



NAMES TO EC SEARCH PANEL

Ex-bureaucrats figure high

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Almost one third of the individuals recommended to be in the next Election Commission are former bureaucrats.

Names of 322 individuals pitched to be the chief election commissioner and four other election commissioners were published on the website of the Cabinet Division last night.

The names of at least three individuals have been mentioned twice due to what appears to be an oversight.

Some of those interested to be in the commission sent their own names while the others named on the list are nominated by political parties and professional associations.

At least 100 of them are former bureaucrats.

Some of the major opposition parties boycotted the EC formation process and didn't make any recommendations.

"Publishing all the names is a good step. But the final nominations should also be published for the sake of transparency," former cabinet secretary Ali Imam Majumder told The Daily Star yesterday.

The second highest number of nominees are from academia: 51 of the individuals recommended are former vice-chancellors and professors.

At least 42 former judges, including one former chief justice, and 24 lawyers are also on the list.

THEIR FURRY FALGUN
... Three-and-a-half month-old Mew snuggling up to this young lady, who brought her to the capital's Suhrawardy Udyan yesterday to celebrate Pahela Falgun, the first day of spring, which coincides with Valentine's Day.

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EX-BUREAUCRATS – AT LEAST 100

- Educationists – 51
- Former police officials – 10
- Former judges – 40
- Doctors – 7
- Former army officers – 25
- Journalists – 4
- Lawyers – 24
- Engineers – 3
- Businessmen – 14

SOURCE: CABINET DIVISION WEBSITE

No one from the judiciary helmed the Election Commission since 2007. The country's first six ECs were headed by former judges.

Former bureaucrat Mohammad Abu Hena was appointed the 7th CEC in 1996.

Former justice MA Aziz was appointed the 8th CEC in 2006, but that

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CEC Huda not embarrassed

Says the EC performed 3 main functions successfully

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Outgoing Chief Election Commissioner KM Nurul Huda yesterday said they have had successes but at the same time failed to earn the confidence of many political parties and fully contain the polls violence.

He also said the commission members had worked hard to fulfil their

responsibilities and were "not embarrassed" by the commission's performance over the last five years.

He was addressing his last press conference at the EC office.

About allegations of ballot stuffing on the night before the last national election and queries about 100 percent turnouts

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No democracy in the country

Says outgoing Election Commissioner Mahub

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

There is no democracy in the country, and the polls here do not reflect the will of the masses, Election Commissioner Mahub Talukdar said yesterday, his last day in office.

He also said the outgoing Election Commission rarely took any action against those involved in polls irregularities, including forgery, and bias.

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