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DU V-C panel Azad, Zahur, Shaadat elected

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The pro-Awami League Blue panel won the three-member Vice-Chancellor's panel election of the University of Dhaka on Wednesday.

Blue panel candidate Prof. Dr. A.K. Azad Chowdhury secured the highest number of 60 votes. Dr. Chowdhury is the Dean of the Faculty of Pharmacy and a member of Awami League Advisory Council.

Two other Blue panel candidates who won the election are the President of Dhaka University Teachers Association President (DUTA) Prof. ATM Zahurul Huq and former DUTA President Dr. Mohammad Shaadat Ali. Prof. Huq secured 45 votes while Dr. Ali got 41 votes.

Now the Chancellor of the University President Abdur Rahman Biswas will appoint any one of this elected panel candidates as the next Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University for a four-year term.

The election to the three-member VC panel was held at a special Senate session at the conference room of Administrative Building of the university with acting VC Prof. Shahid Uddin Ahmed in the chair.

A total of 83 Senators attended the session and cast their votes in the election. Six senior teachers of the university contested the election under two panels—Blue and White.

The pro-BNP white panel candidates were defeated in the election as its candidate former pro-VC Prof. Wakil Ahmed secured only 25 votes. Prof. Sultan Hossain got the same 25 votes and other white panel candi-

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date Prof. Mahmudul Amin got 23 votes.

Meanwhile, Prof. Dr. A.K. Azad Chowdhury expressing his reaction to getting the highest number of votes on Wednesday said that he would try his best to maintain utmost neutrality if he is appointed VC of Dhaka University. He would also resign from the Advisory Council of Awami League before taking the charge of the office of Vice-Chancellor, he said.