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# Organizational Profile



**ইলেকশন মনিটরিং ফোরাম**  
**Election Monitoring Forum**

## Brief Introduction

Election Monitoring Forum - conducting various activities including democracy, suffrage, holding free and fair elections, public awareness activities on democracy, good governance and voting rights and monitors national and local elections. Various programs have already been undertaken and are continuing, including encouraging rural and less educated communities to vote and encouraging women voters to vote, organizing training workshops for observers, explaining the rationale for using EVMs, assisting the Election Commission in its activities and inviting international observers to national elections.

Election Monitoring Forum is the largest election monitoring organization registered by the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh under Article 28 of 1994. The coalition Election Monitoring Forum of 31 observer organizations registered with the Bangladesh Government & Election Commission.

International observers from various countries including Canada, India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan, and Maldives observed the election at the invitation of the Election Monitoring Forum in the 11th National Assembly elections and 5811 observers of the Forum observed in more than 17 thousand centers in 239 constituencies across the country.

Subsequently, by observing all the city corporation elections and local government elections in the country, the correct picture has been presented in the country and internationally.

Various Professionals from countries like USA, UK, Australia, Belgium, Ireland, Spain, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Poland, Japan, South Korea, Canada, Brazil, Turkey, Malaysia, Indonesia, India, Bhutan, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Nepal are involved in the activities of the Election Monitoring Forum.

The exchange of views of the Election Monitoring Forum with Bangladesh Election Commission on various issues including national and local government elections, international observers, voter safety, polling station discipline, conducting fair and impartial elections is continuing.

Organizations included in the Election Monitoring Forum monitors elections by trained observers. It should be noted that all the organizations included in the Election Monitoring Forum are monitoring the election by trained observers on a completely voluntary basis without any financial support from any donor organization, with minimal funding, and provide support in collecting important information about the overall situation of the election.

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## Background and Logicality

Election Monitoring Forum is the largest election observer platform in Bangladesh. It is a coalition of 31 observer organizations registered by the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the Election Commission was formed in November 2018.

The foundation of democracy is good governance and accountability of the Government towards the People of the State. To ensure good governance it is mandatory to go through a free, fair, acceptable and participative election process. Although it is the duty of Election Commission to arrange free and fair elections but still the other stakeholders of democracy like various parts of the Government including the administration and law enforcement agencies, the ruling party/alliance, opposition political parties / alliances, candidates, civil society, media, election observers, and above all, voters has their own role to play.

Election Monitoring Forum was founded to ensure all the stakeholders to receive accurate information of the Pre-election Situation, during the election & post-election situation in the national and international arenas. It also intends to enhancing the image of the country by establishing good relations among diplomats & international observers by presenting the electoral system of Bangladesh to them.

Observing the elections of the National Parliament, City Corporations and local governments and publishing election observation reports through press conferences. EMF also organizes various meeting, seminar and civil dialogue including observer workshops, awareness publications, cooperation with Election Commission activities, awareness and motivation of voters to their vote.

## Purpose of Election Monitoring Forum

Provide training to the member organizations

Coordinate with foreign observers

Ensure unbiased Election Observation

Prepare detail Election Observation Report

Publish Election Observation Report

Organize seminars on Election activities

Coordinate with Election Commission



## Board of Directors



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## Activities of Election Monitoring Forum



Foreign Observers of EMF speaking with voters on election day during 11th National Parliament Election.



EMF press briefing during 11th National Parliament Election.



Foreign Observers speaking with the press on election day.



EMF Election Observers speaking with voters during 11th National Parliament Election.



Election Monitoring Forum enquiring the voting condition with the officials during Election



Observer Training organized by Election Monitoring Forum





## Activities of Election Monitoring Forum



First team of International Observers of Election Monitoring Forum exchanging views with Bangladesh Election Commission.



Second team of International Observers of Election Monitoring Forum exchanging views with Bangladesh Election Commission.



Officials of Election Monitoring Forum greeting the Chief Election Commissioner of Nepal Mr. Dinesh Kumar Thapaliya.



Election Monitoring Forum exchanging views with Chief Election Commissioner of Maldives Mr. Fuwad Thowfeek and others.



International Observer of EMF Mr. Terry L. Esley, Mr. Nick Paul and VC of DU Prof. D. Akhtaruzzaman are addressing at a dialogue organized by EMF



EMF Chairman Prof. Mohammad Abed Ali addressing in a civil dialogue on the situation before 12th National Parliament Election organized by EMF



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International Observer of EMF exchanging views with Honorable Home Minister of Bangladesh Mr. Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal.



International Observers of EMF exchanging views with Honorable Information & Broadcasting Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud.



Team of International Observers of EMF exchanging views with the Honorable State Minister of Foreign Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam



Foreign Observers of EMF exchanging views with the Chairman and Secretary of Jatiya Party,



International Observer of EMF exchanging views with central leaders of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JASOD)



Foreign Observers of EMF exchanging views with central leaders of The Islami Front Bangladesh



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## Activities of Election Monitoring Forum



Election Monitoring Forum Team during Maldives Presidential Election.



EMF Chairman and Team observing Barisal City Corporation Election.



EMF Chairman and Team observing Gazipur City Corporation Election.



EMF Observer Team observing Sylhet City Corporation Election.



Election Monitoring Forum Team





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