

**Constitution
Nationalist Democratic Movement (NDM)**



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Article 1: Name of the party

The name of the party shall be Nationalist Democratic Movement (hereinafter referred to as NDM)

Article 2: Objectives of NDM

A. Basic Philosophy

NDM stands on the four unshakable pillars of Bangladeshi Nationalism, Religious Values, Spirit of Independence, and Accountable Democracy, to build the nation of our dreams and to fulfill the dreams of our valiant freedom fighters.

B. Commitment

NDM is committed to delivering on the following promises to ensure a nation of prosperity and equitable justice:

1. To advance, preserve, and protect the sovereignty and integrity of Bangladesh;
2. To strive by constitutional means for the establishment of an accountable democracy in Bangladesh;
3. To promote national integration and infuse a national spirit and unity amongst all citizens to forge a common identity under Bangladeshi Nationalism;
4. To secure justice and security for all by upholding the rule of law, establishment and protection of safe neighborhoods and secure communities;
5. To ensure decentralization of government and give power in the hands of local representatives;
6. To ensure checks and balance through independence of the three branches of government and thereby create accountability that is open to public scrutiny;
7. To ensure freedom of expression, and relief from oppressive laws that stand in contradiction to the rights given unto us by our constitution;
8. To ensure freedom of the press to establish an accountable democracy;
9. To acknowledge the fundamental right of freedom of religion that encompasses the freedom of all religions from being subject to oppressive laws and discriminatory acts;
10. To establish integrity, ethics, compassion as core moral values to promote transparency as well as a liberal approach, mutual respect and understanding of our cultural traditions and religious beliefs;
11. To promote national unity based on good governance, democracy and respect for human rights;
12. To promote, expand and enlarge democracy at all levels, particularly restoring local government elections, to give form and substance to people's empowerment and participation in decision-making based on the principles of equality, free, fair and independent electoral process as well as freedom of the press;
13. To grant equal opportunity and spread economic prosperity for all premised on value creation in a competitive market and an economic order that places equal emphasis on wealth creation and an equitable wealth distribution;
14. To pledge to improve educational standards based strictly on merits and needs, and provide full access and equal opportunities at primary, secondary and tertiary levels, especially knowledge-based IT sectors;
15. To protect our farmers and rural communities through economic incentives, structural frameworks, and government initiatives to ensure their prosperity and thereby the prosperity of the nation;
16. To protect workers and trade union rights under a framework of a right to work, provide for a fair and decent minimum wage of workers and maintain their real wages to ensure prosperity and a decent standard of living for all;
17. To eliminate all forms of gender bias against women in employment, education and healthcare;
18. To empower youths by giving them choice and access to power whilst instilling in them a sense of duty and responsibility;

19. To institutionalize accountability and transparency that checks corruption and financial malpractices thereby establishing integrity and trust in governance;
20. To offer affordable, accessible and accountable public health services that guarantees to meet the needs of the sick, infirm and aged;
21. To prevent further environmental degradation and destruction to preserve our natural heritage of clean, healthy and safe living for all;
22. To ensure food security through innovative farming practices and other national and international procurement policies, and ensure highest penalty by law for food adulterators; and
23. To ensure creation of adequate rural road networks, highway safety, expansion of riverine, railway, and airline networks.

Article 3: Flag of NDM

NDM's flag shall comprise of four red stripes extending from the right-hand extremity of the flag up to two-third of the way to the left, drawn over a palette of green matching the hue of the national flag. NDM's electoral symbol shall be placed in the left-hand first one-third of the flag. All printed party material, including banners, posters, pamphlets, etc., shall have the flag printed prominently on it.

Article 4: Membership of NDM

A. Eligibility

Any citizen of Bangladesh of the age of 18 years or above who subscribes to Article 2 of this constitution shall be eligible to become a member of NDM, provided that he or she:

- i. Is not a member of any organization whose views, policies or actions are in conflict with the objectives of NDM;
- ii. Is not currently a member of any other group or organization that can be regarded as a Political Party operating in Bangladesh (for resumption of rescinded membership refer to Article 15 of this Constitution)

B. Categories

There shall be two categories of members:

- i. Ordinary member: Any person who is eligible under Article 4A can become an Ordinary Member by filling up the prescribed party form and paying the prescribed subscription fees
- ii. Office-holding member: A person who has been an ordinary member for at least thirty days, or was a member of the initial convening committee shall be chosen by the President of said Committee to hold office upon paying the prescribed subscription fees for Office-holding members

C. Process

- i. A person can become a member of NDM either at his/her place of residence or where he/she carries on his/her business but at one time he/she shall not be a member at more than one place
- ii. If any Office-holding member changes his/her place of residence, he/she should get the address changed by giving intimation in writing to the concerned Committee within 10 working days
- iii. The list of party Members shall be frozen with the commencement of any election schedule announced by the Election Commission for the designated electoral areas

