

Teen stabbed to death in Bogura

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogura

A 17-year-old boy was stabbed to death in Bogura Sadar upazila yesterday morning, police say.

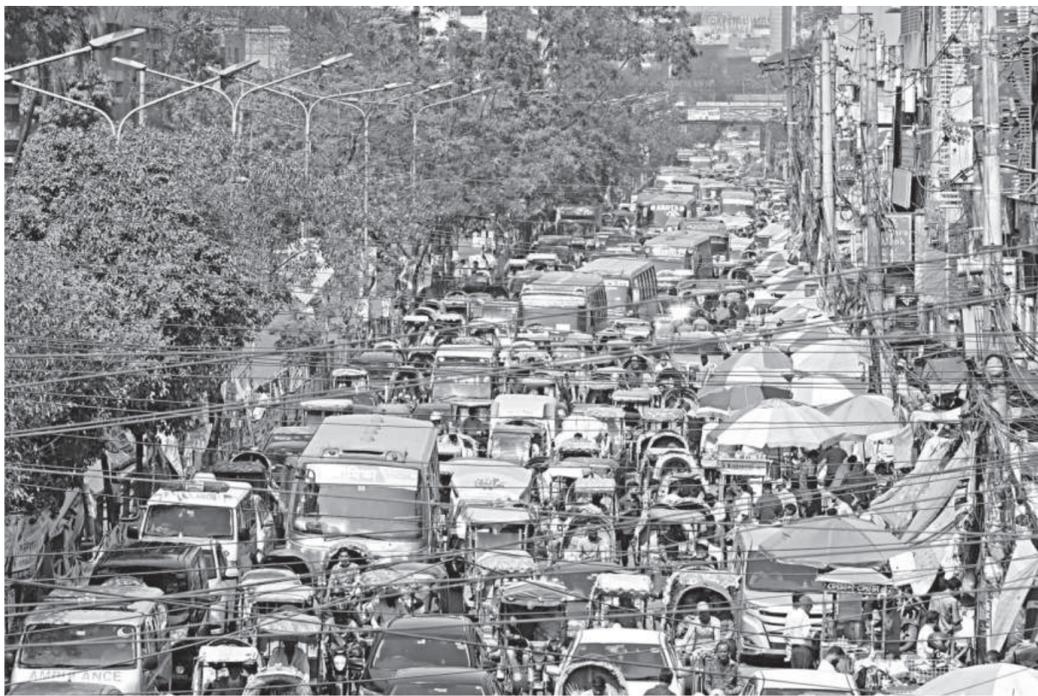
The attack took place around 8:30am near the Upazila Parishad building in Matidali area of Bogura town. The victim, Fahim Hossain, a labourer at a local foundry, was rushed to Bogura Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital, where he died around 11:30am, confirmed Monirul Islam, officer-in-charge (OC) of Bogura Sadar Police Station.

The OC said that, based on preliminary information provided by the victim's family, they suspect Fahim was stabbed by an individual who had previously harassed the victim's sister.

"We are conducting a drive to arrest the suspect, and legal proceedings are underway," he told reporters.

Shahin Hossain, Fahim's elder brother, alleged that a local youth had wanted to marry his younger sister, but the family refused because he is a drug addict and she was married elsewhere.

Shahin alleged that the youth had previously stabbed his sister's husband. "Today, he attacked my brother from behind while he was going to work and stabbed him three times. We were unable to save him," Shahin said.



Traffic congestion peaks during rush hour in the capital's New Market area on Mirpur Road yesterday. After several days of nearly empty streets in Dhaka because of the 13th national election, the weekend saw the city return to its usual hustle and bustle. PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Court assistant hacked to death in Gaibandha

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogura

A legal assistant (Muhuri) was hacked to death by unidentified miscreants at his home in Gaibandha's Sadar upazila on Friday evening, police said.

The victim, Amitava Chandra Sujon, 40, worked as a "muhuri" at the Gaibandha District and Sessions Judge Court.

