

Mizanur Rahman made Prime Minister

26-member civilian cabinet sworn in

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A 26-member Cabinet with Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury as Prime Minister was sworn-in yesterday barely 17 hours before the newly elected Parliament goes into session.

The new cabinet will have three deputy prime ministers—Barrister Maudud Ahmed, Prof M A Matin and Kazi Zafar Ahmed.

President Lt Gen H M Ershad administered the oath to the cabinet members at a simple ceremony in the magnificent Darbar Hall of Bangabhaban in the afternoon. The function was attended, among others, by the two deputy chief martial law administrators, former ministers, members of the diplomatic corps and high officials. The four new faces inducted in the cabinet are Hashemuddin

Ahmed of Mymensingh, Mirza Ruhul Amin of Thakurgaon, Mominuddin Ahmed of Khulna and Maulana M.A. Mannan of Chandpur. They returned to parliament in the May 7 election on Jatiya Party ticket.

Three sitting state ministers Shafiqul Ghani Swapan, Sunil Contd. on page 8 col. 2

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Staff Reporter

President Ershad has assigned the ministries to the charge of the ministers as shown against their names:

Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury—Ministry of Post and Telecommunication, Prime Minister Contd on page 8 col 1

Shamsul Huda, Korban Ali chosen as Speaker, Dy Speaker

Former Religious Affairs Minister and Acting Speaker, Mr. Shamsul Huda Chowdhury, has been chosen by the parliamentary party of the Jatiya Party for election as Speaker of the Third Jatiya Sangsad, party sources told BSS yesterday evening.

The JPP also nominated former Minister for Labour and Manpower, Mr. Korban Ali for the office of Deputy Speaker, the sources said.

Election of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker will be held when the Jatiya Sangsad meets this morning at 10.

Both Mr. Shamsul Huda Chowdhury and Mr. Korban Ali have been elected to the Sangsad from Mymensingh and Munshiganj constituencies in May 7 Contd on page 8 col 1



Mr Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury smiling his thanks to President Ershad after taking oath as Prime Minister at Bangabhaban yesterday. —New Nation photo

Portfolios

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Moudud Ahmed—Ministry of Industries, Deputy Prime Minister.

Dr. M.A. Matin—Ministry of Communication, Deputy Prime Minister.

Kazi Zafar Ahmed—Ministry of Commerce, Deputy Prime Minister.

Justice A.K.M. Nurul Islam—Ministry of Law and Justice.

Major General (retd) M. Shamsul Haque—Ministry of Relief and Rehabilitation.

Major General (retd) Mohabbat Jan Chowdhury—Ministry of Food;

Major General (retd) M. A Munim, PSC—Ministry of Agriculture;

Major General (retd) Mahmudul Hassan—Ministry of Home Affairs,

Air Vice Marshal (retd) K.M. Aminul Islam—Ministry of Works,

Shah Moazzem Hossain—Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives.

M. A. Sattar—Ministry of Labour and Manpower.

Anisul Islam Mahmud—Ministry of Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control.

Sirajul Hussain Khan—Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock.

Rabia Bhuiyan—Ministry of Social Welfare and Women Affairs,

Anwar Hossain—Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources.

Salahuddin Kader Chowdhury—Ministry of Health and Family Planning.

Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury—Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

A.K.M. Mayeedul Islam—Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Inland Water Transport.

Hashemuddin Ahmed—Ministry of Textiles.

Mirza Ruhul Amin—Ministry of Land Administration and Land Reforms.

Momenuddin Ahmed—Ministry of Education,

Moulana M.A. Mannan—Ministry of Religious Affairs.

Shafiqul Ghani Shapan—Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism.

Sunil Gupta—Ministry of Youth and Sports.

Anwar Zahid—Ministry of Information.

The President also assigned ministers of state in the ministries as shown against their names:

Zafar Imam—Ministry of Jute.

Mesbahuddin Bablu—Ministry of Industries.

Sheik Shahidul Islam—Ministry of Youth and Sports.

Muzaffar Hossain—Ministry of Agriculture,

M. A. Sattar—Ministry of Commerce;

B K Dewan—Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives.

The President has also assigned the deputy ministers in the ministries shown against their names:

Ziauddin Ahmed Bablu—Ministry of Education.

Begum Momota Wahab—Ministry of Health and Family Planning.

A.F.M. Fakhruul Islam Muoshi—Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Inland Water Transport.

The President has appointed Zakir Khan Chowdhury as

adviser to the President for Freedom Fighter Affairs with the status and privileges of a minister.

M. Syeduzzaman, Adviser to the President with the status and privileges of a minister will continue to perform the functions of a minister in the Ministry of Finance.

Shamsul Huda

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election. FAZLE RABBI CHIEF WHIP

The party sources said the parliamentary party also selected Mr T.I. M. Fazle Rabbi, as the Chief Whip.

The party also appointed five whips who are: Dr Moinuddin Ahmed, Syed Mohammad Kaiser, Mr. T. M. Ghyasuddin Ahmed, Mr. Mustafa Jamal Haider and Begum Hasina Bano Shirin.

Cabinet

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Gupta and Anwar Zahid were elevated to the rank of cabinet ministers.

The two DCMLAs—Rear Admiral Sultan Ahmed and Air Vice Marshal Sultan Mahmood were dropped from the cabinet to give it a non-military character. Four generals reappointed as ministers were retired from the service recently.

Others dropped from the cabinet are Shamsul Huda Chowdhury, Korban Ali, Major General (retd) Mannan Siddiqui and Zakir Khan Chowdhury. Mr Chowdhury appointed as Acting Speaker was chosen by the ruling Jatiya Party for election as speaker today when the Parliament goes into its first session while Korban Ali was chosen to become Deputy Speaker. Zakir Khan Chowdhury was appointed Adviser to the President on freedom fighters affairs with the rank and status of a cabinet member. M. Syeduzzaman retained his position as Finance Adviser to the President.

Six state ministers appointed by the President are Zafar Imam, Meshahuddin Ahmed Bablu, Sheikh Shahidul Islam, Mozaaffar Hossain, M.A. Sattar and B.K. Dewan.

The last three were new entrants in the government. M A Sattar of Jamalpur is a former president of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

Three deputy ministers appointed are Ziauddin Ahmed Bablu, Begum Mamata Wahab and A. F. M. Fakhruul Islam, Begum Wahab and Fakhruul Islam who is Convenor of Upazila Chairmen Parishad, are new entrants.

All the state and deputy ministers save Col (rtd) Zafar Imam and Muzaffar Hossain took the oath yesterday. They were officially said to be sick.

Mostafa Zamal Haider dropped from state ministership was going to be compensated with the position of Jatiya Party Whip in the Parliament.

All but three ministers and one deputy minister are elected members of the parliament. Non member ministers are; Justice A.K.M. Nurul Islam, Major General (Retd) M.A. Munim and Major General (retd) Mahmudul Hasan and deputy minister is Ziauddin Ahmed Bablu.

The erstwhile cabinet appointed by the President under martial law proclamation of March 24, 1982 was dissolved before the new appointment. The President appointed the new cabinet after reviving relevant clauses of suspended Constitution which provides that the President may appoint one fifth of the ministers from outside the parliament.