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Press Release

Today, on 18 November 2025, Akhtar Ahmed, Senior Secretary of the Bangladesh Election Commission updated the position of voter list, the political party registration, and the inauguration of the 'Postal Vote BD' app at a press briefing before the journalists.

Voter List Update

As of 18 November 2025, the total number of voters stands at 12,76,95,183, of whom 6,48,14,907 are male (50.73%), 6,28,79,042 are female (49.26%), and 1,234 belongs to hijra communities. During the period 1–17 November 2025, a total of 82,799 new voters were enrolled through verification conducted by the Revising Authority. Of them, 54,525 are male, 28,270 are female, and 4 are hijra. Between 2 March and 18 November 2025, the overall voter growth rate is 3.20%, with male voter growth at 2.29% and female voter growth at 4.16%.

Political Party Registration Process

In the process of new political party registration, decisions have been made to grant registration to the Jatiya Nagorik Party–NCP and the Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal (Marxist). Notifications have been issued and certificates prepared for both parties. In addition, based on objections received after the publication of the notice in newspapers regarding the Bangladesh Aam Janogon Party, a final decision will be taken following further review and hearing. After reconsideration of the applications of 7 parties that were initially rejected (outside the 22 parties)—Bangladesh Popular Party (BPP), Bangladesh Republican Party (BRP), Bangladesh Justice Party (BUP), Bangladesh Nagorik Dal–BND, Bangladesh Conservative Party, Bangladesh Shantir Dal, Bangladesh Jonodhikar Party—decisions have been taken to reject these applications.

In the second stage, the appeals of 7 parties rejected during further investigation (within the 22 parties)—Bangladesh Bekar Mukti Parishad, Bangladesh Ganatantrik Party (BGP), Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JASAD–Shajahan Siraj), Jatiya Janata Party, Bangladesh Justice and Development Party, Amjonotar Dal, and Jonotar Dal—will be decided upon after additional investigation.

Expat Voting App

For the first time, the Bangladesh Election Commission has launched a mobile phone app to ensure registration of expat Bangladeshi voters. The app is titled 'Postal Vote BD' that ensures the voting rights of expat Bangladeshis. 'Postal Vote BD' mobile app was inaugurated at the auditorium of the Election

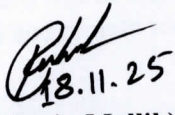
Commission Building. On 18 November 2025 at inauguration ceremony at 6:00 PM, the Honourable Chief Election Commissioner formally inaugurated the app. During the event, the background of the postal voting system, its operational procedures, and the online registration process etc. were presented. The registration schedule for postal voting for the upcoming 13th National Parliamentary Election and Referendum. This registration will be conducted regionally in several phases. The registration is scheduled as mentioned below:

- **Registration Start Date:** Tomorrow, 19 November 2025, beginning with expats in East Asia, Africa, and South America.

- **Phases:**

- 19–23 November: Countries of East Asia, Africa, South America
- 24–28 November: Countries of North America, Oceania
- 29 November – 03 December: Countries of Europe
- 04–08 December: Saudi Arabia
- 09–13 December: Countries of South Asia, Southeast Asia
- 14–18 December: Countries of Middle East (excluding Saudi Arabia)

Through postal ballots, Bangladeshi voters living abroad, officials and employees engaged in election duties, government employees working outside their home constituencies, officials and staff involved in election-related responsibilities, and voters in lawful custody will be able to cast their votes.


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