

RUN UP TO THE 11th GENERAL ELECTIONS

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- Regarding Election Commission (EC) and/or CEC
- Regarding Juktafront and/or Oikyafront
- Regarding BNP
- AL and others

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July 16, 2017

According to Chief Election Commissioner KM Nurul Huda –

The Election Commission cannot intervene if any registered political party's activities are hampered before announcement of election schedule. The EC will be able to step in once the schedule is announced.

October 22, 2017

According to CEC KM Nurul Huda –

Election observing organisations should be careful in appointing its observers so that no persons with political affiliations get the job.

December 5, 2017

Juktafront is formed, a new 4-party alliance headed by Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury along with Bangladesh Krishak Sramik Janata League, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) and Nagorik Oikya.

February 8, 2018

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia is sentenced to five years in prison in the Zia Orphanage Trust graft case.

October 14, 2018

Jatiya Oikyafront launches, comprising of BNP, Gono Forum-led by Dr Kamal Hossain, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD)-led by ASM Abdur Rab and Nagorik Oikya-led by Mahmudur Rahman Manna.

September 20, 2018

Police foil a march of Left Democratic Alliance (LDA) by charging batons on its leaders and activists on their way to lay siege to the office of the Election Commission in the capital's Agargaon.

September 18, 2018

A petitioner asks the High Court to direct the EC not to publish polls schedules until a pending HC rule—asking the government why the provision for one per cent voters' signatures for an independent candidate should not be declared illegal—gets settled. The HC came up with the rule after Eunos Ali Akond, an aspirant independent candidate for the by-polls, filed a writ petition as he could not secure the required signatures to contest in by-polls of Barishal-5.

April 9, 2018

Chief Election Commissioner KM Nurul Huda says –

"In the past, army was deployed during the national elections. I am not saying army will not be deployed this time. Army can be deployed...it is the decision of the EC. I cannot make the decision alone."

October 16, 2018

CEC finds polls atmosphere satisfactory, comment comes a day after a rift mars an EC meeting. He says even if there is any disagreement among the commissioners, it will not impact the polls.

October 28, 2018

The Election Commission scraps the registration of Jamaat-e-Islami, following a High Court verdict declaring Jamaat's registration illegal.

November 12, 2018

EC decides to run mobile courts to check violation of the electoral code of conduct in all 300 parliamentary seats in the 11th national election, to be held on December 30.

November 11, 2018

Election campaign materials including posters and banners will have to be removed from public places by November 14, says an official of the EC.

November 13, 2018

AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury-led Juktafront declares its intention to contest the 11th general election under the 14-Party Alliance led by Awami League.

November 15, 2018

EC Secretary Helal Uddin Ahmed says the military will be deployed in the country from at least five days ahead of the election. "Army and Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) will be deployed five to 10 days before election," he tells assistant returning officers in Dhaka.

