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15 BNP candidates in Ctg, one for alliance

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) finalised its nomination in 15 out of 16 constituencies under Chittagong district yesterday keeping one seat to share with the alliance.

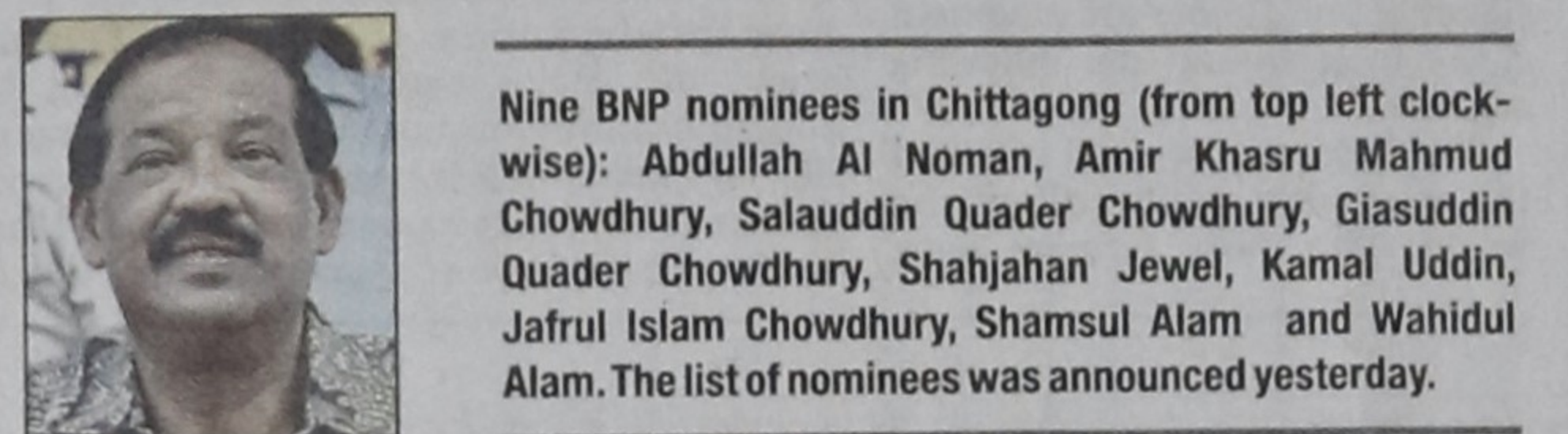
The party chose its previous lawmakers in nine constituencies to vie the upcoming election while it changed candidates in five seats due to different reasons.

Four industrialists have got BNP tickets at four seats. They were Clifton Group Managing Director Professor Md Kamal Uddin Chowdhury in Chittagong-1 (Mirsarai), Aslam Chowdhury in Chittagong-3 (Sitakunda), BGMEA leader Ershad Ullah in Chittagong-7 (Boalkhali-Chandgaon) and Messers MEB Group Managing Director Shamsul Alam in Chittagong-8 (Kotwali-Bakalia) seat.

Kamal Uddin was chosen as previous lawmaker of the constituency MA Jinnah left the party earlier and joined LDP.

Sources said Ershad Ullah got chance in Chittagong-7 as M Morshed Khan, who won in the seat in last two elections, lost his eligibility to contest as he has been convicted in a graft case.

BNP Chandanaish upazila unit leader advocate Nizamul Hoque Chowdhury got nomination from Chittagong-13



Nine BNP nominees in Chittagong (from top left clockwise): Abdullah Al Noman, Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury, Salauddin Quader Chowdhury, Giasuddin Quader Chowdhury, Shahjahan Jewel, Kamal Uddin, Jafrul Islam Chowdhury, Shamsul Alam and Wahidul Alam. The list of nominees was announced yesterday.

(Chandanaish) where Col Oli Ahmad won from BNP in 2001 election. Oli as a grand alliance nominee is now contesting from his newly formed Liberal Democratic party (LDP).

