

### Tulee seeks re-election in Dhaka-14

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka-14 BNP-nominated candidate Sanjida Islam Tulee yesterday alleged vote rigging and election engineering in the 13th national parliamentary election. Tulee made the allegations at the EC headquarters in Dhaka's Agargaon, demanding immediate suspension of results and a re-election in the constituency. Tulee said, "The polls ended yesterday [Thursday], the night has passed, and yet till today [yesterday] the results of each centre in Dhaka-14 have not been made clear. What does this mean?"



Accusing the authorities of election engineering, the BNP candidate said, "From the morning, our polling agents were not allowed to sit in some centres. Later, Jamaat-e-Islami activists, aided by a section of the administration, assaulted our workers. Inside many centres, voting was so slow that voters complained of waiting for two to three hours." She added, "By midday, my polling agents were forced to sign documents by Ansar members. Why were they asked to sign before the election was even over?"



A shoe seller sits dejected during peak hours in the capital's Farmgate area, facing a glaring lack of customers yesterday. Just a day after the national election, Dhaka's streets and roads remained unusually empty.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

### Fazlur vows to uphold spirit of Liberation War Wins Kishoreganj-4 by 74,643-vote margin

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

Prominent BNP leader and freedom fighter Fazlur Rahman has secured victory in the Kishoreganj-4 (Itna-Mithamoin-Austagram) constituency, winning 1,32,472 votes, 74,643 more than his nearest rival.

After his victory, Fazlur Rahman expressed gratitude to his constituents. "I salute and thank the people of my area who endured many hardships and voted for me despite numerous difficulties," he said after offering Juma prayers at the Shahi Mosque in Borohati village of Itna upazila yesterday.

He said he would work for the development of the area in line with the country's broader interests. Referring to recent political events, he said, "After August 5, 2024, when anti liberation forces tried to push the spirit of the Liberation War into darkness, I raised my voice as a freedom fighter."

"I will not step back from my role for the liberation of the people, for non-communalism and secularism, and for ensuring food, clothing and employment. I will raise these issues in parliament with greater courage and work to implement them," he said. In the 6th national parliament election in 1996, Fazlur Rahman contested from the same seat against former president Abdul Hamid.

Fazlur ran as an independent candidate with the Television symbol, while Abdul Hamid contested with the Awami League ticket. Fazlur lost that election. Recalling a vow he made at the time, he said, "Thirty years ago, I promised that if I ever won, I would offer prayers in this mosque. Today, with your support and prayers, Allah has fulfilled that wish."



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support of the people reflected their love, trust and prayers. "This victory does not belong to any individual. It belongs to every resident of Nagarkanda and Saltha," she added.

In Faridpur-3 (Faridpur Sadar), BNP candidate Nayab Yusuf Ahmed, also joint general secretary of Jatiyatabadi Mohila Dal's central committee, emerged victorious by a margin of 24,430 votes. She expressed gratitude to voters for what she described as an honour bestowed upon her through their support. Calling the win a responsibility rather than a celebration, Nayab said her priority would be development, security and dignity for the people of the constituency, while upholding the legacy of her party and her family in the area.

In Natore-1 (Lalpur-Bagatipara), BNP candidate Barrister Farzana Sharmin Putul reclaimed the constituency of her father, late BNP leader and former minister Fazlur Rahman Patal.

Beyond competition from other parties, Farzana faced initial challenges within her family. Her elder brother, Yasir Arshad Rajon, had initially filed his candidacy as an independent candidate from the same constituency before withdrawing to extend support to his sister. Reflecting on the competitiveness of the election, Putul said, "It was an uphill task, accomplished with the support of my party, my family and the general public."

"I want to serve as a beacon for women in the constituency. I will work to establish a link between women, agriculture and cottage industries to spearhead an economic revolution in the north led by women," she added.

In Jhalakathi-2 (Sadar and Nalchity), Esrat Sultana Elen Bhutto won for the third time to become a lawmaker with BNP nomination, reaffirming voters' continued confidence in her family's political legacy. Elen was the only female contender across two constituencies in Jhalakathi. Elen was first elected in a 2000 by-election following the death of her husband, Zulfiker Ali Bhutto, a three-time Jatiya Party lawmaker from the seat. She was re-elected in 2001 as a BNP candidate. She, however,

initially filed his candidacy as an independent candidate from the same constituency before withdrawing to extend support to his sister.

Expressing her gratitude to voters, Elen said, "I will always stand by them and strive to honour the trust they have placed in our family."

