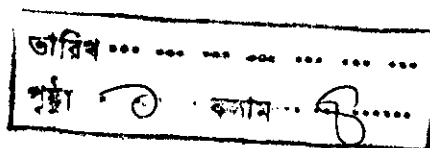


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## DUTA polls Dec 11, hectic campaign begins

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Hectic campaign is going on the Dhaka University campus for the elections of 15-post executive committee of Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) scheduled on December 11.

Two panels active in DU teachers' politics – ruling BNP-Jamaat coalition supported White Panel and Awami League-backed Blue Panel are vying in the elections while the left-leaning Pink Panel abstaining from the race.

Blue Panel captured eight posts including President and General

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## DUTA polls

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Secretary and White Panel got the rest seven posts of the outgoing executive committee.

Following the change over in the national politics teachers of the university treat the election as very important. Teachers are expecting a neck-and-neck fight between the two arch-rival teachers' groups.

White Panel nominated Prof AFM Yousuf Haider of Physics as the president candidate while the Blue Panel candidate is the Dean of Science faculty Dr AZM Naoosher Ali, Professor of Botany.

General secretary of the outgoing executive committee Sharif Ullah Bhuiyan is once again contesting for the same post as a Blue-Panel nominee. Prof Yarul Kabir of Bio-Chemistry is the White Panel candidate for this vital post.

Former DUTA General Secretary Dr. Hossain Monsur is contesting for vice president and his rival candidate is Dr Abul Khair of Chemistry.

Director of the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) Dr. Anwar Hossain, a new face in teachers' politics, is contesting for treasurer post. His opponent is Dr. SM Mahfuzur Rahman of Finance and Banking.

Two other new faces—Tahmina Aktar and Dr. Mujibuddin Ahmed, are contesting for joint secretary post.

The teachers who hail from greater Noakhali are learnt to have played a vital role in determining the election results always. Considering that both the panels have nominated a good number of candidates from those who have a Noakhali background.

The member candidates from Blue Panel are DR AAMS Arefin Siddique, Dr Ajoy Kumar Das, Dr RIM Aminur Rashid, Dr SM Imamul Huq, Khondkar Ashraf Hossain, Dr Tofail Ahmed Chowdhury, Dr Nazma Shaheen, Dr M Anwar Hossain, Dr M Ashraf Uddin Chowdhury and Dr Sultana Shafi.

Candidates for member posts from White Panel are Prof Abu Ahmed, Dr Abul Kalam Manjur Morshed, Dr SI Khan, Dr Tajmeri Selima Akhter Imam, Dr M Abul Bashir, Prof M Asaduzzaman, Ferdous Hossain, Dr Mahbubur Rahman, Syed Abul Kalam Azad and Dr Syed Rashidul Hasan.