

AL chose an honest, qualified person as president: Quader

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Online Desk: The ruling Awami League nominated a well-educated, honest, qualified and skilled person for the post of the country's president, the party's General Secretary Obaidul Quader said today. "We have nominated someone for the position whose career and entire life is glorious," Quader, also road transport and bridges minister, said at the Election Commission office this afternoon.

On behalf of Awami League, Obaidul Quader thanked Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Kazi Habibul Awal after he declared Mohammed Shahabuddin, a retired judge and former commissioner of Anti-Corruption Commission, president-elect of Bangladesh earlier today. He also thanked the CEC for conducting the whole process in a "fair and beautiful manner". "We got the announcement of presidential election after scrutiny. A copy has also been given to us," the AL leader said

About BNP's reaction on the presidential election, Quader said, "They have no interest in the country's constitution and democracy. If there is no interest in democracy and constitution, then they should not be interested who the president is. We weren't surprised about that. "We want to make it clear that we want a competitive election. It is our expectation that a party like BNP will take part in the election," he said.

Quader said the new president will work in accordance with the constitution after assuming the post. "The president will do what the constitution has entrusted him with," he said, adding that there is nothing the president can do beyond the boundaries of the constitution.