

All future polls to be held in free, fair manner: CA

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Chief Adviser (CA) Fakhruddin Ahmed yesterday said he wants to see that the next general elections and all other future polls in Bangladesh be held in a free, fair and credible manner.

"There'll be a set of strong institutions with the capacity to ensure better governance and speed up the economy to alleviate poverty in Bangladesh," he said in reply to a question from the newly appointed ambassador of the Netherlands to Bangladesh, Bea ten Tusscher, as the latter paid a courtesy call on him at his office.

Terming the Netherlands as an important development partner of Bangladesh, Fakhruddin said the existing good relations between the two countries could further be improved, particularly in terms of trade and commerce.

He said Dutch investors could invest in Bangladesh making use of a highly favourable atmosphere and incentives offered by the government

for foreign businessmen.

The CA briefed the new ambassador on his government's various measures, including reforms, combating corruption, institutional capacity building and preparation for the next general elections.

The Dutch envoy said her country not only wants to continue to be a development partner of Bangladesh but also likes to work on economic sectors and share its experiences.

Tusscher termed the separation of the judiciary from the executive as a milestone and highly praised the Election Commission's bid to register around 90 million voters in a short time.

On health and education, the ambassador said they have started dialogue with the ministries concerned to find out how the Netherlands could help in education and healthcare.

Secretary to the Chief Adviser's Office Kazi M Arminul Islam and the CA's Press Secretary Syed Fahim Munaim were also present at the meeting.



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Air Vice Marshal (retd) AK Khandaker speaks at a reunion of Liberation War Sector Commander Forum at a city hotel on Tuesday. On his right are Maj Gen (retd) KM Shafiullah and Maj Gen (retd) CR Dutt and on his left are Col (retd) Quazi Nuruzzaman and Lt Gen (retd) Mir Shawkat Ali.

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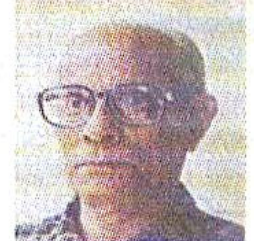
A total of 5,954 forms have been submitted for the first year admission test under academic session 2007-08 at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet), as the deadline ended on October 17, a press release said.

In three groups a total of 6,167 forms were sold.

A list of eligible students who will be able to sit in the admission test will be published on October 31, the release added.

The admission test will be held on November 8 to admit 885 students.

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