



Dr Mirza Nurul Huda taking oath of the office of the Vice-President at Bangabhavan on Tuesday. President Justice Abdus Sattar, administered the oath.

New Cabinet likely by Friday

M.N. Huda sworn in as Vice-President

Dr Mirza Nurul Huda was sworn in as the Vice-President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh at a simple ceremony at Bangabhavan on Tuesday morning, reports BSS.

President Abdus Sattar administered the oath of office of the Vice-President to Dr Huda.

Prior to his appointment as Vice-President, Dr Huda was the adviser to the President.

The ceremony held at the Credential Room of the Bangabhavan was attended, among others, by Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman and Ministers.

Dr M.N. Huda visited the mazar of President Ziaur Rahman in the morning and offered fateha there.

Later, he called on Begum Khaleda Zia at her residence.

Dr Huda also visited the mazar of former Speaker of the Constituent Assembly of

Pakistan Moulvi Tamizuddin Khan and offered fateha there.

Moulvi Tamizuddin Khan was the father-in-law of Dr. Huda.

Our Staff Correspondent adds: Dr M.N. Huda who was sworn

in as Vice-President will have his office at Bangabhavan for the time being. He will sit in Bangabhavan to assist the President in resolving some immediate problems. President Mr

Justice Abdus Sattar and vice-President Dr M.N. Huda had an hour long meeting and the moot point was the formation of the new Cabinet.

Meanwhile, some more new names are being discussed as probable new entrants to the Cabinet. Justice T.H. Khan, MP and Maulana Abdul Mannan MP are being tipped as Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs and Religious Affairs respectively. The chance of Mr Shafiul Azam's inclusion in the Cabinet is bright.

Mr A.K. Faizul Huq, MP son of late Sher-e-Bangla A.K. Fazlul Huq and Mr Kamal Yusuf son of late Mr Yousuf Ali Choudhury (Mohan Mia) are likely to be inducted as State Minister. Mayor Abul Hasnat has resigned from the post of Chief Whip and Mr Jafar Imam, Deputy Minister for Relief and Rehabilitation is likely to succeed Mr Hasnat. Mr Hasnat will be inducted in the Cabinet.

Sources close to Bangabhavan indicated that the new Cabinet will be sworn in on Friday. Possibilities are being explored to reorganise the ministries. Communication Ministry may include the Civil Aviation and Railway and Works and Urban Development may include pourashava.