

US MIDTERM POLLS Trailblazers secure big wins

AFP, New York

From the first openly lesbian governor to the first Generation Z member-elect of Congress, early results in the US midterms heralded a good night for diversity.

‘PROUD’
In Massachusetts, voters elected Democrat Maura Healey as America's first out lesbian governor, TV networks projected. The 51-year-old defeated Geoff Diehl, who had been endorsed by ex-president Donald Trump, to flip the office from the Republicans. She said she was “proud” of her historic victory, telling cheering supporters that it sent a message “to every little girl and every LGBTQ person out there, you can be anything you want to be.”

GEN Z
In Florida, Democrat Maxwell Frost became the first member of Generation Z to be elected to Congress when he won a seat in the US House of Representatives. The 25-year-old defeated Republican Calvin Wimbish in a district that leans solidly Democratic. In New Hampshire, another Gen Z candidate, 25-year-old Karoline Leavitt, is also running for Congress, although she hails from the opposite side of the political spectrum -- and was in a more competitive race.

TRANSGENDER MAN
New Hampshire, meanwhile, became the first in US history to elect a transgender man to a state legislature, the Washington Post reported. Democrat James Roesener was one of a record number of trans candidates on the ballot this year. Roesener won't become the first openly trans lawmaker as a number of transgender women have been elected before.

OTHER NOTABLES
Alabama elected Republican Katie Britt as its first female senator while Sarah Huckabee Sanders was projected to win the gubernatorial race in Arkansas to become its first female governor. Maryland elected its first Black governor, Democrat Wes Moore, while Markwayne Mullin will serve as the first Native American senator from Oklahoma in almost 100 years.



Supporters react as they watch news of projected victory for Democratic candidate for Governor Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro at a 2022 US midterm election night party for Democratic US Senate candidate John Fetterman, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, US, Tuesday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Midterms offer Biden hope in defeat

AFP, Washington

Joe Biden's Democrats seem to have escaped a feared drubbing in Tuesday's midterm elections, but it remains to be seen whether that will revive the US president's flagging fortunes until 2024 -- or beyond. The 79-year-old, who framed the race as a clash between defenders of democracy and the “extremist” camp of Donald Trump, spent election night in back-to-back calls with Democrats savoring their wins in Senate, House and gubernatorial races around the country. “Just got off the phone with some of tonight's winners -- including some folks I saw on the road this year,” Biden tweeted as the results came in -- alongside a picture of himself in a turtle neck and baseball cap, seeming happy to take at least some of the credit. White House staff, according to the former press secretary Jen Psaki, were “giddy and gleeful” as results came in. The outcome taking shape

was far from ideal for Democrats, who stand to lose the House of Representatives in what Biden has admitted will make his life much more “difficult” -- likely hobbling parts of his agenda. But if overnight predictions hold and the Democrats lose the House by a handful of seats, with the Senate still in play, Biden's camp will have vastly outperformed expectations.

US MIDTERM ELECTIONS			
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ALL 435 SEATS ARE UP FOR ELECTION RESULT OUT FOR 383 SEATS		SENATE 35 OF 100 SEATS ARE UP FOR ELECTION RESULT OUT FOR 31 SEATS	
MAJORITY: 218 SEATS		MAJORITY: 51 SEATS	
REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS	DEMOCRATS
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CHOPPY WATERS
The president's party has traditionally lost seats in midterm elections and with Biden's approval ratings stuck in the low 40s, and sky-high inflation topping voter concerns, Republicans had

high hopes of seizing both chambers of Congress in a “red wave.” Such a drubbing would have raised tough questions on whether America's oldest-ever president, who turns 80 this month, should run again. Instead Biden stands to emerge in much better shape than either of his Democratic predecessors, Barack Obama or Bill Clinton, who both took

struggle to find common ground with a Republican-led chamber. Large parts of his legislative agenda could utterly stall as a result.

EYES ON 2024
With control of the House, Republicans would also be able to apply considerable budgetary pressure on the president -- with the potential to cut funding to the federal government. As for the Senate -- which confers greater powers -- its fate still hangs in the balance. But beyond, the big question facing Biden -- and his Democrats -- is who will carry the party's colours into the 2024 White House race. Until now the US president has consistently said he intends to seek a second term, and any suggestion to the contrary would have immediately undermined his authority. But there is little appetite among the US public -- or within his own party -- for a second White House run by an octogenarian commander in chief.

