

10 Islamist Parties Support Manzur

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The briefing also declared to withdraw candidacy of Sammilita Nagarik Parishad (jointly formed by nine parties) candidate Afsar Uddin Chowdhury in support of Manzur. Afsar Uddin was the Jamaat runner.

Chittagong metropolitan BNP president Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury said, "Chittagong City has been destroyed in a planned way. The electorates of the city are frustrated over the lack of progress in the past 17 years and they want change in the mayor's office."

Top-ranking metropolitan unit leaders of the parties were present at the briefing.

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