Gaibandha Sadar Police Station Officer-in-Charge Abdullah Al Mamun said Sujon was attacked in the courtyard of his house in Khamar Ballamjhar area around 7:00pm. He later died while being taken to Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

Quoting family members and witnesses, the OC said Sujon was standing in the courtyard when a group of attackers entered through the main gate. They assaulted him and struck him on the head with an axe before fleeing the scene.

Sujan's brother, Sudhan Chandra Roy, alleged that there had been a long-standing land dispute between them and a neighbour for the past three to four years and said that the family suspected that neighbours could be behind the attack.

OC Abdullah said the axe used in the assault was recovered from the scene and the motive had not yet been established.

5 CONSTITUENCIES IN NARAYANGANJ 36 of 48 candidates lose security deposits

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

A total of 36 out of 48 candidates who contested in five constituencies of Narayanganj in the 13th parliamentary election have forfeited their security deposits after failing to secure at least 12.5 percent of the valid votes cast.

Among those who lost their deposits are five rebel candidates from the BNP, including two former lawmakers and a former state minister.

District Election Officer Alomgir Hossain said candidates submit a fixed amount of money as a security deposit while filing nomination papers, which is refunded only if they secure at least 12.5 percent of the valid votes.

In Narayanganj-1, five of

the seven candidates lost their deposits.

They are independent candidate and former Jubo Dal leader Mohammad Dulal; Wasim Uddin of Gono Odhikar Parishad; Md Imdadullah of Islami Andolan Bangladesh; Md Moniruzzaman Chandan of the Communist Party of Bangladesh; and Rehan Afzal of Insaniyat Biplob Bangladesh.

BNP candidate Mustafizur Rahman Bhuiyan won the seat with 1,46,358 votes, while his nearest rival, Jamaat-e-Islami candidate Anwar Hossain Molla, secured 91,690 votes. In Narayanganj-2, all but the BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami

candidates forfeited their deposits among the seven contestants.

Those losing deposits include independent candidate and former BNP MP Ataur Rahman Angur; Md Habibullah of Islami Andolan; Hafizul Islam of CPB; Abu Hanif Hriday of Bangladesh Republican Party; and Kamrul Mia of Gono Odhikar Parishad.

A total of 2,33,906 votes were cast in the constituency. BNP's Nazrul Islam Azad was elected with 1,25,063 votes, while Jamaat candidate Ilias Molla obtained 82,987.

In Narayanganj-3, all but two of the 11 candidates are set to lose their deposits in

the constituency comprising Sonargaon and Siddhirganj.

BNP candidate Azharul Islam Mannan won with 1,55,400 votes, while Jamaat's Iqbal Hossain Bhuiyan received 1,34,918 votes.

In Narayanganj-4, former BNP MP Muhammad Gias Uddin lost his deposit, where he ran as an independent candidate. Nine other candidates also forfeited their deposits.

National Citizen Party candidate Abdullah Al Amin won with 1,06,171 votes, followed by Monir Hossain Kasemi of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam with 80,619 votes.

In Narayanganj-5, BNP's former three-time MP Abul Kalam was re-elected with 1,14,799 votes. His nearest rival, ABM Sirajul Mamun of Khelafat Majlish, received 1,01,196 votes. Seven candidates lost their deposits.



Political courtesy after defeat

Jamaat candidate visits BNP winner with sweets, flowers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kishoreganj

Despite being defeated in the Kishoreganj-3 (Karinganj-Tarail) constituency in the 13th national election, Jamaat candidate Dr Jehad Khan has set an example of political courtesy, decency and tolerance.

After the results were announced, he went to the house of the winning candidate, BNP candidate Dr Muhammad Osman Farruk, with sweets and flowers at his village home in Karinganj on Friday night.

There, they exchanged greetings and spoke about Farruk's family, they fed each other sweets, and the defeated candidate congratulated the winner with flowers.

They also spent some time discussing personal matters, including the parliamentary seat. Farruk sought the cooperation and blessings of Jehad to make his parliamentary constituency a model one.

Local resident Anwar Sadat and some prominent figures said the promise to work together for the development of the area, setting



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MOULVIBAZAR-4

Mujibur leads poster clean-up after victory

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Two days after securing the largest victory margin in Sylhet division, BNP candidate Mujibur Rahman Chowdhury began removing his campaign posters and banners with his own hands, urging party leaders and activists to follow suit.

