

## Chittagong Buzzing with Election Frenzy

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Sher Mohammad, councillor candidate in Enayet Bazar ward, is campaigning with a giant statue of lion&mdash;his polls symbol&mdash;on a road crossing in the city.

His rival candidate MA Malek is also roaming around the city with a replica of an elephant set on a van.

Salimullah Bachchhu, who is also contesting from the same ward with lotus as his symbol, has printed fixtures of the ongoing World Cup Football matches on the back of a propaganda handout.

To catch up with him, Sher Mohammad hung a 25-foot long flag of Brazil, one of the most popular favourites in the world cup, at the Enayet Bazar crossing.

Thus the candidates have combined the fun of the World Cup with their campaigns.

The two key mayoral candidates have also joined the World Cup frenzy.

Awami League-backed mayoral candidate ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury and his rival BNP-backed candidate M Manzur Alam have put up the national flag of Argentina&mdash;another World Cup favourite&mdash;at their their homes.

Supporters of Manzur Alam are going to the voters' doorsteps with pineapples, his election symbol, while Mohiuddin's men are campaigning carrying replicas of ship&mdash;his polls symbol.

Candidates contesting the polls with symbols of cricket bat, pen, book and hen are also campaigning with pictures of the symbols.

Candidates are also using IT technology to seek votes. Mohiuddin's people are seeking votes by sending SMS through mobile phones.

The main roads and alleys of the city are covered with posters. But posters are not hanged on the walls due to electoral code of conduct.

Besides, candidates are seeking votes at street rallies and making door-to-door campaigns.

The candidates will be allowed to run their campaigns until Monday midnight before the election to be held on Thursday.

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