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"We heard that the schedule may be changed again. But we hope the government and the Election Commission will not in any way defer the election date, now scheduled for December 18...If the elections are not held in December, it will be disastrous for Bangladesh."

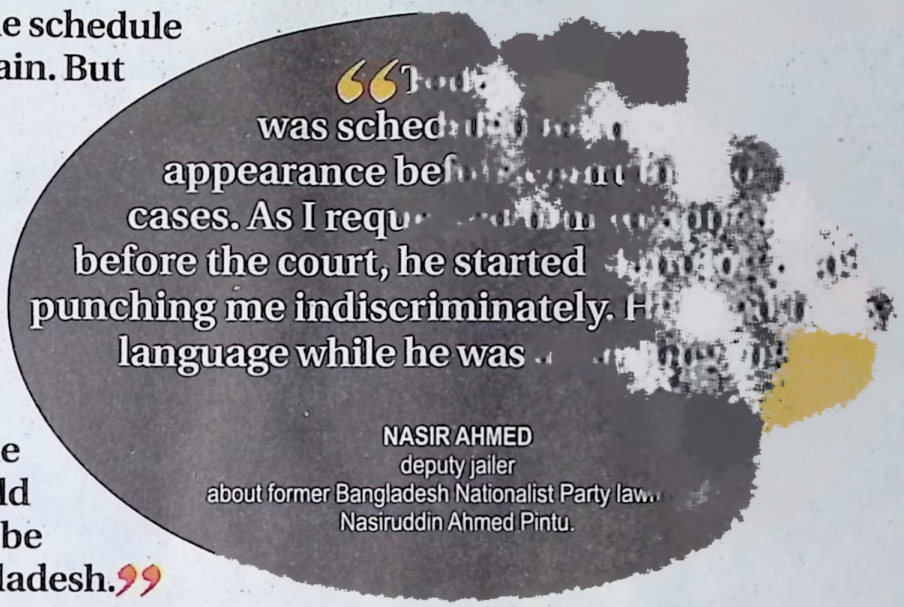
SYED ASHRAFUL ISLAM
spokesman and joint general secretary
Awami League.

"I urge all pro-liberation and progressive political parties to join the new electoral alliance because people are eager to walk away from the traditional two alliances."

BADRUDDOZA CHOWDHURY
president
Bikalpadhara Bangladesh
announcing the birth of a new coalition of like-minded parties.
"We were in the Awami League-led grand alliance before 1/11 in order to save the country from a civil war. Now the situation is different. We'll contest the election from our own platform," he also said.

"The poll schedule the Election Commission announced on November 2 rather hurriedly is not favourable for us to participate in the election and it indicates the commission's negative role."

KHANDAKER DELWAR HOSSAIN
secretary general
Bangladesh National Party.



"We've realised how corruption has planted its root over the years since independence. And we have learned it was the worst during the tenure of the last alliance government."

Justice HABIBUR RAHMAN KHAN
chairman
Truth and Accountability Commission.

"Through active participation, people can liberate themselves from unhealthy politics which results from manipulation of the powerful and the corrupt who disempower them and undermine the democratic institutions with the help of money, the media and other instrument of control."

KAMAL HOSSAIN
president
Gono Forum.