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SEAT-SHARING DEAL

179 for Jamaat, 30 for NCP; IAB not on board yet

MAMUNUR RASHID and RASHIDUL HASAN

Amid brewing tensions between Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Andolon Bangladesh (IAB) over seat sharing, the Jamaat-led 11-party electoral alliance yesterday announced single candidates for 253 constituencies.

The announcement came at a crowded press conference at the Institution of Diploma Engineers in Kakrail. A chair had been reserved for IAB Ameer and Chormonai Pir Mufti Syed Muhammad Rezaul Karim, but neither he nor any representative showed up.

Though the banner at the conference read "consensus among the 11-party electoral alliance", IAB's absence pointed to rifts between it and Jamaat.

The combine set aside 47 seats for IAB and two other partners -- Bangladesh Khilafat Andolan and Jatiya Gonoratrik Party.

WHO ELSE GETS HOW MANY

Bangladesh Khelafat Majlis: 20

Khelafat Majlis: 10

Liberal Democratic Party: 7

Amar Bangladesh Party: 3

Bangladesh Nezam-e-Islam Party: 2

Bangladesh Development Party: 2

47 seats left for Bangladesh Khilafat Andolan, Jatiya Gonoratrik Party, Islami Andolon Bangladesh

Seat-sharing deals must be settled by January 20, the last date for withdrawal of nominations.

At the press conference, which began at 8:40pm, Jamaat Naye-e-Ameer Syed Abdullah Mohammad Taher announced the seat shares in the presence of Jamaat Ameer Shafiqur Rahman and top leaders of other allied parties.

Jamaat has been allotted 179 seats, National Citizen Party 30,
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A man with a child in his arms hurries past a student blockade at the Science Lab intersection in the capital. Vehicular movement at one of Dhaka's busiest points ground to a halt as students of seven colleges continued their protest for the second consecutive day yesterday, demanding the promulgation of an ordinance for the proposed Dhaka Central University. Story on page 3.

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Immunity for July warriors okayed

Law adviser says gazette in 5-7 days

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday approved the draft "July Mass Uprising Protection and Liability Determination Ordinance 2026," granting indemnity to participants of the mass uprising of July-August 2024 for actions as part of political resistance during the movement.

"I had announced earlier that this was our commitment to the participants of the July mass uprising -- a commitment rooted in our determination to build a new Bangladesh,"

Law Adviser Asif Nazrul said while briefing journalists at the Foreign Service Academy.

"As part of that commitment, the advisory council has approved the ordinance today," he added.

Asked whether the timeframe ends on August 5, Asif Nazrul clarified that since August has 31 days, the period covered by the ordinance runs from July 1 to August 31.

The approval came at the advisory council's weekly meeting chaired by Chief Adviser
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Players withdraw boycott, BPL to resume today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Cricketers' Welfare Association of Bangladesh withdrew its boycott late last night following a meeting with Bangladesh Cricket Board officials, opening the door for the Bangladesh Premier League to resume from today after a day of disruption triggered by a standoff between players and board.

"Keeping the greater interest of cricket in mind, we will resume playing tomorrow [today]," CWAB president Mohammad Mithun said at a joint press conference of CWAB and BCB yesterday.

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