

Internal rifts cost BNP seats in Pabna Jamaat takes 3, BNP wins two

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

While the BNP secured a significant victory nationwide in the 13th parliamentary election, the party faced challenges in its traditional strongholds in Pabna district.

Out of the five constituencies in Pabna, BNP candidates won in two, while Jamaat-e-Islami candidates secured three seats, including two long-standing BNP bastions.

Of the five constituencies, Shamsur Rahman Shimul Bishwas won in Pabna-5 constituency, and Selim Reza Habib won in Pabna-2 constituency for BNP, while Nazibur Rahman won in Pabna-1 constituency, Md Ali Asgar won in Pabna-3, and Abu Taleb Mondol won for Jamaat in Pabna-4.

Of them, BNP's Selim Reza Habib is an old parliamentarian, while the other four are first-time lawmakers. Internal divisions within the BNP appear to have been the primary cause for the party's losses in Pabna-3 and Pabna-4, said party sources.

In Pabna-3, BNP nominated Hasan Zafir Tuhin, president of Jatiyatabadi Krishakdal. However, former BNP lawmaker KM Anwarul Islam ran as a strong opponent. Jamaat's Md Asgar Ali won with 1,47,475 votes, narrowly defeating Tuhin, who got 1,44,206 votes, while the rebel candidate Anwarul Islam secured 38,027 votes.

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In Pabna-4, a similar scenario unfolded, where BNP's Habibur Rahman was defeated with 1,33,874 votes. Jamaat's Abu Taleb Mondol won with 1,37,675 votes, as BNP rebel candidate Jakaria Pintu drew away 27,970 votes. This mirrors the 2001 election results, where internal conflict led to a similar loss.

In a notable reversal, BNP's Shamsur Rahman Shimul Bishwas won the Pabna-5 (Sadar) seat, which has historically been a Jamaat stronghold. He secured 1,81,925 votes against Jamaat's Md Iqbal Hossain, who received 1,64,994 votes.

Local BNP leaders noted that this victory broke previous records in the district headquarters seat.

In Pabna-1, Mohammad Nazibur Rahman maintained his family's legacy by securing 1,29,974 votes, defeating BNP newcomer Shamsur Rahman, who received 1,04,245 votes.

Masud Khondokar, member secretary of the Pabna district BNP, told The Daily Star that while the party took organisational action against rebel candidates, the impact on the final tally was significant.

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Workers busy setting up stalls for the upcoming Amar Ekushey Book Fair 2026, scheduled to run from February 20 to March 15. Despite objections from notable publishing houses, this year's fair is being held during Ramadan. The photo was taken yesterday at Suhrawardy Udyan in Dhaka.

PHOTO: MEHEDI HASAN

Grabbers try to occupy Bakkhali riverbank

MOKAMMEL SHUVO, Cox's Bazar

Grabbers attempted to reoccupy land along the Bakkhali river in Cox's Bazar town on the night of February 11 by constructing around 30 makeshift structures.

A number of the structures were still being constructed, as seen during a visit to the site yesterday.

The Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) said it has sent letters urging the district administration, law enforcement agencies and other relevant authorities to take urgent action.

The occupiers returned to grab the land again by taking advantage of law enforcers being busy with poll duties, said Md Abdul Wakil, port officer of BIWTA in Cox's

Bazar.

"More than 30 makeshift structures have already been erected and several others are under construction," he said.



According to a letter sent on Saturday, BIWTA conducted an eviction drive between September 1-5 last year in the Kasturaghat area along the river, demolishing around

497 temporary and permanent structures to recover around 63 acres of land.

Later, when BIWTA officials attempted to install boundary pillars, they were allegedly attacked by people linked to the grabbers. The operation was subsequently suspended.

BIWTA filed three cases and police filed one case against 40 named and several unnamed individuals in this connection.

Since the night before the election, illegal construction resumed between Kasturaghat river port and Kurushkul new bridge along the river.

