

# Appellate Division rejects writ challenging EC's gazette, no legal bar for Md Shahabuddin to take oath as president: SC

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**Online Desk:** Chamber Judge of the Appellate Division on Tuesday rejected the writ filed challenging the legality of the Election Commission's gazette that declared Md Shahabuddin as president. Judge Md Jahangir Hossain passed the order. Attorney general Sheikh Mohammad Morshed and assistant attorney general Md Saiful Alam stood for the state, while Adv MA Aziz Khan one behalf of the petitioner.

Earlier on March 15, the High Court rejected two separate writs filed challenging the legality of the process for electing Shahabuddin as president. Md Shahabuddin, a retired judge and former commissioner of the Anti-Corruption Commission, was declared president-elect of Bangladesh on February 13.

Incumbent President Abdul Hamid's tenure will expire on April 24 and he cannot become president again as he was elected for two terms. According to Article 123 of the constitution, the presidential election must be held 60 to 90 days before the expiry of each five-year term.