In Manikganj-3 (Sadar and Sauria), BNP candidate Afroza Khanam Rita won by a margin of 1,03,103 votes, becoming the lone female lawmaker from the constituency in 55 years of independence. Rita entered politics following in the footsteps of her father, late industrialist Harunar Rashid Khan Monno, a four-time lawmaker from the seat and a former minister.

Rita is also convener of BNP's district unit and a member of the advisory council of the BNP chairman. "This is the victory of the people of Manikganj. I want to dedicate my life to their overall development and complete the unfinished work of my late father, playing a role in employment generation, road connectivity, education, health and women's development by establishing factories," she said.

(Our correspondents from the respective districts contributed to this report)

### 'Yes' wins but...

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In Gopalganj-3, "No" led with 93,368 votes against 33,498 for "Yes".

The proposal was also rejected in Chattogram-12, Chhattogram-13, Khagrachhari, Rangamati and Bandarban, where "No" secured more votes than "Yes".

Meanwhile, many ordinary people in the hills remain unclear about the implications of voting "Yes" or "No" in the referendum, as well as about the proposed reforms themselves.

At the same time, a section of educated indigenous people believes that the reform package did not clearly mention the rights of Indigenous communities in the CHT, including the Chittagong Hill Tracts Regulation and the Chittagong Hill Tracts Peace Accord.

In Khagrachhari, the "No" camp received 1,55,942 votes, while "Yes" secured 1,44,355 votes.

In Rangamati, the margin was significantly wider. The "No" polled 1,79,805 votes compared to 71,699 for "Yes".

In Bandarban, "No" secured 90,156 votes against 71,417 for "Yes", out of 3,15,422 total votes.

From this perspective, many in the hills may have voted in favour of "No" in

the referendum, said Aung Chaw Mong Marma, a human rights activist and president of the Bandarban district unit of the Anti-Corruption Committee.

Each of the three earlier referendums took place during periods of political upheaval, when rulers sought legitimacy for their regimes or for a new system of governance.

The referendums of 1977 and 1985 were widely regarded as attempts to validate the military governments of Ziaur Rahman and Hussain Muhammad Ershad.

In the first referendum in 1977, the total number of voters was 3,83,63,858, with a turnout of 88.05 percent. The "Yes" vote secured 98.88 percent support, while "No" received 1.12 percent.

In the second referendum in 1985, there were 4,79,10,964 voters and the turnout was 72.44 percent. Of them, "Yes" secured 94.11 percent support, while "No" obtained 5.50 percent.

The third referendum in 1991 was a constitutional exercise that marked Bangladesh's return to parliamentary democracy.

There were 6,22,04,118 voters, with a turnout of 35.19 percent. The "Yes" vote secured 84.38 percent support, while "No" received 15.64 percent.

### Brothers Pintu, Tuku

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In 2001, he was appointed deputy minister of education in the BNP-led alliance government.

In January 2008, he was arrested in the August 21 grenade attack case. He was later sentenced to death in the case and remained in prison until his release on December 24, 2024, following the AL government's ouster on August 5, 2024.

In the latest election, Pintu secured a landslide victory, winning by a margin of around 1,38,000 votes.

Tuku, a former convener of the Dhaka University unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, later served as its central president and general secretary, before becoming president of the Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal central unit.

During the previous AL government's tenure, nearly 300 cases were filed against him, and he served at least five years in prison. Following his arrest, he was remanded for 46 consecutive days.

When Pintu was in jail, Tuku contested from Tangail-2 twice but lost on both occasions.

This time, he contested from the Sadar seat and defeated the rival Jamaat candidate by a margin of more than 50,000 votes. He also faced a BNP rebel candidate in the constituency. Talking

to The Daily Star, Pintu said, "Setting aside all differences, we will work together peacefully for the development of the area and its people. Attacks on opponents, conflict, violence, assault, or extortion will not be tolerated."

Tuku said, "I seek everyone's prayers so that I can fulfil the promises I made to the people of Tangail before the election. I pledge that I will neither engage in any wrongdoing nor allow anyone else to do so."

Meanwhile, in the south, the results brought mixed fortunes for two other brothers — sons of late Jamaat leader Delwar Hossain Sayedee.

In Pirojpur-1, Jamaat-e-Islami candidate Masood Sayedee won the seat, building a lead of more than 33,000 votes in Pirojpur Sadar and Indurkani.

He trailed in Nazirpur, where he received 45,621 votes against BNP nominee Alamgir Hossain's 54,154.

However, in Pirojpur-2, his brother Shameem Sayedee, also backed by Jamaat, lost to BNP candidate Ahammad Sohel Monzoor after a significant setback in Nesarabad.

