



Mostafizur Rahman Fizar

Newly appointed State Minister for Environment Mostafizur Rahman Fizar was born at Phulbari upazila in Dinajpur on November 29 in 1953.

He obtained his LLM degree from Rajshahi University.

He was elected member of parliament five times since 1986. In the seventh parliament, he served as the chairman of the standing committee on disaster management and relief ministry. He also served as members of the parliamentary standing committee on public accounts and on communication ministry.

Fizar who was elected from Dinajpur-5 constituency on Awami League ticket on the December 29 elections pledged that he would ensure supply of agricultural apparatus with a lesser price and diesel, fertiliser and pesticides in fair price. He also pledged to take initiative to construct roads, bridges and culverts in the area on priority basis.



Dipankar Talukder

Newly appointed State Minister for CHT Affairs Dipankar Talukder was born on December 12, 1952 at Rangamati Sadar upazila.

Dipankar completed his matriculation from Bandarban Govt High School in 1968 and HSC from Dhaka College in 1971. He did his honours degree in English from Dhaka University in 1975.

The minister, also president of Rangamati district unit Awami League, joined the party in 1973 and was made foreign affairs secretary of the central committee of Bangladesh Chhatra League.

He also served as the secretary of Rangamati district AL from 1986 to 1989. He was made the district unit president in 1990.

Dipankar was elected as a member of parliament for three times in 1991, 1996 and 2008.

Implementation of the CHT Peace Treaty, ensuring gas supply and turning the Rangamati Govt College into a university are among his electoral pledges.

Tanzim Ahmed Sohel Taj

Tanzim Ahmed Sohel Taj, son of the country's first prime minister Tajuddin Ahmed, was born in Kapasia upazila under Gazipur district on January 5 in 1970.

He obtained Bachelor of Business Administration degree from American University in Bulgaria. He completed his masters from Gordon University in the USA in 2008.

He was elected member of parliament in 2001 with Awami League ticket. He served as a member of standing committee on youth and sports ministry.

Tanzim was appointed the state minister for home affairs.



Begum Munnujan Sufian

Newly appointed State Minister for Ministry of Labour and Employment Begum Munnujan Sufian started her political career in 1968 as president of Khulna Girls' College unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League.

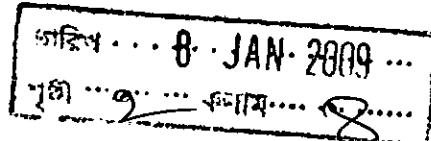
Graduated from Khulna Girls' College in 1969, Begum Munnujan is wife of Prof Abu Sufian, a prominent labour leader and freedom fighter who was later gunned down by assailants near Minakkhi Cinema Hall at Daulatpur in Khulna city.

Also a freedom fighter and pioneer of democratic movements, she entered into labour politics a few months after tragic death of her husband.

Munnujan Sufian who heads a number of labour organisations in her constituency became a member of Awami League central working committee in 1996.

She was elected a member of parliament (MP) from Khulna-3 constituency in 1996 from reserved seats for women.

In her electoral pledges, she said she would try to reopen closed jute mills and reinstate sacked workers. She also said she would take steps for supply of gas to Khulna through pipelines.



Yafes Osman

Newly appointed State Minister for Information and Communication Technology Yafes Osman was born in Chittagong on May 1 in 1946.

Son of prominent poet Shawkat Osman, he passed the Secondary School Certificate examination from Chittagong Muslim High School in 1963. He did his graduation in Architecture from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology. He was elected the Vice President of the Engineering University Central Students' Union in 1970.

He got involved in politics as a member of Bangladesh Chhatra Union. Later, he joined Awami League and became its Science and Technology Secretary.

The state minister is a freedom fighter who fought the liberation war of Bangladesh in Sector No-2 in 1971.



Ahad Ali Sarker

State Minister for Youth and Sports Ahad Ali Sarker was born in 1951 in Natore.

A valiant freedom fighter Ahad defeated former deputy minister Ruhul Kuddus Talukdar Dulu's wife Sabina Yasmin.

Ahad, who survived the August 21 grenade attacks on Awami League, got involved in politics from his student life. He was the president of Natore Nawab Siraj-ud-Doula Govt College unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League.

After the August 15 tragedy in 1975, Ahad was arrested while he was reorganising party workers during the martial law of Ziaur Rahman. He suffered detention during the martial law of HM Ershad.

He was elected twice as Natore Sadar upazila parishad chairman in 1985 and 1990. In the last parliamentary elections, he lost to Dulu by a nominal margin of votes.

Supply of gas in the region was the first priority among his election pledges. He also pledged to try to implement the Narad and Halda canal project, among others.



Dr Hasan Mahmud

Newly elected State Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Hasan Mahmud was born on June 5, 1963 at Rangunia upazila in Chittagong.

He completed his BSc Honours and Masters in Chemistry from Chittagong University (CU) in 1987 and 1989 respectively.

The minister obtained his higher degree on international politics from Geneva in 1996. He did another post-graduation in Environmental Science from Breeze University of Brussels in Belgium in the same year.

Dr Hasan obtained his PhD degree in Environmental Chemistry from Limburg University in the years of 2000-2001.

He has been doing politics since his student life. He was the senior vice-president of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) unit at CU in 1986 and president in 1989-90.

Dr Hasan performed as the general secretary of Belgium chapter of Awami League (AL) since 1995 until he returned home in 2001. He had been the assistant personal secretary (APS) to AL chief Sheikh Hasina since November 2001.

At the same time, he was also the central secretary for forest and environment affairs of the party.

Dr Hasan, who ran in the general elections from Chittagong-6 constituency, pledged to take initiative to rebuild Mariamnagar embankment to save all the unions from the Karnaphuli erosion.

He also said that he would try to make Rangunia free of terrorists and would build road and other infrastructures.