Others who got the confirmation from BNP were Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury from Chittagong-2 (Fatikchhari) and Chittagong-6 (Rangunia), former whip Syed Wahidul

Alam from Chittagong-4 (Hathazari), Gias Uddin Quader Chowdhury from Chittagong-5 (Raozan), former Livestock and Fisheries Minister Abdullah Al Noman from Chittagong-9 (Double Mooring-Pahartali), former Commerce Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury from Chittagong-10 (Bandar-Patenga), Gazi Md Shahjahan Jewel from Chittagong-11 (Patiya), Sarwar Jamal Nizam

in Chittagong-12 (Anwara), former state minister Jafrul Islam Chowdhury from Chittagong-15 (Banskhali) and Mostafa Kamal Pasha from Chittagong-16 (Sandwip).

Jamaat Chittagong city unit Ameer Shamsul Islam is seeking nomination from the four-party alliance in Chittagong-14 (Satkania-Lohagara) constituency, sources said.

NILPHAMARI-1

Tuhin's absence brightens Jamaat chance

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Jamaat-e-Islami is out to win the Nilphamari-1 (Domardimla upazila) seat in absence of Shahrin Islam Tuhin, nephew of former prime minister Begum Khaleda Zia, who is now hiding after being convicted by court for over 20 years.

As a convict, Tuhin will not be able to contest the upcoming Jatiya Sangsad (JS) elections. But BNP finds no other suitable candidate as his substitute.

Exploiting the situation, Jamaat is out to grab the seat in the pretext that Awami League (AL) might be the beneficiary in absence of Tuhin.

The probable Jamaat candidate here is Dimla upazila Jamaat Ameer Moulana Ishaque, party sources said.

MAGURA-1

Party rivals form body to 'resist' Akbar in Sreepur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Political situation in Magura has become tense again over nomination of former Awami League (AL) lawmaker Dr. MS Akbar from Magura-1 (Magura sadar and Sreepur upazila) constituency again for the coming polls.

Rival party men in Sreepur upazila at a meeting yesterday formed a 10-member 'resistance committee' to obstruct Dr. Akbar from visiting the upazila, party sources said.

They also announced a 12-day agitation programme to protest Akbar's nomination. The programmes include hunger strike and procession, party sources said.

RAJSHAHI-2

Badsha 'denied' alliance ticket

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Awami League on Friday night changed its nominee for Rajshahi-2 constituency where Workers Party Politburo member Fazle Hossain Badsha is seeking grand alliance ticket.

Prof. Abdul Khaleque, central AL adviser and former vice chancellor of Rajshahi University was given the party ticket replacing Mohila AL's central vice-president Akhtar Jahan.

Party sources here said Prof. Khaleque was selected by grassroots leaders for party ticket but the nomination went to Akhtar Jahan.

Later, Khaleque was chosen again when Akhtar Jahan refused the party ticket as she would not be eligible to vie because of her government job at Rajshahi University.

However, the change indicates denial of alliance ticket to Badsha, party sources said.

But some senior leaders said still there is chances for Badsha to get ticket for Rajshahi-3.

DISCONTENT OVER NOMINATION

AL men continue to agitate in Rangpur

RAFIQUE SARKER, Rangpur

Awami League men in Rangpur are still continuing movement demanding nomination for former MP Sharfuddin Ahmed Jhontu in Rangpur-1, former BGMEA president Tipu Munshi in Rangpur-4 and former state minister HN Ashiqur Rahman in Rangpur-6 constituency.

At least four thousand supporters, leaders and activists of AL held a human chain yesterday (Saturday) in Pirgachha demanding nomination for Tipu Munshi in Rangpur-4 constituency.

Again AL supporters of Mithapukur upazila unit held human chain programme with at least three thousand people on Rangpur-Bogra highway Wednesday demanding grand alliance nomination for former minister Ashiqur Rahman in Rangpur-5 constituency.

Awami League of Gangachara rejected Ershad's nephew Asif Shariar and demanded AL presidium member and former MP Sharfuddin Ahmed Jhontu as grand alliance candidate in



Sharfuddin Jhontu

Rangpur-1 seat.

The AL leaders of Gangachara wanted to cash in on sentiment of the common people and leaders and activists of JP against Ershad's decision to nominate Asif in Rangpur-1 constituency. On the other hand, AL leaders and activists of Mithapukur upazila wanted to cash in on huge development by Ashiqur Rahman in the constituency during 1996 to 2001.

Jatiya Party leaders of Gangachara (Rangpur-1) told Ershad that this time they would not compromise in regard to nonresident (outsider) JP candidate in the constituency.

JP president of Gangachara upazila unit Motiur Rahman told this correspondent, "We would nominate independent candidate collectively if



Tipu Munshi

Ershad does not change his mind."

