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## Blue panel wins DUTA President post, White panel gets GS

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The Blue panel supported by ruling party Awami League won eight out of 15 posts while the White panel backed by major opposition party BNP and its allies Jatiya Party (Ershad) and Jamaat-e-Islami bagged the rest seven posts in the Dhaka University Teachers Association (DUTA) elections held on Tuesday. In last year's DUTA election White panel won both the posts of President and General Secretary.

Prof. R.I.M. Aminur Rashid of Physics Department who led the Blue panel was elected President of DUTA and Md. Ferdous Hossain of Political Science Department, nominated by the White panel for the second term, was re-elected as the General Secretary of DUTA.

Prof. Rashid defeated White panel candidate Prof. A.S. M. Faiz (Soil Science Department), former chairman of Public Service Commission. Prof. Faiz who was also a former president

of DUTA got 470 votes while Prof. Rashid won 500 votes.

Incumbent DUTA General Secretary Ferdous Hossain won 503 votes while his rival candidate Dr. Md. Anwar Hossain (Biochemistry Department) of Blue panel got 460 votes.

White panel candidate Prof. Anowar Hossain of the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) was elected Vice-President with 496 votes while his rival candidate of the Blue panel Prof. Abdul Mannan Chowdhury of the Department of Management got 458 votes. Prof. Abu Ahmed of the Economics Department was elected Treasurer from the White panel with 500 votes while his rival candidate of the Blue panel Prof. Md. Ashrafuddin Chowdhury of the same department got 475 votes. The Joint Secretary post was captured by Blue panel candidate Prof. Hasibur Rashid of the Department of Management who won 509 votes and his rival

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## DUTA polls

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candidate of the White panel Md. Osman Imam of the Department of Finance got 441 votes.

Out of 10 posts of Executive members, six went to Blue panel while White panel won the rest four posts.

The member candidates elected from White panel are: Prof. AFM Yusuf Haider (549), Prof. Anwar-ullah Chowdhury (509), Prof. Abdul Momin Chowdhury (491) and Dr. Zinatunnesa Tahmina Begum (500).

Member candidates elected from Blue panel are: Dr. AZM Nowsher Ali Khan (488), Dr. Kazi Shahidullah (628), Dr. Syed Gias Uddin Ahmed (488), Dr. Mohammad Moniruzzaman (495), Dr. Mohammad Mesbah Uddin Ahmed (506) and Dr. Sharifullah Bhuiyan (507).

The election was held at the DU Teachers Club from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Prof. Abu Zafar Mahmud, who conducted the election as Election Commissioner, announced the results at 7.30 p.m. A total of 988 votes were cast in the election on the day.

Jamaat-backed teachers supported the BNP backed White panel like previous years while left-leaning Pink panel did not contest in the election this year.

In an instant reaction to the press after changing the president post of DUTA, Prof. RIM Aminur Rashid extended thanks to the teachers for electing him.

"We are successful in creating a congenial academic atmosphere on the campus which has been reflected in the election results, he opined.

White panel candidate Prof. SMA Faiz who lost in the election congratulated president-elect Prof. RIM Aminur soon after announcing the election results.

In last year's election, White panel bagged seven posts, including president and general secretary. While Blue panel got eight posts, including vice-president and treasurer.