The Moulvibazar-4 constituency, comprising Sreemangal and Kamalganj, had long been considered a stronghold of the Awami League.

Yesterday, around 3:00pm, Mujibur removed campaign materials in the Lalbagh and Sabujbagh areas along the Sreemangal-Habiganj Road. He also called on party leaders and activists in both upazilas to clear posters and banners from their respective areas.

Sreemangal and Kamalganj are tourist destinations, he said. "I want tourists to experience the beauty here without the clutter of campaign materials."

Locals also lauded the move. Ayan Chowdhury, headteacher of Sreemangal



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Seat-sharing brings little for BNP

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Ubaydullah Faruk received 69,774 votes and lost to Khelafat Majlis candidate Abul Hasan, who secured 79,355 votes -- a margin of 9,581 votes.

In Nilphamari-1, Jamaat candidate Monzurul Islam Afendi received 1,18,160 votes but lost by 31,054 votes to a Jamaat candidate, who secured 1,49,214 votes.

In Narayanganj-4, Jamaat candidate Monir Hossain received 80,619 votes and lost by 25,552 votes to NCP candidate Abdullah Al Mamun, who won with 106,171 votes.

Meanwhile, four leaders dissolved or left their own parties to join BNP and contest under its symbol, following amendments to the Representation of the People Order, 1972, which required alliance candidates to run under their own party symbols.

Among them, the biggest loss was in Jhenaidah-4. Rashed Khan, a leader of Gono Odhikar Parishad who ran with the BNP symbol, finished third with 56,224 votes. Jamaat's Abu Talib won the seat with 1,59,099 votes, a margin of 1,02,875 votes. There, BNP rebel Saiful Islam Firoz secured second position with 77,104 votes.

In Kishoreganj-5, Ehsanul Huda officially dissolved his own party, the Bangladesh Jatiya Party, to contest with the BNP ticket.

However, despite securing 66,450 votes, he lost to BNP rebel candidate Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, who secured 79,604 votes -- a margin of 13,154 votes.

Another leader who faced a similar fate was Redwan Ahmed in Cumilla-7. He had been a member of parliament four times before and left the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) to join the BNP.

However, he lost to BNP rebel Atikul Alam by 43,181 votes.

In Narail-2, Farhad, chairman of the National People's Party, joined BNP after leaving his own party. He received 45,463 votes and lost to Jamaat candidate Ataur Rahman, who secured 1,18,142 votes -- a margin of 72,679 votes.

Despite the setbacks, five alliance-backed candidates secured their constituencies. In Bhola-1, Bangladesh Jatiya Party Chairman Andaleve Rahman Partho won with 1,05,543 votes, defeating Jamaat candidate Nazrul Islam, who received 75,337 votes -- a margin of 30,206 votes.

In Brahmanbaria-6, Zonayed Saki, chief coordinator of Ganosamhati Andolon, won with 95,342 votes. Jamaat candidate Mohsin secured 39,967 votes, giving Saki a margin of 55,375 votes.

In Patuakhali-3, Gono Odhikar Parishad President Nurul Haque, contesting with the party's Truck symbol, received 97,323 votes. He defeated BNP rebel Hasan Mamun, who secured 81,361 votes -- a margin of 15,962 votes.

In Dhaka-13, Bobby Hajjaj, who left his position as chairman of the Nationalist Democratic Movement (NDM) to join

BNP, won with 88,387 votes.

He defeated Bangladesh Khelafat Majlis candidate Mamunul Haque, who contested under the Jamaat-led alliance and received 86,067 votes -- a margin of 2,320 votes.

In Lakshmipur-1, Bangladesh Liberal Democratic Party (BLDP)

Hand in hand through

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Yet, through it all, neither left the other's side.

"After my wife's death, no one cared for me. When I realised someone loved a blind man like me, I felt grateful," Ramnarayan said, his voice trembling.

Basmati became his eyes. From preparing meals to guiding him from village to village seeking alms, she has carried the responsibility alone.

"I walk with my hand on her shoulder. I put my trust in her," he said.