Monzoor secured 69,500 votes there, compared to Shameem's 37,163, sealing the victory for the BNP candidate.

### Fire breaks out at jhut depot in Gazipur

UNB, Dhaka

A fire broke out at a jhut godown in Gazipur's Ambagh area yesterday night.

The fire started around 7:30 pm, said Md Mamun, assistant director of Gazipur Fire Service.

Five firefighting units have been deployed to control the blaze, he added.

The cause of the fire is yet to be determined, and the extent of the damage will be assessed once the fire is brought under control.

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### প্রতিরক্ষা খাত হতে বেতনভুক্ত অনুপস্থিত অসামরিক কর্মচারীকে কর্তব্যস্থলে যোগানোর বিজ্ঞপ্তি

অর্ডিন্যান্স ডেপো কর্তব্যবাজার, চকরিয়া আর্মি ক্যাম্প

১। আপনি নিম্ন-০২৬২১৯ ইউএসএম সাইফুল ইসলাম, পিতা: মোহাম্মদ সেলিম, গ্রাম: নিরিগাতি, ডাকঘর: বিলাপাড়া, থানা: চট্টবিল, জেলা: নোয়াখালী পত ৯৯ জুলাই ২০২৫ তারিখ হতে অসামরিক কর্তব্যস্থলে বিনামূলিতে/বিনামূলিতে কর্তব্য কাজে অনুপস্থিত রয়েছেন। কর্তব্যে যোগানোর জন্য রেজিস্টার্ড ডাকযোগে আপনার স্থায়ী ঠিকানায় অর্ডিন্যান্স ডেপো কর্তব্যবাজার হতে পরপর ০৩ টি সন্মতিক্রম প্রেরণ করা হলেও আপনি কর্তব্যস্থলে উপস্থিত হননি। এরপর ১১ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০২৫ তারিখে ০৯ নং বিলাপাড়া ইউনিয়ন পরিষদে পর প্রেরণ করা হলে তদন্তে আপনাকে কর্তব্যস্থলে প্রেরণ করতে বার্ষ হয়।

২। অতপর আপনাকে কর্তব্যস্থলে হাজির করার জন্য নোয়াখালী পুলিশ সুপারের নিকট পর প্রেরণ করা হলে স্থায়ী চট্টবিল থানা-পুলিশ আপনাকে অসামরিক বৃত্তে পেতে সক্ষম হননি। কর্তব্যস্থলে আসলে অমান্য করে যেহেতু কর্তব্যস্থলে আপনার এনে দীর্ঘ অনুপস্থিতি SBAO-05/S/80 Rule 7(2) The Civilian Employees in Defence Services (Classification Control and Appeal Rules,1961) অনুযায়ী অসমত্যাগ (Misconduct) এবং শাস্তিযোগ্য অপরাধ।

৩। নিম্ন-০২৬২১৯ ইউএসএম সাইফুল ইসলামকে এই বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের ১০ দিনের মধ্যে অর্ডিন্যান্স ডেপো কর্তব্যবাজার, চকরিয়া আর্মি ক্যাম্পে স্ব-স্বীকৃত হাজির হয়ে কর্তব্যে যোগানোর জন্য নির্দেশ দেয়া হলো। নিম্নের দিন/সময়ের মধ্যে আপনি কর্তব্যস্থলে যোগানেন বার্ষ হলে আপনার বিরুদ্ধে SBAO-05/S/80 Rule 8(1) 9.11- The Civilian Employees in Defence Services (Classification Control and Appeal Rules,1961) মোতাবেক তদন্ত প্রদানের ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হবে এবং আপনার অনুপস্থিতিতেই বিচার কার্য সম্পন্ন করা হবে।

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Meanwhile, BNP Standing Committee member Salahuddin Ahmed said his party will formally urge India to extradite deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina to Bangladesh to stand trial, reports our staff correspondent.

"We will press for her [Hasina] extradition in accordance with the law. It is a matter between the respective foreign ministries of Bangladesh and India. We will urge the Government of India to send her back to face trial," he told reporters in front of the BNP office in Dhaka's Gulshan.

Salahuddin, who has been declared the unofficial winner from the Cox's Bazar-1 constituency, also said the country had witnessed an inclusive election, with people delivering their verdict to lay the foundations of a strengthened democracy.

PRAYER TIMING  
FEBRUARY 14  
Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha  
AZAN 5-25 12-45 4-30 5-57 7-15  
JAMAAT 6-00 1-15 4-45 6-01 7-45  
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### Big names, big upsets

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Sarjis Alam, one of the key July figures and a member of the top NCP leadership, contested the election from the Jamaat-led alliance in Panchagarh-1.