Meanwhile, activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal's Cox's

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FIVE NARSINGDI SEATS 27 candidates lose deposits

JAHIDUL ISLAM, Narsingdi

Across the five parliamentary constituencies of Narsingdi, 27 out of 41 candidates forfeited their election deposits after receiving less than one-eighth (12.5 percent) of the total valid votes cast.

The information was revealed based on an analysis of unofficial results signed by Deputy Commissioner and Returning Officer Mohammad Anwar Hossain.

Number of candidates who lost deposits: six in Narsingdi-1 (Sadar), three in Narsingdi-2 (Palash), five in Narsingdi-3 (Shibpur), seven in Narsingdi-4 (Monohardi Belabo), and six in Narsingdi-5 (Raipura).

Of them, Kazi Shariful Islam of Bangladesh Congress (Narsingdi-4) received the lowest 163 votes. BNP won all five seats in Narsingdi.

Among the parties, candidates of Jatiya Party lost their deposits in all five seats.

In Narsingdi-1, the candidates who forfeited deposits were Mohammad Mostafa Jamal of Jatiya Party, Md Ashraf Hossain of Islami Andolan Bangladesh, Shahiduzzaman Chowdhury of Gonoforum, Shirin Akter of Gono Odhakar Parishad, Sakawat Hossain of Bangladesh Islami Front, and Hamidul Haque Parvez of Insanayat Biplob Bangladesh.

In Narsingdi-2, Asif Iqbal of Islamic Front Bangladesh, ANM Rafiqul Islam Selim of Jatiya Party and Mohammad Ibrahim of Insanayat Biplob Bangladesh forfeited their deposits.

In Narsingdi-3, the candidates were Abu Sadat Mohammad Sayem Ali Pathan of Zaker Party, AKM Rezaul Karim of Jatiya Party, Md Wayez Hossain Bhuiyan of Islami Andolan Bangladesh, Md Mostafizur Rahman of Jamaat-e-Islami, and Raihan Mia of Insanayat Biplob Bangladesh.

In Narsingdi-4, the candidates who forfeited deposits were Abu Darda Md Maj of Janatar Dal, Kazi Shariful Islam of Bangladesh Congress, Kazi Sazzad Zahir of Communist Party of Bangladesh, Muhammad Milan Mia of Insanayat Biplob Bangladesh, Mohammad Nasir Uddin of Bangladesh Khelafat Majlish, Md Kamal Uddin of Jatiya Party, and Md Saifulah of Islami Andolan Bangladesh.

In Narsingdi-5, the candidates were Jamal Ahmed Chowdhury (independent), Tahmina Akter of Insanayat Biplob Bangladesh, Tawfiqur Rahman (independent), Moshirur Rahman of Bangladesh Islamic Front, Meherun Nesa Khan Hena of Jatiya Party, and Md Solaiman Khandakar (independent).

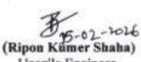
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Invitation for Tender (Works)
e-Tender Notice Number: **01/2025-26 [OTM]**

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| Sl. No | Tender Proposal II & Upazila | Name of the Scheme With Package No. | Tender Document last selling Date & Time | Tender closing Date & Time |
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| 01 | 1226324 Adamdighi | 1). Construction of RCC Road at Upazila Nirbahi Officer Residence, Under Adamdighi Upazila, District: Bogura. 2). Repair & Renovation Work of Upazila Administrative Building (Old), Under Adamdighi Upazila, District: Bogura. 3). Repair & Renovation Work of Upazila Residential Building (Rupsha), Under Adamdighi Upazila, District: Bogura. [ADP/Rvenue/Maint/2025-26/W01] | 01-03-2026 17.00 pm | 02-03-2026 15.00 pm |


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"These incidents have raised concern about the overall security situation and the state of legal protection in the country during the post-election period," HRFB said.

The forum said retaliatory violence, politically motivated attacks, violence against women, and assaults on powerless or disadvantaged communities are unacceptable in a democratic society.

