

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?"

Fire breaks out at jhut depot

UNB, Gazipur

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

The fire started around 7:30pm, 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 যোগদানের বিজ্ঞপ্তি

অর্ডিন্যান্স ডেপো কক্সবাজার, চকরিয়া আর্মি ক্যাম্প

১। আপনি সিএস-৫২৬১১৯ ইউএসএম সাইফুল ইসলাম, পিতাঃ মোহাম্মদ সেলিম, গ্রামঃ খিরিগাতি, ডাকঘরঃ বিলাপাড়া, থানাঃ চাঁটবিলা, জেলাঃ নোয়াখালী গত ১৯ জুলাই ২০২৫ তারিখ হতে অদ্যাবধি কর্তৃপক্ষের বিনামূলিতে/বিনাচুক্তিতে কর্তব্য কাজে অনুপস্থিত রয়েছেন। কর্তব্যে যোগদানের জন্য রেজিস্টার্ড ডাকযোগে আপনার স্থায়ী ঠিকানায় অর্ডিন্যান্স ডেপো কক্সবাজার হতে পরপর ০৩ টি সনুলিকা প্রেরণ করা হলেও আপনি কর্তব্যস্থলে উপস্থিত হননি। এরপর ১১ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০২৫ তারিখে ০৯ নং বিলাপাড়া ইউনিয়ন পরিষদে পর প্রেরণ করা হলে তারও আপনাকে কর্মস্থলে প্রেরণ করতে বার্ষিক হয়।

২। অতপর আপনাকে কর্মস্থলে হাজির করার জন্য নোয়াখালী পুলিশ সুপারের নিকট পর প্রেরণ করা হলে স্থানীয় চাঁটবিলা থানা-পুলিশ আপনাকে অদ্যাবধি বুকে পেতে সক্ষম হয়নি। কর্তৃপক্ষের আদেশ অমান্য করে যেচ্ছার 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 অসদাচরণ (Misconduct) এবং শাস্তিযোগ্য অপরাধ।

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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

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

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hand and sadness on the other. Our late chairperson

and national leader, Khaleda Zia, could not see this unprecedented victory, which is very sad," he said.

He said the election was held in a transparent manner amid a festive mood.

Asked about the election being held without the participation of the Awami League, Fakhrul said, "The Election Commission has taken the decision regarding the AL, and the party's activities have been suspended.

PABNA-3, 4 SEATS BNP demands vote recount

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

BNP leaders and activists in the Pabna-3 and Pabna-4 constituencies yesterday afternoon laid siege to the Pabna deputy commissioner's office as well as the district returning officer's office, demanding a recounting of votes in the two seats.

In the constituencies, Jamaat-e-Islami nominated candidates secured win in the 13th national election, defeating two BNP leaders by a very little difference.

Talking to The Daily Star, Ahmed Mostafa Noman, key agent of Pabna-3 BNP candidate Hasan Zafir Tuhin, alleged that their polling agents in few polling centres were sidelined during vote counting. "Results in a few centres were finalised without signatures of the [their] agents."

Md Firoz, a voter from Tilakpur under Pabna-4, alleged that Jamaat men manipulated votes. Habibur Rahman ran as the BNP backed candidate.

The demonstrators, along with the two BNP candidates, submitted applications to the DC, seeking recounting of votes. Executive Magistrate Abdul Alim said those were already sent to the Election Commission.

Next govt to face graft

Further decisions will depend on future political developments."

Fakhrul later went to the BNP chairman's office in Gulshan to congratulate Tarique Rahman with flowers.

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.

Brothers Pintu, Tuku elected MPs

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League government's tenure, has sparked jubilation among their campaign activists and supporters.

Sources said that although the party had initially decided not to nominate two members from the same family, BNP ultimately nominated both Pintu and Tuku, considering their sacrifice and loyalty.

Pintu, also the founding general secretary of the Tangail district unit BNP, previously won from the same constituency in the 1991, 1996 and 2001 national elections.

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 Sohail 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.

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."

Youth votes propel

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In addition, Jamaat and its allies secured seven seats in Dhaka this time after failing to win any in previous elections.

According to unofficial results of the 13th parliamentary election, Jamaat candidates won all four seats in Satkhira. The party secured four out of five seats in Gaibandha and five out of six in Rangpur, while its alliance partner NCP won the remaining seat there.

Jamaat's electoral symbol, the scales, won three out of five seats in Pabna. The party also secured two seats each in Rajshahi and Khulna.

However, Mohiuddin believes Jamaat may not have been able to secure significantly more seats than it did this time.

"Had the election been held six months earlier, the BNP might have received more votes. If the BNP had no rebel candidates, its vote share might have been higher."

In that sense, it can be said that Jamaat has benefited considerably.

"Jamaat is the most organised party. Moreover, it had no rebel candidates. This is also a reason behind its increased vote share," he added.

If a political party has clear goals and objectives, and demonstrates sacrifice and dedication, it is natural

for that party to establish itself, said Sabbir Ahmed, a professor of political science at the University of Dhaka.

"Regardless of allegations of anti-independence positions, people have accepted them. A bigger factor than ideology is how they have acted as a human agency. Moreover, they have reaped the results of enduring repression and persecution for 17 years in this election."

They may have infiltrated the Chhatra League, which was a mistake.

But by staying covert, they managed to survive and eventually benefited.

"Morally, it may not have been right."

The repression during the AL rule boosted Jamaat's popularity alongside the BNP.

"This has increased Jamaat's acceptability. I believe this is also the result of their planned efforts."

In the one and a half years following the uprising, Jamaat tried to reach out to people as much as possible.

"They attempted to adopt the kind of political behaviour expected in engaging with voters. Voters also thought that if someone helps them, addresses their economic problems and reasonably tries to resolve their social issues, why wouldn't they support that party?"

Only 7 women make it

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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, faced defeat

BNP wins

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Party insiders said BNP deliberately avoided revenge-driven rhetoric that might alienate Awami League voters.

Analysts added that BNP's clear stance on the Liberation War and criticism of Jamaat's role in 1971 resonated strongly, especially with voters who embrace the values rooted in independence.

Prof Mojibur noted, "BNP's nomination of several freedom fighters and its emphasis on independence appealed to a broad base."

BNP leaders also highlighted rival Jamaat's controversial positions on women's rights, cultural activities, and its wartime legacy as factors that pushed voters toward BNP.

"Anti-Jamaat sentiment and the lack of a viable alternative led many to choose BNP, confident it could govern after the uprising," said a BNP Standing Committee member.

The party's campaign also leaned on populist pledges such as the "Family Card" and "Farmer Card", alongside Tarique Rahman's interactive speeches, grassroots outreach, and a roadmap for national welfare.

Sources close to BNP said winning candidates benefited from their deep local roots and long-standing resilience, which voters recognised and rewarded.

in the 2008 national election.

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 Satoria), 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)