

Shah Aziz PM: Three new entrants

18-member Council of Ministers sworn in

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Ten Ministers and eight Ministers of State were sworn in at Bangobhavan on Friday at a simple ceremony. President Sattar administered the oath of office to the Ministers and State Ministers at the Credential Room of the Bangobhavan.

The President appointed the 18-member Council of Ministers with Shah Azizur Rahman as the Prime Minister. The other Ministers are: Professor M. Shamsul Huq, Mr. Abdul Halim Choudhury, Mr. Shamsul Huda Choudhury, Dr. Fasihuddin Mahtab, Prof. M. A. Matin, Mr. A. K. M. Mayeedul Islam, Mr. T. H. Khan, Professor Yusuf Ali and Khondokar Abdul Hamid.

The State Ministers are: Mr. Amirul Islam Kalam, Mr. Sunil Gupta, Choudhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, Mr. A. K. Faizul Huq, Mr. Oli Ahmed, Mrs. Kamrunnahan Zafar, Syed Manzoor Hussain and Mr. Awng Shwe Prue Choudhury.

Khondokar Abdul Hamid and Mr. Awng Shwe Prue Choudhury were out of the capital and they were sworn in the afternoon at a simple ceremony at Bangobhavan.

Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Jamaluddin Ahmed, Ministers Mr. Abul Hasnat, Mr. Abul Kashem, Mr. M. Saifur Rahman, Mr. Abdur Rahman, Mr. Mustafizur Rahman, Major General (Rtd) Majedul Huq, Mr. L. K. Siddiqui, Kazi Anwarul Huq

Mr. Abdur Rahman Biswas, Mr. Abdul Momen Khan, Mr. Emran Ali Sarker, Mr. Abdul Alim, Mr. Reazuddin Ahmed have been dropped. Among the State Ministers Maulana Abdul Mannan, Mr. Abdul Baten, Mr. Abdul Mannan Sikder, Lt. Col. (Rtd) Jafar Imam, Dr. Aftabuzzaman, Syed Mahibul Hasan, Begum Taslima Abed, Mr. Nur Mohammed Khan and Mr. Iqbal Hussain have been dropped.

President Justice Sattar dissolved the 42-member Council of Ministers in a move to free the administration from corruption and inertness on Thursday night.

BSS adds: Khondokar, Abdul Hamid, Mr. A. K. Faizul Huq and Mr. Oli Ahmed, all BNP Members of the Parliament were the three new inductions in the new Council of Ministers. Mrs. Kamrunnahan Zafar and Syed Manzoor Hossain who were Deputy Ministers in the previous Ministry were promoted to the rank of State Ministers in the new one.

The new Council of Ministers so far has no Deputy Ministers.

All the new Ministers excepting three—Prof. M. Shamsul Huq, Prof. Yusuf Ali and Dr. Fasihuddin Mahtab—are Members of Parliament.

The swearing-in ceremony

was attended by Vice-President Dr. M. N. Huda, Chief of the Army Staff Lt. Gen. H M Ershad, Chief of the Naval Staff, Rear Admiral M. A. Khan and Chief of the Air Staff, Air Vice Marshal Sultan Mahmud.

Portfolios

The President on Friday allocated the business of the Ministries and Divisions as follows, according to a PID handout.

President—President's Secretariat; Cabinet Division; Establishment Division; Science and Technology Division; Ministry of Defence; Ministry of Planning; Ministry of L & L R and Ministry of Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control.

Dr. M. N. Huda, Vice-President—Ministry of Commerce and Ministry of Industries.

Ministers

Shah Mohammad Azizur Rahman, Prime Minister—Ministry of Law & Parliamentary Affairs; Ministry of L G, R D and Cooperatives and Ministry of Religious Affairs; Prof. Muhammad Shamsul Huq—Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Mr. Abdul Halim Choudhury—Ministry of Food and Ministry of Agriculture; Mr. Shamsul Huda Choudhury—Ministry of Railways, Roads & Highways and Ministry of Ports, Shipping & IWT; Dr. Fasihuddin Mahtab—Ministry of Finance; Dr. M. A. Matin—Ministry of Home Affairs; Khondokar Abdul Hamid—Ministry of Health & Population Control and Ministry of Labour, Manpower & Social Welfare; Mr. A. K. M. Mayeedul Islam—Ministry of Energy and Ministry of P T & T, Civil Aviation & Tourism; Prof. Mohammad Yusuf Ali—Ministry of Jute and Textiles and Mr. Tafazzal Hossain Khan—Ministry of Education and Ministry of Information, Broadcasting, Sports & Culture.

State Ministers

The President assigned the functions of the Ministers of State in the Ministries and Divisions as follows:

Mr. Amirul Islam Kalam—Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock; Mr. Sunil Kumar Gupta—Ministry of Energy and Ministry of P T & T, Civil Aviation and Tourism; Mr. Awng Shwe Prue Choudhury—Ministry of Health and Population Control and Ministry of Labour, Manpower and Social Welfare; Choudhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf—Ministry of Relief and Rehabilitation; Mr. A. K. Faizul Huq—Ministry of Public Works and Urban Development; Mr. Oli Ahmed—Ministry of Youth Development; Mrs. Kamrunnahan Zafar—Ministry of Women's Affairs and (Syed Manzoor) Hossain—Ministry of Commerce and Ministry of Industries.