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Blue panel sweeps DUTA polls

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The 'Blue' panel of pro-liberation teachers backed by Awami League and CPB group won the election of the Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) bagging ten posts including President and General Secretary.

The "Pink" panel, supported by different left-leaning political organisation, captured three posts of members of the 15-seat DUTA. The pro-BNP and five-party backed combined "White" group which won the majority posts in the previous polls secured two posts of members while another "White" panel, backed by Jamaat-e-Islami, failed to win any post.

The election of the Teachers' Association held at the University Club building from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A total of 829 teachers out of 1060 cast their votes. The election result was announced by A.M. Haroonur Rashid, the Chief Election Commissioner, in the evening.

Dr. Md. Shahadat Ali of Zoology and Dr. A.A.M.S. Arefin Siddiq of Mass Communications and Journalism departments have been elected President and General Secretary capturing 318 and 285 votes. Their rival Mr. Monirul Haq and Mr. Md. Nurul Amin Bepary of BNP-five party supported "White" panel secured 192 and 256 votes.

The other office-bearers of the Executive Committee are: Dr. Khandaker Nizamuddin—Vice-President (Blue), Dr. Abul Hashem—Treasurer (Blue), Dr. Md. Abdul Aziz—



Shahadat Ali



Arefin Siddique

Joint-Secretary (Blue) and nine members—Dr. A.T.M. Zahirul Haq (Blue), Dr. A.B.M. Mahmud (Blue), Dr. M. Mustafa Chowdhury (Blue), Dr. S.M. Inamul Haq (Blue), Dr. Khandaker Bazlul Haq (Blue), Dr. Abdul Momin Chowdhury (Pink), Dr. Aminul Islam (Pink), Mr. K.A.M. Sa'd Uddin

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Blue panel

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(Pink) and Dr. Jinnatunnesa Tahmid Begum and Dr. A.F.M. Yousuf Haider (White-BNP and five-party).

While expressing their reaction to journalists immediately after the announcement of the polls result, President Shahadat Ali and Dr. Arefin Siddiq said that this was the victory of the pro-liberation forces who were struggling for holding the spirit of the Liberation War for long. They assured that they would put in their allout efforts in creating a terrorism-free campus and realising various demands of teachers community as well as students of the University.