

FBCCI election to be held on May 5

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Dhaka : The commerce ministry has announced the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) will hold an election on May 5 as per the announced schedule.

Earlier, on April 6, the commerce ministry said in an order that taking the Covid-19 situation into account, trade organisations would be allowed to hold elections by December 31 this year.

After that, Bengal Group Vice Chairman Jashim Uddin, a presidential candidate in FBCCI election, met with the commerce ministry officials on April 7 and said confusions regarding the FBCCI election may arise due to the commerce ministry's announcement.

Then, the ministry issued the new directive saying that there is no obstacle in holding the scheduled annual general meetings and elections of the trade organisations which are running the process to hold them on time following the hygiene rules.

The FBCCI has prepared a new voter list in preparation for the next elections. The number of voters of the organisation is 2,501 in the whole country including the chamber and the association groups.

If the election is held on May 5, the voters will have go to the FBCCI office in Motijheel, Dhaka on that day, no matter what the Covid-19 situation will be at that time. Past elections have witnessed the presence of candidates and their

supporters, voters and businessmen, including the drivers of their vehicles, causing huge crowds at the FBCCI office and the road in front of it.