

All set for DUTA polls on Dec 21

By DU Correspondent

Election to the executive committee of Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) will be held on December 21.

The polling to the 15-member body DUTA, which plays an important role in various national and political issues, will be held at the University Club from 10 am to 2 pm on the day.

Two panels — ruling Awami League-backed "Blue Panel" and BNP-supported "White Panel" — are vying for the posts. Left-leaning Pink Panel is not contesting this year's election.

The candidates of the Blue Panel are: Dr RIM Aminur Rasheed for the post of president, Prof Abdul Mannan Chowdhury for vice-president, Dr Mohammad Ashraf Uddin Chowdhury for treasurer, Dr Mohammad Anwar Hossain for general secretary, Dr Hashibur Rashid joint secretary.

Candidates for the post of members are Dr AJM Nowsher Ali Khan, Dr ATM Nurur Rahman Khan, Dr Kazi Shahidullah, Dr Syed Gias Uddin Ahmed, Mohammad Jalal Uddin Rumi, Nasreen Mahvab, Dr Mohammad Moniruzzaman, Dr Mohammad Muhibur Rahman, Dr Mohammad Mesbah Uddin Ahmed and Dr Sharifullah Bhuiyan.

White Panel announced its candidates Prof SMA Fayez of Soil Science and the incumbent general secretary of the associa-

tion Ferdous Hossain of Political Science for the posts of president and general secretary respectively earlier.

The other candidates of the panel are: Prof Anwar Hossain of IBA for the post of vice-president, Prof Abu Ahmed of Economics for the post of treasurer, Dr Mahmud Osman Inam of Finance and Banking for joint secretary and Prof AFM Yusuf Haider, Prof Anwarullah Chowdhury, Prof Abdul Momin Chowdhury, Prof Abul Kalam Monjur Morshed, Prof Masuda M Rashid Chowdhury, Prof Rahim B Chowdhury, Prof Zinatunnesa Tahmida Begum, Prof Abdul Bashir, Prof Khalilur Rahman and Prof Amjad Hossain for the post of members.

Meanwhile, a hectic campaign is going on among the politically affiliated teachers of the university as the date for election nears.

In last year's election, out of 15 posts, White Panel bagged seven seats, including that of president and general secretary while Blue Panel managed eight, including that of vice-president and treasurer.

Some 1,200 teachers of the university will exercise their franchise to elect new executives of DUTA for the next one year. Prof Abu Zafar Mahmud will conduct the election as election commissioner.