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News Brief

The ruling Awami League has attained a massive victory in unofficial results of the 11th general election bagging 259 seats. H M Ershad-led Jatiya Party secured 20 seats while BNP got 5 seats, EC Secretary Helal Uddin Ahmed announced the election results at Nirbachan Bhaban in Dhaka last night. Workers Party bagged 3 seats while Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal 2, Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh 2 and Tariqat Federation 1. Gonoforum bagged 2 seats while Manju-led Jatiya Party 1 and independent candidates got 3 seats. In the election, AL-led grand alliance secured a total of 288 seats while BNP-led Jatiya Oikyafront bagged 7 seats.

The Election Commission announced the unofficial results of 298 seats out of 300 as the voting in Gaibandha-3 constituency was postponed due to death of a candidate earlier and the results of Brahmanbaria-2 seat will be announced after reelection in its three centres.

Chief Election Commissioner K M Nurul Huda has described the overall voting situation across the country as good except some stray incidents. The CEC made the remark while talking to journalists after casting his votes at IES High School and College polling station at Uttara in the capital yesterday morning.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina cast her vote at the Dhaka city college centre yesterday morning while briefing journalists on the occasion the PM expressed her firm belief that the people would cast their votes in favour of Awami League to continue the pace of development.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will exchange views on the just concluded Parliamentary Elections with the foreign observers at Ganabhaban at 4 pm today.

OIC election observers who visited in different centres have said, the 11th Jatiya Sangsad polls in Bangladesh was held almost in a free, fair and peaceful manner maintaining the world standard. OIC Assistant Secretary General Hameed A. Opeleyeru said this to the journalists at the PID media centre at hotel Sonargaon in Dhaka yesterday.

The Election Commission of India has appreciated the role of Bangladesh Election Commission for successfully holding the polls. Representative of the Indian Election Commission Ariz Aftab made the appreciation at a press briefing in Dhaka yesterday. Observer Dr. Gautom Ghosh of India said, "Voting going on very spontaneously. There is complete peace and I feel everything is good."

The leader of the Nepalese observers Dipendra Kandel, while briefing the journalists at the PID media centre at hotel Sonargaon in Dhaka yesterday, said the election was held in an peaceful atmosphere with the spontaneous participation of people.

A team of Canadian Observers led by Tania Foster, while visiting Viqarunnisa Noon School and College polling centre in the capital, told the journalists that the polls took place smoothly and peacefully and everyone was getting access to polling stations.

The International Media have highlighted the results of the 11th Parliamentary Elections of Bangladesh and said the victory of Sheikh Hasina was much expected for huge development programmes implemented by her government.

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