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Jatiya Party-backed candidate Solayman Sheth was also supposed to joint the debate but withdrew from the polls race on Saturday in favour of Mohiuddin.

On Monday the polls, the other five candidates will debate each other.

The candidates will answer the voters' questions during the session, producer of the programme Waliur Rahman Miraj told bdnews24.com on Sunday.

Miraj said Bangladesh Television and Bangladesh Betar will telecast the 70-minute programme live from 8:30pm which will be similar in format to the BBC Bangladesh Sanglap (Dialogue).

Election commissioner M Sakhawat Hossain said, "The candidates had answered the voters in the past election. This time the candidates will be allowed to debate among themselves. So, it is being called an 'electoral debate' of the mayoral candidates."

The first 'electoral debate' was held on July 2008 with the mayor candidates of four Sylhet, Rajshahi, Khulna and Barisal city corporations.

The programme will be held in Theatre Institute Conference Centre at KC Dey Road of the port city.

At least 1,500 voters will get the chance to be present there to question them.

Sakhawat, BTV director general Abu Jafar and head of BBC Bengali Service Sabir Mostafa will be present at the programme, which will be moderated by BBC's Mithila Farjana.

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