Their first son was born within a year of marriage. But often there was not enough food.

"Many times I had no milk to feed my child," Basmati said quietly.

Neighbours occasionally helped, but often the child slept hungry.

A second son followed, bringing renewed hope. Kind-hearted traders at Samsheernagar market would sometimes offer meals for the family.

Despite the hardship, they dreamed of putting away the begging bowl forever. After years of scraping

Chairman Shahadat Hossain Selim joined BNP after dissolving his party. He secured 85,457 votes and defeated Mahbub Alam, who received 56,437 votes -- a margin of 29,020 votes.

Selim was among the few leaders who left another party to join BNP and successfully retained his seat.

together savings and taking out a loan of Tk 1 lakh, they bought an auto-rickshaw, with the plan being that their son would drive and help secure the family financially.

But the dream lasted merely six months.

On the morning of December 31, Ramnarayan discovered the lock on their tin shed broken. The auto-rickshaw, their only asset and hope, was stolen.

"I thought we would not have to beg anymore. But God did not give us that happiness," he said, fighting back tears.

Wiping her eyes with the end of her sari, Basmati added, "It was our hope. I thought our family would stand on its own. It's all finished."

Yet, even in despair, the couple remain inseparable.

Suman Yadav, a local, said, "So much poverty, humiliation, suffering -- yet for love, they have held on for more than 25 years. Unless you see Basmati, you won't understand how strong a wife's love can be. Their love continues to defy the darkness."

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INVITATION FOR TENDERS					
Notice no. 300/Ad/68/E-3/21			Dated: 03 February 2026.		
MILITARY ENGINEER SERVICES					
1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Defence			
2.	Agency	Military Engineer Services			
3.	Procuring Entity Name	E in C			
4.	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka			
5.	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)			
6.	Budget and source of Funds	GOB			
7.	Development Partners (if applicable)	None			
8.	Project/Programme Name (if applicable)	Relocation of 'Command and Staff Training Institute (CSTI)' at BAF Base Bashar, Tejgaon to BAF Base, Cox's Bazar.			
9.	Selling of tender will commence from	16 February 2026 (During Office hour).			
10.	Selling of tender will Close on	26 February 2026 (During Office hour).			
11.	Last date & time of submission of Tender	01 March 2026 at 1200 hours.			
12.	Date & time of opening of Tender	01 March 2026 at 1230 hours.			
13.	Name & Address of the Office(s)				
	- Selling Tender Document	Tender Selling & Information Centre at GE (Army) Central Dhaka & AHQ, E in C's Branch, Works Directorate, Dhaka Cantonment.			
	- Receiving Tender Document	Tender Selling & Information Centre at GE (Army) Central Dhaka			
	- Opening Tender Document	Tender Selling & Information Centre at GE (Army) Central Dhaka			
14.	Eligibility of Tenderer	a. MES enlisted contractors Class 'C' & 'D' for lot no. 15(a). b. On receipt of DGFI clearance with others Department (equivalent classes) contractors may also apply for tender. c. Contractors having experience in similar works with enlistment in other Govt., Semi, Government & Autonomous Organization may also apply. d. Having experience of similar work mentioned in Lot No 15(a) amounting Tk. 70,00,000.00 in a single tender during last 05 (Five) years.			
15.	Brief Description of Works	Location	Price of Tender Document (Non Refundable)	Tender Security in form of Bank Draft/ Pay order in favour of AHQ, E in C's Branch, Works Directorate, Dhaka Cantt. (Taka)	Completion Time in weeks/ Months
1	2	3	4	5	6
a.	Manufacture & Supply of Furniture for Command and Staff Training Institute (CSTI) at BAF Base Cox's Bazar (GP-02).	AGE (Air) Cox' Bazar	3000.00	3,00,000.00	04 (Four) Months
16.	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Director of Works			
17.	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Director of Works			
18.	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Army Headquarters, E in C's Branch, Works Directorate, Dhaka Cantonment. Web address : www.army.mil.bd			
19.	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Tel No. 9832870	Fax No. 9832882	e-mail- wksdte@army.mil.bd	
20.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders				
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