

White Panel sweeps DU Deans polls

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Ruling BNP-Jamaat supported White Panel swept the election to the Deans of seven faculties of the University of Dhaka, capturing 6 out of 7 posts of Deans.

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Rival Awami League-backed Blue Panel got only one—the Dean of the Faculty of Arts.

The sitting Dean of Arts faculty and Blue Panel candidate Prof Kazi Shahidullah of History Department has been re-elected the dean of the faculty for the third term. He secured 116 votes against his only rival Prof Sadrul Amin of English Department, who bagged 80 votes.

White Panel candidate Prof M. Asaduzzaman of Public Administration Department won the Dean of Social Sciences Faculty for the fifth term securing 64 votes. His nearest rival, the only candidate from Pink Panel, Prof Akmal Hossain of International Relations Department got 37 votes. Blue Panel candidate Prof Giasuddin Molla of Political Science got only 12 votes.

In Science Faculty Professor of Physics and President of Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) Dr AFM Yousuf Hajder has been elected the dean of the faculty. He got 101 votes while his rival candidate Blue Panel stalwart and former DUTA President Prof RIM Aminur Rashid bagged 76 votes.

Zoology Professor Dr Abul Bashir has been elected the Dean of Biological Science Faculty from White Panel. He got 80 votes against his rival the outgoing Dean Prof AZM Naosher Ali Khan of Botany, who secured 58 votes.

Sitting Dean of Business Studies Faculty Prof Syed Abul Kalam Azad has been re-elected by 76-56 margin against Professor of Finance and Banking SM Mahfuzur Rahman of Blue Panel.

Dr Taslima Mansur, from White Panel, narrowly escaped the electoral battle in the Faculty of Law, obtaining 11 votes. Her rival Dr Mizanur Rahman of the Blue Panel lost only by a margin of one vote.

Prof Chowdhury Mahmud Hasan of White Panel has been re-elected the Dean of Faculty of Pharmacy in a 15-9 margin against Prof Vidyut Kanti Dutt of Blue Panel.

The election was held at the university Teacher-Student Centre (TSC) from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm without any break. Treasurer of the university Prof Syed Rashidul Islam conducted the elections as election commissioner.