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Professor Dr. Iajuddin Ahmed administering the oath of the office of three advisers— Anwarul Iqbal, Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Matiur Rahman and Ayub Quadri—to the caretaker government at Bangabhaban on Tuesday.

5 more advisers appointed, three of them take oath

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Five more new advisers to the caretaker government were appointed on Tuesday by President Prof. Iajuddin Ahmed. The President administered the oath of office to three of the five new advisers at Bangabhaban in the evening.

With the appointment of five new advisers, the total number of advisers to the caretaker government headed by Chief Adviser Dr.

Fakhruddin Ahmed has now stood at 10.

The three advisers sworn into office on Tuesday were former Secretary to the Government Ayub Quadri, retired Major General (Doctor) Matiur Rahman and Former Inspector General of Police Anwarul Iqbal. Two other advisers named in the 10-member Advisory Council are Dr. Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury and Foyaz

Khan. They could not take oath on Tuesday as they are now staying abroad. Dr. Iftekhar Ahmed is a career diplomat and currently Bangladesh Ambassador to the United Nations. Foyaz Khan an IT specialist and consultant worked for the customs administration and modernisation project. They will take oath later on arrival in the country.

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5 advisers

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Earlier on Saturday five advisers to the caretaker government were sworn into office. They were Barrister Moinul Hossain, Chairman, Board of Editors of the Daily Ittefaq, Major General (ret'd) M.A. Matin, Dr. Mirza ABM Azizul Islam, Industrialist Tapan Chowdhury and Geeteara Shafia Chowdhury.

UNB adds: On Jan 11, the President stepped down as Chief Advisor of the 10-member nonparty interim government—assigned the main task of arranging parliamentary elections. Dr Fakhruddin Ahmed was sworn in as the new Chief Advisor the following day. Five Advisors were appointed on January 13.

Although the election scheduled for Jan 22 has been cancelled in the changed perspective, any fresh timeframe for the polls has not yet been announced.

The Fakhruddin government has primarily envisaged several agenda for holding credible elections: correcting the electoral roll, and introducing voter-identity card and transparent ballot box.

The caretaker government and the election commission might also open dialogue with major political parties before setting the ball rolling once again for the