



Bangladesh set an example of free, fair polls

PM tells local, foreign observers

UNB, Dhaka

Awami League President and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said Bangladesh set an example of a free, fair and impartial polls.

"You have come and witnessed how the people vote in our country. We've set a precedent for free, fair and neutral election," she said while exchanging views with local and foreign journalists and observers.



Dhaka North City Corporation cleaners got to work yesterday, the day after the national polls, to clear out the campaign posters of candidates. The photo was taken in the capital's Mohammadpur area.

Who will sit on opposition benches?

PARTHA PRATIM BHATTACHARJEE and WASIM BIN HABIB

With the unofficial results of the 12th national polls out, the question now is what will the opposition in parliament look like.

Although the constitution is not clear about the formation of an opposition in the House, the rules of procedure in parliament shed some light.

It states: "Leader of the opposition means that member of the parliament who, in the opinion of the Speaker, is the leader in the House of the party, or of the group, as the case may be, in opposition to the government having the greatest numerical strength in the House."

The Election Commission announced the unofficial results of 298 constituencies yesterday. According to the results, Awami League bagged 222 seats while the main opposition in the 11th parliament Jatiya Party got only

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China, India, Russia felicitate Sheikh Hasina

Modi congratulates her over phone

DIPLMATIC CORRESPONDENT

China, India and Russia yesterday congratulated Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on the Awami League's win at the 12th national polls, the party's fourth in a row.

They expressed their commitment to further strengthening the relationships with Bangladesh for each other's national development.

The Western countries -- that include the US, the UK, Canada and the EU -- that called for free, fair, peaceful and participatory polls are

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BNP shelve plans for hartal, blockade for now

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BNP will not go for any hartal and blockade-like programmes over the next few days even though the party outright rejected the poll results.

The party, which is the main opposition for the Awami League, wants to continue with its peaceful programmes including mass contact and leaflet distribution to garner public support for its demand for election under a neutral government.

The party will decide on its next course of action after seeing the reactions of the

"Our movement will continue until a democratic government is established."

BNP standing committee member Abdul Moyeen Khan

Western nations that have long been calling for a free, fair and participatory election, The Daily Star has learnt from top party leaders with knowledge of BNP's next course of action.

For now, the party has announced mass contact programmes for today and tomorrow. It may demonstrate at district and divisional levels and also organise black flag processions.

The party also wants to focus on the release of its leaders and activists who

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Shift course to ensure rights, democracy

UN rights chief urges govt, says future of all Bangladeshis at stake

DIPLMATIC CORRESPONDENT

UN Human Rights Chief Volker Türk yesterday voiced distress that the environment for Sunday's polls was marred by violence and repression of opposition candidates and supporters.

He called on the newly elected government to take steps to renew the country's commitment to democracy and human rights.

"In the months leading up to the vote, thousands of opposition supporters have been detained arbitrarily or subjected

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