A number of JP leaders of Gangachara on condition of anonymity said that they would even accept AL leader Jhontu but would not accept Asif Shariar in Rangpur-1 constituency.

The then JP leader Sharfuddin Ahmed Jhontu was elected MP in this constituency in the 1996 election. Before the 2001 election he joined AL and was defeated by JP candidate Moshir Rahman Ranga.

On the other hand Ashiqur Rahman was elected MP in Rangpur-5 constituency in 1996 in the by-election. Later he was made a state minister. Tipu Munshi was defeated by JP candidate Karim Uddin Bharsa in Rangpur-4 constituency in the 2001 election.



Rajshahi city Mayor AHM Khairuzzaman Liton, centre, introduces six Awami League nominees for constituencies in the district at a meeting of grassroots AL leaders yesterday as nomination deprived party leaders continue agitation.

Protesters to lose right to do AL politics, says RCC mayor

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) Mayor AHM Khairuzzaman Liton, who himself opposed party decision during the last RCC polls, yesterday said the protesters against the Awami League nominations for six seats in Rajshahi district will lose their right to do AL politics.

"Sheikh Hasina's [AL chief] decision for nomination is the final. Those who are protesting should stop it immediately or they will have no right to do Awami League politics in future," he said at the party's special workers' meeting at Rajshahi Zila

Parishad auditorium. Rajshahi AL General Secretary Omar Faruk Chowdhury, also AL nominee for Rajshahi-1 constituency, chaired the meeting.

A large AL faction led by district AL President Tajul Islam M Faruk is holding protest meetings demanding AL nominations to senior politicians.

They criticised AL nominations to three industrialists who are newcomers to the party. At the meeting, Liton called upon all to unite for ensuring victory in upcoming election as well as to fight against the undemocratic, communal and militant forces and establish pro-liberation ideologies.

All six AL nominees from the seats under district Omar Faruk Chowdhury, Prof. Abdul Khaleque, Meraj Uddin Mollah, Enamul Haque, Kazi Abdul Wadud Dara and Shahriar Alam were present at the meeting.

Khairuzzaman Liton himself went against the AL decision before August 4 RCC election when the party gave the AL-led combine ticket for Workers Party leader Fazle Hosain Badsha in the mayoral poll.

Following Liton's role under the banner of Rajshahi Nagarik Committee, Badsha had to withdraw from the RCC mayoral race. Liton later won the election.

24 injured as BNP rivals clash in Noakhali

A CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

At least 24 people including the officer-in-charge (OC) of Chakhal Police Station were injured in a clash between rivals of two groups of BNP at Kacharibazar on Sonaimuri-Chakhal-Ramganj road here yesterday afternoon.

The clash occurred as local BNP men obstructed party nominee Barrister Mahbub Uddin Khokon while he was on the way to Chakhal Upazila town from Sonaimuri on board a microbus. He got nomination to contest from Noakhali-1 (Chakhal-Sonaimuri) constituency in the upcoming Jatiya Sangsad (JS) elections.

However, supporters of both the groups chased and counter chased each other and locked in a bloody clash injuring 24 people. The injured included Chakhal Police Station OC Ashrafur Alam. Five vehicles including four minibuses and a truck were also set on fire by mob. Barrister Mahbub's microbus was also burnt.

Drama over as Saifur faces Muhit again in Sylhet-1

IQBAL SIDDIQUEE, Sylhet

The Sylhet BNP's internal drama is over through putting the former finance minister Saifur Rahman again for the region's most important constituency-Sylhet-1 (City and sadar Upazila). Accordingly, Saifur's son collected party nomination form Friday midnight from the party office.

A group of Sylhet city BNP leaders yesterday afternoon went to the house of Saifur at Baharmardan in Moulvibazar to talk over election preparation.

Saifur, who defeated AL's AMA Muhit in 2001 polls by over 40,000 votes declined to run this time in the pretext of serious internal feuds while a strong faction in the district BNP took an open stance against the stalwart. They even demanded for Khaleda Zia or Dr. Zohabida Rahman in Sylhet-1 constituency.

A move from the central BNP to field former chair-



AMA Muhit

man of Sylhet Pourashava-AFM Kamal also failed as the former BNP leader declined. Kamal as a rebel fought the Sylhet city corporation's mayoral polls in 2003 ignoring Saifur's decision to field the then district BNP chief MA Haque.

