

Finally, Badsha gets support of an AL faction

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

An Awami League faction of Rajshahi city has extended support to the Worker's Party leader Fazle Hossain Badsha in Rajshahi-2 constituency.

While electioneering in the city on Monday evening, a group of AL men led by the city unit AL general secretary Dablu Sarker took part in his campaign.

"The 14-party leaders are working together in favour of the boat," Badsha told reporters.

Contacted, Dablu said, "As an Awami League, I cannot go against boat."

Workers' Party's general secretary Badsha is contesting the election with AL's boat symbol as part of the 14-party alliance.



Earlier, the city AL leaders in a meeting held at Rajshahi Medical College auditorium on December 22 decided to support the unit's vice president Shafiqur Rahman Badsha, who's running for the same seat as an independent candidate.

Fazle Hossain Badsha was also denied support by local leaders of the 14-party in a meeting on December 25.

Contacted, Shafiqur said, "A small group of our party has provided support to Fazle, which, I think, will have little impact."



A deserted BNP central office on Barishal city's Nagar Road.

PHOTO: TITU DAS

BNP cornered amid arrests in Barishal

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barishal

On Saturday afternoon, five to six youths were distributing leaflets in support of BNP's call to boycott the elections in Barishal city.

They hurriedly handed over some leaflets to pedestrians and then left.

This is pretty much what BNP's activities have been limited to. After the announcement of the election schedule, no large-scale rallies were seen in the city.

Over the last few months, BNP activists have brought out protest marches and enforced blockades, but only on a small-scale.

BNP leaders confirmed that these programmes were limited and took place

only for a short period of time.

Hafizur Rahman, member secretary of ward-13 unit of BNP, was arrested by police while distributing leaflets on Bazar Road in Barishal last Friday.

This reporter also called the BNP convener, organising secretary, member secretary, and five to six leaders, but could not reach them over the phone as their numbers were switched off.

Some activists also distributed leaflets in wards 9, 26, and 30.

A leader of the BNP convening committee, requesting anonymity, said

at least 25 of their leaders and workers have been arrested in this regard.

Arichul Haque, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station, denied arresting anyone.

Meanwhile, the party's district and city offices have remained deserted since October 28.

During a recent visit, this correspondent could not find any party activists there. The two offices remained locked.

This reporter also called the BNP convener, organising secretary, member secretary, and five to six leaders, but could not reach them over the phone as most of their numbers were switched off.

BNP sources said most of the leaders are either on jail or in hiding.

Withdrawing from polls not good for party

Says GM Quader

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Time will tell whether Jatiyo Party will stay in the January 7 polls until the very end or not, said party chairman GM Quader.



However, withdrawing from the election is not good for any political party, he also said.

He made the remarks while responding to queries from journalists during his election campaigns in Rangpur city yesterday.

When asked about the reasons behind JP candidates withdrawing their candidatures in the upcoming polls, GM Quader said candidacy withdrawals can occur for many reasons, such as threats of reprisal, intimidation, or financial constraints.

Some candidates may not be financially well-off, which can also lead to candidates withdrawing from the polls. However, voters do not take withdrawals positively, and it sends a bad message, whether it occurred voluntarily or through coercion, he added.

"It's not good for politics," said GM Quader.

People should bid farewell to BNP by showing them "red card" in the January 7 elections. BNP is a party of anti-liberation forces, looters and conspirators. There is no place for them in Bangladesh.

OBABDUL QUADER
Awami League General Secretary

We'll bring back democracy in Bangladesh by not using the power of bullets, police batons, tear gas, or sound grenades. We'll do it in a peaceful process with the power of people.

ABDUL MOYEEN KHAN
BNP Standing Committee Member

JASHORE-KHULNA

Opening of train services postponed

UNB, Khulna

Although commuter train services on Jashore-Khulna-Mongla route was supposed to start from January 1, it has been postponed due to the incompletion of construction work on the rail tracks.

Asim Kumar Talukdar, general manager of Railway Western Zone, said, "Trains on the route are not operating from today. Some works on the rail line remain incomplete. The contractor firm has not handed over the rail line to the railway authorities yet while a new date for opening the train service is yet to be fixed."

Md Arifuzzman, project director of Khulna-Mongla Rail Line Construction Project, said the new date for opening the train services will be set upon completion of the remaining work.

Earlier, the authorities concerned set January 1 to begin the train services on the route with three pairs of commuter trains.

According to Bangladesh Railway, two pairs of trains will run between Jashore and Mongla, while one pair will operate between Khulna and Jashore.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the rail line on November 1 last year.

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Tender Notice S.L No. 38

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1	EED/Chapai/SHED/6821/2023-24/14	Manufacturing and supplying of furniture at Nababganj Govt. Girls High School, Sadar, Chapainawabganj. (FY-2022-23)	OTM	929086	15000	23-01-2024 Time-15.00	24-01-2024 Time-11.00	24-01-2024 Time-11.00
2	EED/Chapai/SHED/6821/2023-24/15	Manufacturing and supplying of furniture at Horimohan Govt. High School, Sadar, Chapainawabganj. (FY-2022-23)	OTM	929087	15000	23-01-2024 Time-15.00	24-01-2024 Time-11.00	24-01-2024 Time-11.00
3	EED/Chapai/SHED/6821/2023-24/16	Manufacturing and supply of furniture at Shibganj Govt. Model High School, Shibganj, Chapainawabganj. (FY-2022-23)	OTM	929088	15000	23-01-2024 Time-15.00	24-01-2024 Time-11.00	24-01-2024 Time-11.00
4	EED/Chapai/SHED/6821/2023-24/17	Manufacturing and supplying of furniture at Golabari Girls High School, Nachole, Chapainawabganj. (FY-2022-23)	OTM	929089	15000	23-01-2024 Time-15.00	24-01-2024 Time-11.00	24-01-2024 Time-11.00
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AZAN 5:30	12:45	4:00	5:30	7:30
JAMAAT 6:05	1:15	4:15	5:35	7:30

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