It identified religious and ethnic minorities, indigenous communities, culturally diverse groups, and persons with disabilities as particularly vulnerable during periods of political tension.

HRFB urged all political parties to send clear and strict messages at both the central and grassroots levels to ensure that all forms of violence, retaliatory attacks, intimidation, violence against women, and attacks on minority or marginalised communities stop immediately.

The forum also called on the Election Commission, law enforcement agencies, and relevant government authorities to investigate each incident promptly and impartially, identify those involved, and bring them to justice.

The statement was

signed by HRFB members, including human rights expert Hameeda Hossain; rights activist Sultana Kamal; Raja Devasish Roy; ZI Khan Panna, chairperson of Ain o Salish Kendra and acting convener of HRFB; Shaheen Anam, steering committee member of HRFB and executive director of Manusher Jonno Foundation; and Sara Hossain, honorary executive director of Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust.

Other signatories include Sanjeeb Drong, general secretary of Bangladesh Adivasi Forum; Itteharuzzaman, executive director of Transparency International Bangladesh; Fauzia Moslem, president of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad; and Shamsul Huda, executive director of the Association for Land Reforms and Development, among others.

MAG Osmani

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will be present and deliver speeches on the occasion. Retired senior officers of the armed forces will also be present.

At the programme, the participants will highlight the life of Osmani and his contribution to the Liberation War.

Osmani was born in Sunamganj, Assam Province, during the British era, on September 1, 1918, and died in London on February 16, 1984.

He was educated in Assam and Sylhet and graduated from Aligarh Muslim University in India.

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e-Tender Notice

This is to notify all concern that the following tenders are invited in the national e-GP portal:

| Tender ID No. | Last Selling Date | Opening Date |
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| 1229917 & 1229918 | 01/03/2026 | 01/03/2026 |

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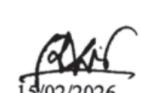
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| GR-3.1/25-26/IMED | Purchase of Computer Accessories | 1219793 | 26-Feb-2026 Time-12:00 |

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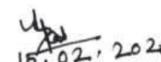
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Amendment of e-GP Tender Notice

Package Title: Sub-soil Investigation of Mongla Bridge over the Mongla River at Daulatdia-Faridpur-Magura-Jhenaidah-Jashore-Khulna-Mongla (Digraj) National Highway (N7) at Bagerhat District during the year 2025-26
Package No: PSN/e-PPS3/BCMC/01/2025-26
Name of Procuring Entity: Superintending Engineer, Bridge Construction and Maintenance Circle, RHD

| Reference | Existing Provision | Amended Provision |
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| Tender ID: 1223797 | The assignment involves carrying out detailed ground investigation works for the proposed Mongla Bridge project. The scope includes borehole drilling up to 110 m depths (offshore), Standard Penetration Tests (SPT), Cone Penetration Tests (CPT), Seismic Down-Hole Tests (SDHT), collection of soil samples, laboratory testing including physical properties, index properties, engineering properties, geo-chemical tests, and preparation of a geotechnical investigation factual report. | The assignment involves carrying out detailed ground investigation works for the proposed Mongla Bridge project. The scope includes borehole drilling up to 110 m depths, Standard Penetration Tests (SPT), Cone Penetration Tests (CPT), Seismic Down-Hole Tests (SDHT), collection of soil samples, laboratory testing including physical properties, index properties, engineering properties, geo-chemical tests, and preparation of a geotechnical investigation factual report. |

Other texts, terms and conditions of the tender document and the tender notice will remain unchanged.


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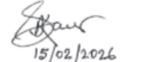
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| Sl. No. | Tender ID | Brief description of tender | Publication date | Last selling date & time | Opening date |
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| 1 | 1226602 (Re-Tender of TI-1185703) | Supply of carbon molecular sieve and other materials for nitrogen generator and instrument air compressor. | 15/02/2026 | 25/02/2026, 15:45 | 26/02/2026 |

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