃ/০০২-২০১৯/৫৩১৯ তারিখঃ ০২/১০/২০১৯খ্রিঃ
৭.	দরপত্র পদ্ধতি	:	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (OTM)।
৮.	অর্থের উৎস	:	রাজস্ব খাত (জিওবি)।
৯.	দরপত্র প্রকাশের তারিখ	:	০২/১০/২০১৯খ্রিঃ।
১০.	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ	:	আগামী ২০/১০/২০১৯খ্রিঃ পর্যন্ত (প্রতিটি কার্যদিবসে অফিস চলাকালীন)।
১১.	দরপত্র দাখিলের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	:	২১/১০/২০১৯খ্রিঃ বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকা।
১২.	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	:	২১/১০/২০১৯খ্রিঃ বেলা ১২.৩০ ঘটিকা (দরদাতাদের সম্মুখে যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন)।
১৩.	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের স্থান	:	ডিআইজি, এপিবিএন, বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ, উত্তরা, ঢাকা’র কার্যালয়।
১৪.	দরপত্র গ্রহণকারী অফিস ও ঠিকানা	:	অধিনায়কের কার্যালয়, ৫ আর্মড পুলিশ ব্যাটালিয়ন, উত্তরা, ঢাকা।
১৫.	দরপত্র খোলার স্থান	:	অধিনায়কের কার্যালয়, ৫ আর্মড পুলিশ ব্যাটালিয়ন, উত্তরা, ঢাকা।
১৬.	দরপত্রদাতাদের যোগ্যতা ও দরপত্রের সাথে দাখিলযোগ্য কাগজপত্রের বিবরণ	:	পিপিআর/২০০৮ এবং বর্তমান সংশোধনী মোতাবেক দরপত্রদাতাকে দরপত্র দাখিলের সময় নিম্নবর্ণিত কাগজপত্রাদি দরপত্রের সাথে অবশ্যই দাখিল করতে হবেঃ- ক) নাগরিকত্ব সনদপত্র, (খ) ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, (গ) ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সনদপত্র, (ঘ) টিআইএন নম্বর উল্লেখসহ হালসনের আয়কর সনদপত্র, (ঙ) ফর্ম/প্রতিষ্ঠানের মালিকানা সনদপত্র, (চ) আর্থিক স্বচ্ছতার সনদপত্র, (ছ) সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা সনদ, (জ) দরপত্রদাতার ফর্ম/প্রতিষ্ঠান কোলো তালিকাভুক্ত নয় মর্মে নিজ প্রতিষ্ঠানিক প্যাডে প্রতিশ্রুতি মূল্যে, (ঝ) প্রাতিষ্ঠানিক প্যাডে দরদাতার ০৩ (তিন)টি নমুনা স্বাক্ষর ১ম শ্রেণীর কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত ও (এং) পাসপোর্ট সাইজের সত্যায়িত ০২ (দুই) কপি ছবি। এছাড়াও পিপিআর মোতাবেক অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী সিডিউলে উল্লেখ করা হবে।
১৭.	দরপত্র আহবান কর্তৃপক্ষের নাম	:	ফারুক আহমেদ।
১৮.	দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্তৃপক্ষের পদবী	:	অধিনায়ক (পুলিশ সুপার), ৫ আর্মড পুলিশ ব্যাটালিয়ন, উত্তরা, ঢাকা।
১৯.	কাজের বিবরণী/কাজের নাম	:	
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	ক	৫ এপিবিএন, উত্তরা, ঢাকার সুইমিংপুল জিমনেসিয়ামে Sauna Bath নির্মাণ কাজ।	৫০০/- টাকা
	ক	৫ এপিবিএন, উত্তরা, ঢাকার সুইমিংপুল জিমনেসিয়ামে Sauna Bath নির্মাণ কাজ।	১৫,০০০/-
২০.	০১। ব্যক্তি বা প্রতিষ্ঠানের স্বত্বাধিকারীর স্বাক্ষরযুক্ত প্যাডে আবেদনপূর্বক অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত দরপত্র সিডিউল সংগ্রহ করতে হবে। ০২। দরপত্রের সকল কার্যক্রম পিপিআর আইন-২০০৬ ও পিপিআর বিধিমালা-২০০৮ এবং তদীয় সংশোধনী মোতাবেক পরিচালিত হবে।		সময়সীমা ৩০ দিন
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