Kamal then quitted the party while BNP also expelled him as well.

Saifur won his home constituency-Moulvibazar-3 in addition to the Sylhet 1 and then quitted the Moulvibazar seat, for his



Saifur Rahman

son Naser Rahman, who won the by-election. Naser is serving a jail term in the ACC filed case for ill-gotten wealth. With Saifur's candidature for Sylhet-1, there will be a fight with AL's AMA Muhit again, some commoners feel.

However, Saifur does not enjoy that popularity by now for reasons, they opined. Meanwhile, none of the 3 other BNP lawmakers in Sylhet district are with Saifur. Rather they are just on the opposite position.

BNP nominees for next election in six divisions

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

According to the announcement from the BNP Chairperson's office following is the list of the BNP nominations for the upcoming general elections in the six divisions.

Sylhet division:

Sunamganj: 1-Dr Rafiq Chowdhury, 2-Nasiruddin Chowdhury, 4-Fazlul Haq Aspia, 5-Kalimuddin Ahmed Milon.

Sylhet: 1-M Saifur Rahman, 2-M Ilias Ali, 3-Shafi Ahmed Chowdhury, 4-Dilder Hossain Selim.

Moulvibazar: 1-Ebadur Rahman Chowdhury, 2-Advocate Abed Raza, 3-Msaifur Rahman, 4-Mozibur Rahman Chowdhury.

Habiganj: 1-Sheikh Sujat Mia, 2-Dr Shakhawat Hossain Jibon, 3-Abu Leis Md Mubin Chowdhury, 4-Syed Md Faisal.

Dhaka Division:

Dhaka: 1-Abdul Mannan, 2-Sabera Aman, 3-Gayashor Chandra Roy, 4-Abdul Hye, 5-Salahuddin Ahmed/Selim Bhuiyan, 6-Sadque Hossain Khoka, 7-Nasiruddin Ahmed Pinta/Nasima Akter Kalpana, 8-Afroja Abbas/Mirza Abbas, 9-Azizul Bari Helal, 10-MA Kaium, 11-Shahabuddin, 12-

Khandaker Mahbub Ahmed, 13-Moazzem Hossain Alal, 14-SA Khaleque, 16-Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia, 17-Brig Gen (retd) ASM Hannan Shah, 18-Khorshed Ali Mollah, 19-Dr Dewan Md, 20-Tamiz Uddin.

Tangail: 1-Fakir Mahbub Anam Swapan, 2-Sultan Salhuddin Tuku/Abdus Salam Pintu, 3-Lutfur Rahman Khan Azad, 4-Lutfur Rahman Matin, 5-Maj Gen (retd) Mahmudul Hasan, 6-Gautam Chakrabarti, 7-Abul Kalam Azad Siddique, 8-Advocate Ahmed Azam Khan.

Jamalpur: 1-Shahida Akter Rita, 2-Sultan Mahmud Babu, 3-Mostafizur Rahman Babul, 4-Faridul Kabir Talukder Shamim, 5-Sirajul Haque.

Sherpur: 2-Zahed Ali Chowdhury, 3-Mahmudul Haq Ruble.

Mymensingh: 1-Afzal H Khan, 2-Shah Shahid Sarwar 3-Engineer Iqbal Hossain, 4-AKM Mosharrar Hossain, 5-Zakir Hossain, 6-Engineer Shamsuddin Ahmed, 7-Dr Mahabubur Rahman Liton, 8-Shah Nurul Kabir Shaheen, 9-Khurram Khan Chowdhury, 10-Fazlur Rahman Sultan, 11-Fakhar Uddin Ahmed Bacchu.

Netrokona: 1-Barrister Kaisar Kamal, 2-Ashraf Uddin

Khan, 3-Rafiqul Islam Helali, 4-Lt Col (retd) Syed Ataul Haque, 5-Dr Mohammad Ali.

Kishorganj: 1-Masud Helali, 2-Idris Ali Bhuiyan, 3-Jahangir Alam Molla, 4-Advocate Fazlur Rahman, 5-Mashur Rahman Manju, 6-Sharifur Alam.

Manikganj: 1-Khandaker Delwar Hossain, 2-Afroza Khan Mita, 3-Harunur Rashid Khan Munnu.

