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DU VC panel : Emaz, Anwar, Amin elected

The Dhaka University Senate Wednesday elected Prof Emazuddin Ahmed, Prof Anwarullah Chowdhury and Prof Aminul Islam to the three-member panel for the post of Vice Chancellor, reports UNB.

Acting Vice-Chancellor Prof Emazuddin Ahmed, a candidate of the White panel, secured the highest 54 votes while Prof Anwarullah Chowdhury of the dissident faction of the White polled 37 votes and Prof Aminul Islam of Blue panel 32 votes.

According to the DU Order 1973, the Senators will elect a 3-member panel and the Chancellor of Universities will appoint one of them as Vice Chancellor for a four-year term.

Three panels - two put up by rival factions of White and one

by Blue - contested the election.

Out of total 104 voters, 94 cast their votes to elect the three-member panel at a special session of the Senate Wednesday afternoon.

The special session of the Senate, chaired by Acting VC Prof Emazuddin Ahmed, was called under Article 21(2) of the Dhaka University Order, 1973.

The Chancellor appointed Emazuddin Ahmed to act as Vice Chancellor following the resignation of Prof Maniruzzaman Miah on November 1 last year. Prof Miah was appointed Ambassador to Senegal.

Teachers of Dhaka University are divided into three groups known as White, Blue and Pink. The Pink did not

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contest the election due to lack of support in the Senate.

White group comprising 'nationalist teachers' is known as pro-BNP and the Blue group as pro-Awami League having supporters of AL and other like-minded parties.

Candidates of the main faction of White panel were Prof Iazuddin Ahmed of Social Science, Acting VC Prof Emazuddin Ahmed and Pro-VC Prof Wakil Ahmed.

White's dissident group put up Prof Anwarullah Chowdhury, Dean of Social Science, Prof Monsur Musa of Language Institute and Prof Saidur Rahman of Bangla Department as its candidates.

Blue panel's candidates were Prof Aminul Islam of Soil Science, Prof Mohammad Moniruzzaman of Bangla and Prof Mohammad Mashihuzzaman, Dean of Science Faculty.

Prof Nurun Nahar, Rahman, M Shahjahan Mina and Prof Mohammad Aminul Islam proposed the name of the three panels before the session respectively.

Among the contenders, Prof Iazuddin bagged 31 votes, Pro-VC Wakil Ahmed 28, Prof Monsur Musa 20, Prof Saidur Rahman 19, Prof Moniruzzaman 22 and Prof Mashihuzzaman 26.

The White panel failed to contest the election unitedly following conflicts among its supporters. Despite request from the policy-makers, the dissident group of the panel selected another panel at the eleventh hour.

Two of the senior candidates of the Anwarullah Chowdhury panel returned to the mainstream group on Tuesday night. Later, Prof Chowdhury selected Saidur Rahman and Monsur Musa to run for the election.

The Senate comprises VC, Pro-VC and Treasurer as ex-officio members, 5 government officers nominated by the government, 5 parliament members, 5 eminent educationists nominated by the Chancellor, 5 researchers nominated by the Syndicate, 5 affiliated college principals nominated by the Academic Council, 10 affiliated college teachers nominated by the Academic Council, 25 elected registered graduates, 35 elected DU teachers' representatives, 5 student representatives nominated by DUCSU and Chairman of the Secondary and Higher Secondary Board of Education, Dhaka.

Wednesday's Senate session was attended by teachers representatives, registered graduate representatives, parliament member, student representatives, nominated representatives and other members from the Senate.