Securing 1,68,049 votes, he lost the seat to the BNP candidate Barrister Mohammad Nawshad Zamir. Nawshad got 1,76,169 votes.

Meanwhile, in the capital, BNP's Dhaka North convener Aminul Haque — also a former captain of the Bangladesh national football team — lost to Jamaat candidate Abdul Baten by 3,361 votes in Dhaka-16.

Aminul received 85,467 votes, while Baten secured 88,828.

In Dhaka-8, prominent NCP candidate Nasiruddin Patwary — who gained much traction through his active campaigning both online and offline, alongside a war of words against his opponent Mirza Abbas — received 54,127 votes.

BNP's Mirza Abbas won the seat with 59,366 votes. In Dhaka-9, the much-talked about female independent candidate Tasnim Jara, who enjoyed

massive social media popularity, received 44,684 votes.

The seat's winner, BNP's Habibur Rashid, secured 1,11,212 votes.

In Sunamganj-2 (Dirai and Shalla), Jamaat candidate and Supreme Court lawyer Mohammad Shishir Manir lost by a large margin to BNP candidate Nasir Chowdhury.

Nasir received 99,522 votes, while Shishir Manir got 63,220.

In Khulna-1, Krishna Nandi, Jamaat's only candidate from the minority community, was defeated by BNP contender Amir Ejaz Khan.

Nandi received 70,346 votes, while Amir secured 1,21,352.

In Bogura-2, Nagorik Oikya president Mahmudur Rahman Manna received 3,426 votes.

Islamic Front candidate Md Gias Uddin Taheri also suffered a heavy defeat in Habiganj-4, losing to BNP-nominated candidate SM Faisal.

In Barishal-3, AB Party leader Asaduzzaman Bhuiyan, commonly known as Barrister Fuad, was defeated by BNP candidate Zainul Abedin.

### 33 hurt in post-polls violence

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Jamaat activists beat two BNP men at Khayer Bazar area under Bauphal upazila around 8:00am. The second incident took place around 9:15am, when a local Jubo Dal leader attacked the business establishments of two Jamaat activists at Konokdia village under the same upazila.

In response, Jamaat men attacked the house and office of a Jubo Dal leader and vandalised 10 motorbikes and furniture.

The third incident occurred at Mominpur village at around 10:00am, when a BNP man hacked a Jamaat activist.

A total of five people were injured in these incidents. Three of them were hospitalised, said Atikul Islam, inspector (investigation) of Bauphal Police Station.

Meanwhile, miscreants vandalised seven rice-puffing stoves belonging to four Hindu families at South Pangashia village under Patuakhali's Dumki upazila on Thursday night, hours after voting ended.

"We were watching the election results on television at our house. A group of miscreants attacked the stoves outside our house

at around 8:30pm and vandalised them," said Fatik Saha, one of the victims.

Contacted, Dumki Police Station's Officer-in-Charge Md Selim Uddin said, "We have heard about the incident and legal action will be taken upon investigation."

Patuakhali Deputy Commissioner Dr Mohammad Shahid Hossain Chowdhury said, "We are looking into the matter seriously and necessary measures have been taken to ensure security for the affected families."

In Munshiganj, at least three people were injured in a clash between supporters of the defeated independent candidate and the winning BNP candidate at Char Abdullah area under Sadar upazila yesterday.

Munshiganj Sadar Police Station's OC Md Mominul Islam confirmed the incident and the number of injured persons.

Contacted, Md Mohiuddin, the defeated candidate, alleged that his followers were attacked by supporters of the winning candidate, Md Kamruzzaman.

Md Kamruzzaman could not be contacted by phone. No police complaint was

filed, the OC added.

In Pabna-1 constituency, defeated BNP candidate Shamsur Rahman alleged that around a dozen of his supporters came under attack by supporters of the winning Jamaat candidate Mohammad Nazibur Rahman.

The attacks were carried out in at least three localities between Thursday night and Friday morning, alleged Shamsur Rahman while speaking to The Daily Star yesterday afternoon.

No police complaint was filed in this connection, said OC Rafiqul Islam of Santhia Police Station.

Nazibur Rahman could not be contacted by phone despite repeated attempts.

However, Nazibur held a courtesy meeting with Shamsur Rahman at the latter's house yesterday at noon.

A video of the meeting went viral on social media. The footage shows Nazibur facing the anger of BNP supporters over the alleged attacks and assuring them that such incidents would not recur.

(Our correspondents from Jhenaidah, Patuakhali, Munshiganj and Pabna contributed to the report)