Munshiganj: 1-Shah Moazzem Hossain, 2-Mizanur Rahman Sinha, 3-M Shamsul Islam.

Gazipur: 1-Chowdhury Tanbir Ahmed Siddique, 2-Hasanuddin sarkar, 3-Prof Abdul Mannan, 4-Abdul Mazid, 5-Fazlul Haque Milon.

Narshingdi: 1-Khairul Kabir Khokon, 2-Dr Abdul Main Khan, 3-Tofazzel Hossain Master, 4-Zainal Abedin, 5-Jamal Ahmed Chowdhury.

Narayanganj: 1-Kazi Maniruzzaman, 2-Badruzzaman Khan Khasru, 4-Giasuddin, 5-Abul Kalam.

Rajbari: 1-Ali Newaj Mahmud Khaiam, 2-Nasirul Haque Sabu.

Faridpur: 1-Shah Mohammad Abu Zafar, 2-KM Jahangir.

Gopalganj: 1-

Selimuzzaman Selim, 2-Sirajul Islam, 3-SM Jilani.

Madaripur: 2-Helen Zerin Khan.

Shariatpur: 1-Shahidul Haque Sikder, 2-Shafiqur Rahman Kiron, 3-KM Hemayet Ullah Aoranga.

Chittagong Division: Chittagong: 1-Prof MBM Kader Uddin Chowdhury, 2-Salahuddin Kader Chowdhury, 3-Md Aslam Chowdhury, 4-Syed Wahidul Alam, 5-Giasuddin Kader Chowdhury, 6-Salhuddin Kader Chowdhury, 7-Ershadullah, 8-Md Shamsul Alam, 9-Abdullah Al Noman, 10-Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury, 11-Gazi Md Shahjahan Jewel, 12-Sarwar Jamal Nizam, 13-Md Nizamul Haque Chowdhury, 15-Zafrul Islam Chowdhury.

Cox'sbazar: 1-Hasina Ahmed, 3-Lutfur Rahman Kajar.

Noakhali: 1-Barrister Mahbub Uddin Khokon, 2-Joydul Abedin Faruq/Kazi Mafizur Rahman, 4-Mohammad Shahjahan, 5-Barrister Maodud Ahmed.

Feni: 2-VP Jainal Ahmed, 3-Mosharrar Hossain.

Lakshminidip: 1-Nazimuddin Ahmed/Imam

Hossain 2-Kabir Ahmed/Barrister Abul Khayer Bhuiyan, 3-Shahid Uddin Chowdhury Anee, 4-Ashrafuddin Mizan.

Comilla: 1-Dr Khandaker Mosharrar Hossain, 2-MK Anwar, 3-Kazi Shah Mofazzal Hossain Kaikobad, 4-Majeda Ahsan, 5-Alauddin Bhuiyan 6-Aminur Rashid Yasin, 7-Khorshed Alam, 8-Jakaria Taher Sumon, 9-Col (retd) Anwarul Azim, 11-Abdul Gafur Bhuiyan.

Chandpur: 1-Ehsanul Haq Milon, 2-Nurul Huda, 3-GM Fazlul Haque, 5-MAMatin.

B'Baria: 1-Syed Ekramuzzaman, 3-Harun al Rashid, 4-Shakil Wahed/Abdur Rahim, 5-Kazi Anwar Hossain, 6-Abdul Khalek.

Rajshahi Division: Panchagarh: 1-Barrister Jamir Uddin Sarker, 2-Mozahar Hossain.

Rajshahi: 1-former IGP Enamul Haque, 2-Mizanur Rahman Minu, 3-Kabir Hossain, 4-Prof Gafur, 6-Azizur Rahman.

Chapainababganj: 1-Prof Mohammad Shahjahan Mia/Prof Mizanur Rahman, 2-Aminul Islam, 3-Harunur Rashid.

Gaibandha: 2/Comodore

(retd) Shafiqur Rahman, 3-Mohammad Ali, 4-Maj (retd) Reaul Islam, 5-Hasan Ali.

Dinajpur: 1-Syed Ahmed, 2-Lt Gen (retd) Mahbubur Rahman, 3-Sharifur Alam Proddhan, 4-Hafizur Rahman/Akhtaruzzaman Mia/Major (retd) Mirza Shamsul, 5-TH Akbar Ali.

