



BANGLADESH'S PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION



PRESIDENT MOHAMMED SHAHABUDDIN RESIGNS

- Bangladesh's President Mohammed Shahabuddin resigned on July 24, 2026, well before his term was due to end in April 2028.



CONSTITUTIONAL BASIS

Election Method – Article 48(1) of the constitution of Bangladesh states that-

- The President is elected by the members of Parliament (indirect election), not by popular vote.

Eligibility to be a Presidential Candidate (Articles 48(4) & 66 of the Constitution of Bangladesh)

A presidential candidate must:

- Be at least 35 years old.
- Be a citizen of Bangladesh.
- Not have been removed from the office of President through impeachment.

Also meet the below eligibility criteria:

- Be of sound mind.
- Not be under a court-declared bankruptcy process.
- Hold only Bangladeshi citizenship and owe no allegiance to a foreign state.
- Not have been sentenced to two or more years' imprisonment for an offence involving moral turpitude, unless five years have passed since release.
- Not hold a other paid government position



TERM AND TENURE

- The President is elected for a five-year term, can hold office for a maximum of two terms



CONSTITUTIONAL BINDING OF MP ON THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Article 70 of the Constitution of Bangladesh states that MPs can lose their seats if they vote against their political party's decision.

INTERIM ARRANGEMENT

- Under Article 54 of the Constitution, the Speaker of Parliament acts as President in the interim.
- He will serve as Acting President until a new President is elected.

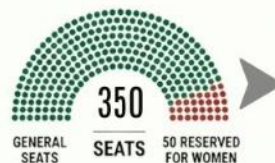
ELECTION TIMELINE - ARTICLE 123(2)

- Where a vacancy arises from the death, resignation, or removal of the President, the election must be held within 90 days of the vacancy.
- Since the resignation was effective July 24, 2026, the election must be completed by roughly late October 2026.

ROLE OF ELECTION COMMISSION

- The Bangladesh Election Commission's main responsibility is to announce the election schedule.
- The Chief Election Commissioner acts as the returning officer for the presidential election.

ELECTORATE - 13TH PARLIAMENT



RULING ALLIANCE (BNP-LED)
TOTAL SEATS: ~245
CLEAR MAJORITY

- Total Seats: 350
- 300 General Seats
- 50 Reserved for Women