

ELECTIONEERING IN SYLHET

AL at full throttle, JP struggling

DWOHA CHOWDHURY, Sylhet

As the campaigning for Sylhet City Corporation polls will conclude tonight at 12:00am, the mayor and councillor candidates are passing a busy time.

With an eye to reach as many voters as possible, mayor candidates are attending more street rallies while the councillor ones are trying to knock on every door.

Of the mayoral candidates, the contest between Anwaruzzaman Chowdhury from Awami League and Nazrul Islam Babul from Jatiya Party is intense.

Anwaruzzaman on Saturday unveiled a 21-point election manifesto for a green, clean and smart city. Yesterday, Nazrul did the same with a 21-point manifesto, promising a planned modern city.

At their rallies, both the candidates are now focusing on the promises they made in the respective manifestos.

While the AL candidate is more focused on campaigning, the JP candidate kept on alleging that the ruling party candidate trying to make the polling environment unstable.

He filed a written complaint to the returning officer in this regard and demanded that the hostels of Murari Chand College and Sylhet Government College be closed during the polling time.

The AL candidate's campaign is getting more intense as party leaders and activists from across the country are thronging there.

A delegation of Sunamganj district AL, led by the unit's president and general secretary, was seen campaigning in the city yesterday.

AL's central leaders – including presidium member Syed Jebunnessa Haque, joint secretary Jahangir Kabir Nanak, organising secretary Ahmed Hossain and Shafiul Alam Chowdhury Nadel – are also seen

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Continuous rains for the past several days have caused waterlogging in the low-lying areas of Sylhet city. Meanwhile, mayoral candidates carry on with their campaigns with promises to mitigate this perennial crisis, if elected. The photo was taken yesterday in the city's Moiarchor area.

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JP's Nazrul pledges a planned Sylhet city

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

With an aim to build a planned and modern Sylhet city, Jatiya Party mayoral candidate Nazrul Islam Babul placed a 21-point manifesto yesterday.

After showing grave concern over the electoral environment, Nazrul unveiled his manifesto in the presence of journalists at his main electoral camp in the Kumarpura area in the city.

In the very first point of the manifesto, he pledged to develop a citizen, industry and environment-friendly city, free of waterlogging, traffic with planned housing.

He put forward promises to develop short, mid and long-term plans for the city, along with a strict earthquake resistance vigilance in permitting infrastructures.

His manifesto highlights

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DHAKA-17 BY-POLLS

EC scraps Hero Alam's nomination

STAR REPORT

The Election Commission yesterday cancelled the nomination paper of Ashraf Hossain Alam aka Hero Alam for the Dhaka-17 by-elections.

His was among eight nomination papers, including that of Jatiya Party nominee Mamunoor Rashid, rejected by the Election Commission, Returning Officer Md Muneer Hossain Khan told The Daily Star.

Speaking at the Electoral Training Institute after scrutinisation of nomination papers, the returning officer said 15 people had submitted nomination papers, of which seven survived the scrutiny.

On June 5, Hero Alam announced that he would contest the by-election to the Dhaka-17 constituency, which fell vacant after the death of actor Akbar Hossain Pathan Farooque.

Alam bought the nomination paper from the Election Commission that day.

The Dhaka-17 by-polls will be held on July 17.



Chaos, clash reign over councillor race

Campaigning ends tonight in Rajshahi

ANWAR ALI, Rajshahi

With the election campaign ending today midnight, there is not much enthusiasm surrounding the mayoral race in Rajshahi City Corporation for lack of competition.

However, the election fever reached its peak at the wards of the city corporation centring the councillor candidates with participation from most political parties including BNP and Jamaat.

The mayoral race is expected to be a one-sided affair, with the incumbent mayor, AHM Khairuzzaman Liton, being the favourite. Like the previous days, he started campaign before 5:00pm yesterday and stayed with party activists till midnight.

The other mayoral candidates Saiful Islam of Jatiya Party and Latif Anwar of Jaker Party campaigned at a limited scale.

The councillor race, on the other hand, is much more competitive.

More than 50 candidates from the ruling Awami League are contesting each other at 19 of total 30 wards. As a result, the candidates and their supporters are at loggerheads in the wards.



A woman looks at posters of various councillor candidates hung on a makeshift bamboo platform in Rajshahi city.

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"Councillor candidates do not matter to us as our goal is set in the mayoral election," said Mohammad Ali Kamal, AL mayor candidate Liton's election campaigning committee's convenor and the city AL acting president.

AL leaders and activists are divided into two groups for maintaining peace and clearing confusions among the leaders, said the city unit AL organising secretary Ahsanul Haque Pintu.

"Those of us who are working for our mayor candidate aren't participating in any councillor

candidate's campaign," he said.

Although multiple incidents of clash, stabbing and arson were reported from the wards and violation of electoral code like bringing out processions and intimidations are rife, the election officials are turning almost a blind eye.

"A little tension is common during elections. We kept magistrates and law enforcers on alert so that the things do not go out of control," said returning officer Delwar Hossain.

The situation heated up on Saturday evening when a

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National polls under neutral government

Demands Islami Andolon

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Claiming that the next national election will not be fair and acceptable if it is held under a partisan government, Islami Andolon Bangladesh yesterday demanded the election be held under a polls-time national government participated by all political parties.

"The ruling party wants to hold a controlled election ... If the election is held under a partisan government by retaining the incumbent parliament, it will not be fair and acceptable. Rather it will be a farce in the name of election like the 2014 and 2018 [national] polls," said Syed Muhammad Rezaul Karim, ameer of IAB.

Rezaul Karim, popularly known as Charmonal Pir, made the demand during a press conference held at the party's central office in Paltan.

He said they want the current parliament to be dissolved and an acceptable national election within the next 90 days with participation of all parties under the election-time national government.

To ensure "peaceful transition of power"

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'BNP leaders go to US embassy to lodge complaints'

BSS, Dhaka



Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader yesterday said BNP leaders wake up in the morning and go to the US embassy (in Dhaka) to lodge complaints against the government and the country.

He said this while talking to reporters after attending a branding seminar on the launch of MRT Line Six of Metrorail from Agargaon to Motijheel at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the capital.

Quader, the road transport and bridges minister, said after failing to talk to the United Nations secretary general, BNP secretary general Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir returned home after talking to the third-tier officials.

"The ruling Awami League went to the US

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'Foreigners call us to talk, we don't go on our own'

UNB, Dhaka



BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir yesterday said the party leaders do not go to foreigners but they sometimes invite them to talk about the country's situation.

"They (Awami League) say we go to foreigners. We don't go to foreigners, but the foreigners call us sometimes. They want to know what is happening in the country and what we are doing. It is natural for the countries that believe in democracy to know these things," he said.

Addressing a book launching programme, the BNP leader made the remarks.

He said the declared policy of US President Joe Biden is to establish democracy all over the world. "So they're doing their work on this. They (US) talk about where there is no democracy and

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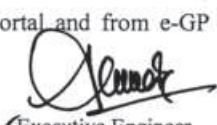
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