UKRAINE'S KHERSON CITY Russia orders pullout

REUTERS, Kyiv

Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu yesterday ordered his troops to withdraw from the west bank of the Dnipro River in the face of Ukrainian attacks near the southern city of Kherson, a significant retreat and potential turning point in the war. In televised comments, General Sergei Surovikin, in overall command of the war, said it was no longer possible to supply Kherson city. He said he proposed to take up defensive lines on the eastern bank of the river. The news followed weeks of Ukrainian advances towards the city. “We will save the lives of our soldiers and fighting capacity of our units. Keeping them on the right (western) bank is futile,” Surovikin said.

Kerry launches carbon offset plan

REUTERS, Sharm El-Sheikh

US climate envoy John Kerry yesterday announced the creation of a carbon offset plan meant to help developing countries speed their transition away from fossil fuels. Kerry launched the Energy Transition Accelerator (ETA) with the intention of funding renewable energy projects and accelerating clean energy transitions in developing countries. The United States will develop the program with the Bezos Earth Fund and Rockefeller Foundation, with input from the public and private sectors which would operate through 2030 and possibly be extended to 2035. Kerry said Chile and Nigeria were among the developing countries to have shown early interest in the ETA, and that Bank of America, Microsoft, PepsiCo and Standard Chartered Bank had voiced interest in “informing the ETA's development”.



RIISING COST OF LIVING Strikes flare in Belgium, Greece

AFP, Brussels

European workers squeezed by the soaring cost of living went on strike in Belgium and Greece yesterday, with stoppages threatening to paralyse parts of Britain, France and Spain in coming days. Spreading industrial unrest poses a problem for governments which are already spending billions trying to blunt the worst effects of rising prices, at least for the most vulnerable. Europe is acutely affected by the fall-out of the war in Ukraine, which is exacerbating a global energy crisis, inflation and a scarcity of some food products. Belgium and Greece saw general strikes yesterday, disrupting transport in their respective capitals.

Jamaat chief's son linked to militant outfit

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He added, “Rafat is now doing his internship with BMDC permission.”

About Rafat's involvement in militancy, he said they did not get any complaints earlier. “We have learnt about his militancy link after a police team picked him up from the college campus around noon.”

CTTC officials said Rafat's involvement in militancy came to the fore after three Ansar Al Islam members disclosed his role

before a Dhaka court on November 6.

Sezadul Islam Sahab, 24, Jahid Hassan Bhuyan, 21, and Syed Riaz Ahmed, 22, were arrested from the capital's Jatrabari area on November 1.

A case was filed against the three with Jatrabari Police Station.

According to the first information report (FIR), the arrestees went on hijrat several times on Rafat's directives.

Besides, the Ansar Al Islam members in

Sylhet region, under his leadership, have taken “military training” from the banned outfit's Sylhet chief Kajal, reads the FIR.

Rahmat Ullah Chowdhury, chief of CTTC's Bomb Disposal Unit, said Rafat has been involved in militant activities since 2019.

“Rafat used to hold meetings with the outfit members regularly at the “AT- Taqwa” mosque in Sylhet,” Rahmat, also an additional deputy commissioner of CTTC

unit, told The Daily Star yesterday.

“We may be able to give details after interrogating Rafat.”

Rafat will be shown arrested in the case lodged with Jatrabari Police Station, said CTTC officials.

About the Jamaat links with the militancy, Mishuk Chakma, deputy commissioner of CTTC unit, said they would investigate all possible connections.



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1.	748276	OTM	(i) Construction of Threshing floor (Covered, Open) at HARS, Khagrachari (ii) Construction of Threshing floor (Covered, Open) at HARS, Raikhali, Rangamati (iii) Construction of Threshing floor (Covered, Open) at CRS, Jaintapur, Sylhet & (iv) Construction of Threshing floor (Covered, Open) at RARS, Akbarpur, Sylhet	07-Nov-2022 09:30	22-Nov-2022 12:30
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তারিখঃ ২৪ ক্তিক/১৪২৯

০৯ নভেম্বর/২০২২

বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং: ৫৮.০৪.৭২০০.১০০.০৪.০২১.২০২২- ৩০৮১

০১। এজেন্সী/সংস্থাঃ ক্যা অসিস্টার, বাংলাদেশ, ঢাকা।

০২। দরপত্রের নামঃ নেত্রকোণা জেলা কারাগারের বিভিন্ন প্রকার খাদ্যদ্রব্য সরবরাহ (জানুয়ারি/২০২৩ হতে জুন/২০২৩ পর্যন্ত)

০৩। দরপত্রের বিজ্ঞপ্তির বরাদ্দ ও তারিখঃ বিজ্ঞাপনীয় সদর দপ্তর, ময়মনসিংহ এর পর নং: ৫৮.০৪.৪৭০০.০৬৪.০৩.০০৪.২০২২-২২৫৯ তারিখ ০৭/১১/২০২২

