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DUTA polls today

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The elections to Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) executive committee will be held today (Tuesday).

Hectic campaign is going on the university campus for the elections of 15-post DUTA executive committee. The candidates passed a busy schedule for the last minute campaign on Monday.

More than 1200 voters will cast their votes at Dhaka University Club.

Two panels active in DU teachers' politics—ruling BNP-Jamaat coalition backed White Panel and Awami League-backed Blue Panel of pro-liberation forces—are contesting the elections while the left-leaning Pink Panel is abstaining from the race. However, the votes of Pink Panel will be crucial for the contesting panels to win.

Following the political changeover teachers of the university treat the election as very crucial. Teachers are expecting a neck-and-neck fight between the two arch-rival teachers' groups.

White panel nominated Prof AFM Yousuf Haider of Physics as the President candidate while the

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Blue Panel candidate is the Dean of Science Faculty Dr AZM Naoosher Ali, Professor of Botany. The rumour that Prof Yousuf Haider is being tipped as Pro-Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University is now being discussed among the teachers before the election.

General Secretary of the outgoing executive committee Sharif Ullah Bhuiyan is once again contesting for the same post as a Blue-panel nominee. Prof Yarul Kabir of Bio-Chemistry is the White Panel candidate for this vital post. Some teachers raised the issue that Prof Yarul Kabir is not serving in his department as he is now on deputation to a ministry.

Former DUTA General Secretary Dr Hossain Monsur is contesting for Vice President and his rival candidate is Dr Abul Khair of Chemistry.

Director of the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) Dr. Anwar Hossain, a new face in teachers' politics, is contesting for treasurer post. His opponent is Dr. SM Mahfuzur Rahman of Finance and Banking.

Two other new faces—Tahmina Aktar and Dr Mujibuddin Ahmed are contesting for Joint Secretary post.

The member candidates from Blue Panel are Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique, Dr Ajoy Kumar Das, Dr RIM Aminur Rashid, Dr SM Imamul Huq, Khondkar Ashraf Hossain, Dr Tofail Ahmed Chowdhury, Dr Nazma Shaheen, Dr M Anwar Hossain, Dr M Ashraf Uddin Chowdhury and Dr Sultana Shafi.

Candidates for member posts from White Panel are Prof Abu Ahmed, Dr Abul Kalam Manjur Morshed, Dr SI Khan, Dr Tajmari Selima Akhter Imam, Dr M Abul Bashar, Prof M. Asaduzzaman, Farhan Hossain, Dr M.
 Rafiqul Syed
 and Dr.