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Appointment of DU V-C in couple of days

A new Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University will be appointed in a couple of days as the one-month tenure of the stopgap VC, Prof Shahiduddin Ahmed, expires on Monday, says UNB.

He was appointed for the time following the resignation of Prof Emajuddin Ahmed as VC on August 24 amidst mounting tension on the campus.

Chancellor of the University President Abdur Rahman Biswas on August 31 gave Prof Shahiduddin Ahmed, the then pro-VC, the appointment as Vice-Chancellor according to the Dhaka University Order 1973.

A new VC for the next four-year term, according to campus sources, is likely to be appointed by the Chancellor on Monday from the three-member panel elected by the DU Senate on Wednesday (September 25).

In that election by the Senate members, ruling Awami League-supported Blue Panel bagged all the three candidacies in the panel for the post of VC.

Pharmacy Department Dean and member of the governing Awami League's Advisory Council Professor AK Azad Chowdhury polled the highest 60 votes followed by DUTA President and Professor of Economics ATM Jahurul Huq with 45 votes and Prof Shahadat Ali of Zoology Department 41 votes.

Sources said Prof AK Azad Chowdhury stood the chance of being picked for the prestigious, and at the same time controversial, post of DU VC as he mustered the highest support from the senators.

Though the present President being Chancellor has the formal authority to appoint anyone from the panel, recommendation from the Prime Minister is significant in selecting a person who will lead the country's highest seat of learning for the next four years.