০৪। ইচ্ছুক দরদাতাদের ন্যূনতম যোগ্যতাঃ দরপত্র সিডিউলের উপস্থিতি শর্তানুযায়ী।

০৫। বাজেট ও ফান্ড প্রাপ্তির উৎসঃ জাতীয় রাজস্ব তহবিল।

০৬। দরপত্র আহবান পদ্ধতিঃ উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি।

০৭। দরপত্র দাখিল প্রাপ্তির স্থানঃ কারা উপ-মহা পরিদর্শকের কার্যালয়, ঢাকা বিভাগ, ঢাকা/ ময়মনসিংহ বিভাগ, ময়মনসিংহ এবং জেলা সুপারের কার্যালয়, নেত্রকোণা জেলা কারাগার।

০৮। দরপত্র দাখিল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়ঃ ২৭/১১/২০২২ বেলা ২.৩০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।

০৯। দরপত্র জমা দেয়ার স্থানঃ জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়, নেত্রকোণা/ মহল্ল থানা, নেত্রকোণা/জেলা সুপারের কার্যালয়, নেত্রকোণা জেলা কারাগার এ রক্ষিত নির্ধারিত দরপত্র বাস্তবে।

১০। দরপত্র জমা দেয়ার তারিখ ও সময়ঃ ২৮/১১/২০২২ সকাল ৯.০০ ঘটিকা হতে দুপুর ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।

১১। দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণের স্থান, তারিখ ও সময়ঃ জেলা সুপারের কার্যালয়, নেত্রকোণা জেলা কারাগার, ২৮/১১/২০২২ দুপুর ১২.৩০ ঘটিকা।

১২। দরপত্র ক্ষম্যাঘটনের তারিখ ও সময়ঃ ০৫/১২/২০২২ দুপুর ১২.০০ ঘটিকা।

১৩। প্রি-টেন্ডার সভার তারিখ ও সময়ঃ ২১/১১/২০২২ বেলা ১১.০০ ঘটিকা।

১৪। দরপত্র দাখিলের মূল্যঃ ১,০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা মাত্র।

১৫। জামানতের পরিমাণঃ

প্যাকেজ নং	লট নং	দরপত্র জামানতের পরিমাণ (টাকা)
এ	ক	১০,০০০/- (দশ হাজার)
	খ	৮,০০০/- (আট হাজার)
	গ	৭,৫০০/- (সাত হাজার পাঁচশত)
	ঘ	৭,৬০০/- (সাত হাজার ছয়শত)
বি	ক	৫৭,০০০/- (সাতাত্ত্ব হাজার)
	খ	১৩,০০০/- (তের হাজার)
সি	ক	৩,০০০/- (তিন হাজার)
	খ	১৪,০০০/- (চৌদ্দ হাজার)
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	খ	১৩,০০০/- (তের হাজার)
	গ	১৩,০০০/- (তের হাজার)
	ঘ	১৪,০০০/- (চৌদ্দ হাজার)
ই	ক	৬,৫০০/- (ছয় হাজার পাঁচশত)
	খ	১০,০০০/- (দশ হাজার)
	গ	৪১,০০০/- (একচত্ব্বিশ হাজার)
	ঘ	১৪,৭০০/- (চৌদ্দ হাজার সাতশত)
জি	ক	১৯,০০০/- (উনিশ হাজার)
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১৬। কার্যদেশের সময়সীমাঃ ০১/০১/২০২৩ হতে ৩০/০৬/২০২৩ পর্যন্ত।

১৭। দরপত্রের সাথে যে সকল কাগজ প্রদানি সংযুক্ত করতে হবেঃ দরপত্র দাখিলের Tender Data Sheet এ উপস্থিতি শর্তানুযায়ী।

১৮। দরদাতাদের প্রতি বিশেষ নির্দেশাবলীঃ দরপত্র সিডিউলের শর্তাবলী পাঠান্তে যথাযথভাবে অবগিত হয়ে দরপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে।

১৯। দরপত্র আবহবানকারীর নাম, পদবি ও ঠিকানাঃ মোঃ আনোয়ারুজ্জামান, জেলা সুপার, নেত্রকোণা জেলা কারাগার।

২০। দরপত্র সংক্রান্ত অন্যান্য তথ্যাবলী জানানোর জন্য সংশ্লিষ্ট কারা কর্তৃপক্ষের দপ্তরের সঙ্গে যোগাযোগ করা যেতে পারে।

২১। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন/সকল টেন্ডার বাতিল/গ্রহণ করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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