Nilphamari: 1-Dr Zahid Hossain Proddhan, 2-Shamsuzzaman, 4-Amjad Hossain Sarkar.

Kurigram: 1-Shafiur Rahman Rana, 2-Tajul Islam Chowdhury, 3-Matiur Rahman.

Bogra: 1-Mokbul Hossain, 2-AKM Hafizur Rahman, 3-Abdul Momin Talukder, 4-GIS Mostafa/Ali Hossain, 5-Mahbubur Rahman Harej/Jane Alam Khoka/Shafiuzzaman Khokon, 6-Khaleda Zia, 7-Khaleda Zia.

Natore: 1-Fazlur Rahman Patal, 2-Sabina Yasmin Chhobi, Kazi Golam Morshed, 4-Mozammel Haque.

Naogaon: 1-Dr Salek Chowdhury, 2-Abdun Nur, 3-Akhter Hamid Siddique, 4-Shamsul Alam Pramanik, 5-Md Hasan Siddique/Lt Col (retd) Latif Khan, 6-Anwar Hossain Bulu.

Lalmonirhat: 2-Salhuddin Ahmed Helal, 3-Principal Asadul Habib Dulu,

(retd) Shafiqur Rahman, 3-Mohammad Ali, 4-Maj (retd) Reaul Islam, 5-Hasan Ali.

Dinajpur: 1-Syed Ahmed, 2-Lt Gen (retd) Mahbubur Rahman, 3-Sharifur Alam Proddhan, 4-Hafizur Rahman/Akhtaruzzaman Mia/Major (retd) Mirza Shamsul, 5-TH Akbar Ali.

Nilphamari: 1-Dr Zahid Hossain Proddhan, 2-Shamsuzzaman, 4-Amjad Hossain Sarkar.

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Pabna: 2-AKM Selim Reza Habib, 3-Group Captain (retd) Saiful Azam, 4-Siraj Sikder.

Rangpur: 3-Habib-un-Nabi Khan Sohel, 4-Rahim Uddin Bharsa.

Srajganj: 1-Abdul Mazid Minu, 2-Romana Mahmud, 3-Abdul Mannan Talukder, 4-M Akbar Ali, 5-Major (retd) Manjur Kader/Golam Maola Khan Bablu, 6-Kamruddin Yahia Khan.

Jaipurhat: 1-Majohar Ali Pradhan, 2-Golam Mostafa, 3-Thakurgaon: 1-Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, 3-Zahidur Rahman Zahid.

Barisal Division: Barisal: 1-Eng Abdus Sobhan, 2-Sharfuddin Ahmed Santu, 3-Selima Rahman, 4-Mejbahuddin Farhad, 5-Muzibur Rahman Sarwar, 6-Abul Hossain Khan.

Jhalakathi: 1-Rafiqul Islam Jamal, 2-Ismat Sultana Elen Bhutto.

Perojpur: 2-Nurul Islam Manjur, 3-Col (retd) Shajahan Mia.

Bhola: 3-Mej (red) Hafizuddin Ahmed, 4-Nazimuddin Ahmed.

Patuakhali: 1-Air Vice Marshal (retd) Altaf Hossain Chowdhury, 2-Shahidul Alam Talukder, 3-Faruk Ahmed

Talukder, 3-Md Golam Mostafa, 4-ABM Mosharrar Hossain.

Barguna: 1-Matiur Rahman Talukder, 2-Advocate Khandaker Mahbub Hossain.

Khulna Division: Khulna: 1-Amir Ezaz Khan, 2-Nazrul Islam Manju, 3-Sekandar Haidar Dalim, 4-Shah Kamal Taj.

Meherpur: 1-Group Captain (retd) Shamsujjoha, 2-Amjad Hossain.

Kushtia: 1-Altat Hossain, 2-Principal Shahidul Islam, 3-Principal Sohrab Uddin, 4-Syed Mehedi Ahmed Rumi.

Jessore: 3-Tarikul Islam, 4-TH Aiyub, 6-Abdus Samad Biswas/Barrister Omor Sadat.

Magura: 1-Iqbal Akhter, 2-Nitai Roy Chowdhury

Narail: 1-Biswas Jahangir Alam, 2-Sharif Khasrujaman.

Shatkhira: 4-H M Rahmatullah.

Chuadanga: 1-Ahidul Islam Biswas (Chuyadanga I).