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## DU Dean election Sept 27

The election of Deans for seven faculties of the Dhaka University will be held on September 27, reports UNB.

The DU Registrar's office on Saturday sent the schedule of election to various departments of the university as required under the University Ordinance of 1973.

Associate Professors or Professors are eligible to contest for the post of Dean.

The polling will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the day (Sept 27) at the TSC Games Room on the campus and counting will start soon after the voting is completed.

Intending candidates will have to submit nomination papers to the Registrar by 1 p.m. on Sept 16. The last time for withdrawal of candidature is 1 p.m. on Sept 19.

The DU Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof Shahadat Ali will conduct the election as representative of the Vice-Chancellor.

The tenure of the incumbent deans has expired on June 30, but the authorities extended their term by three months as they could not arrange the election in time, sources said.

Meanwhile, the two main contenders—the Blue panel backed by ruling Awami League and the White panel supported by BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami—have finalised their candidates.

Blue panel candidates: incumbent Dean Dr Kazi Shaheedullah (Arts Faculty), Prof Harunar Rashid (Social Sciences), Prof MI Patwary (Law), incumbent Dean Prof Abul Hashem (Business Studies), Prof Mesbah Uddin Ahmed (Science), Prof Nowsher Ali Khan (Biological Sciences) and incumbent Dean Prof Muniruddin Ahmed (Pharmacy).

White panel candidates: Prof Towhidul Anwar (Arts), incumbent Dean Prof Asaduzzaman (Social Sciences), incumbent Dean Dr Ershadul Bari (Law), Prof Abul Kalam Azad (Business Studies), Prof Shafiqur Rahman (Science), Prof Serajul Islam Khan (Biological Sciences) and Prof Chowdhury Mahmud Hasan (Pharmacy).

The left-leaning Pink panel has not yet decided about their participation in the election. One source, however, indicated they might not contest the election.

Both the Blue and White panels have started campaigning in full swing for their respective candidates.