D. Cessation

A person shall cease to be a member of NDM in the event of:

- i. Death;
- ii. Resignation: office holding members may resign in writing to their respective Committee President; any Committee President, Secretary or members of the Superior and Central Executive Committees may resign in writing to the Chairman;

- iii. Expulsion/Removal: for details on this and for appeals against Expulsion/Removal refer to Article 15 of this Constitution
- iv. Non Renewal of Membership
- v. If he/she joins any other political party

Article 5: Organizational Structure of NDM

- A. The organizational structure of NDM shall consist of the following organs at the local, metropolitan, and district Levels:
 - i. Union Ward Committee
 - ii. Union Committee
 - iii. Upazila Committee
 - iv. Municipal Ward Committee
 - v. Municipal Committee
 - vi. District Committee
 - vii. Metropolitan Ward Committee
 - viii. Metropolitan Thana Committee
 - ix. Metropolitan Committee
- B. NDM organs at the National Level:
 - i. National Executive Committee
 - a. Central Executive Committee
 - b. Superior Council
 - ii. National Council
 - iii. Parliamentary Board
 - iv. Parliamentary Party
 - v. Advisory Council

Article 6: Local, Metropolitan, and District Level Committees

1. Union Ward Committee

- a. Every Union Ward Committee area must have a minimum of 101 subscribed ordinary members.
- b. The initial convening committee of the Union Ward will be responsible to hold a council and elect a full Union Ward Committee of 41 members, which shall consist of

President	1
Vice President	3
Secretary	1
Joint Secretary	2
Organizing Secretary	1
Treasurer	1
Office Secretary	1
Executive Members	31

- c. The President of the Committee shall have the power to bestow upon members other offices as deemed fit, depending on the needs of that local unit.
- d. The Union Committee shall have jurisdiction over the Union Ward Committee and upon completion of Union Ward Council shall declare the new valid Union Ward Committee.

- e. President and Secretary of the Union Ward Committee shall receive automatic membership as Executive Members in the Union Committee that has jurisdiction over it
- f. Councils for all Union Ward Committees shall be held once every three years, but not in the year of the National Council. Every new Committee member shall pay a one-time office-holding membership fee for the tenure of that committee.
- g. The committee must convene at least two plenary meetings annually
- h. Quorum for all Committee meetings shall be one-third of the strength of the Committee; under extenuating circumstances a quorum of no less than ten members can be applicable with special consent from the President and the Secretary of the Committee that has jurisdiction over them
- i. The Committee shall also be responsible for holding Union Ward primaries where all ordinary members shall be able to vote to nominate party candidate for elected local government office at the Union Ward level
 - a. President of the Union Committee with jurisdiction over the Union Ward shall be responsible for assigning two Returning Officers for the primary
 - b. Unless any candidate is chosen by a clear majority of total votes, the Union Committee with jurisdiction can recommend the District Committee with jurisdiction to nominate a different candidate
- j. In case of dissolution of committee the Union Committee, which has jurisdiction, will be responsible to assign a new convening committee in no more than 30 days from dissolution
- k. Thirty three percent of the members of the Committee will be female by the year 2020

2. Union Committee

- a. Every Union Ward Committee will select 10 office-holding members including its President and Secretary as councilors to vote for the Union Committee which has jurisdiction over them.
- b. The initial convening committee of the Union will be responsible to hold a council and elect a full Union Committee of 51 members, which shall consist of

President	1
Vice President	3
Secretary	1
Joint Secretary	2
Organizing Secretary	2
Treasurer	1
Office Secretary	1
Executive Members	40

- c. The President of the Committee shall have the power to bestow upon members other offices as deemed fit, depending on the needs of that local unit.
- d. The Upazila Committee shall have jurisdiction over the Union Committee and upon completion of Union Council shall declare the new valid Union Committee
- e. President and Secretary of the Union Committee shall receive automatic membership as Executive Members in the Upazila Committee that has jurisdiction over it
- f. Councils for all Union Committees shall be held once every three years, but not in the year of the National Council. Every new Committee member shall pay a one-time office-holding membership fee for the tenure of that committee.
- g. The committee must convene at least two plenary meetings annually
- h. Quorum for all Committee meetings shall be one-third of the strength of the Committee; under extenuating circumstances a quorum of no less than ten members can be applicable with special consent from the President and the Secretary of the Committee that has jurisdiction over them

- i. The Committee shall also be responsible for holding Union primaries where all Union Ward Committee office-holding members shall be able to vote to nominate party candidate for elected local government office at the Union level
 - a. President of the Upazila Committee with jurisdiction over the Union shall be responsible for assigning two Returning Officers for the primary
 - b. Unless any candidate is chosen by a clear majority of total votes, the Upazila Committee with jurisdiction can recommend the District Committee with jurisdiction to nominate a different candidate
- j. In case of dissolution of committee the Upazila Committee, which has jurisdiction, will be responsible to assign a new convening committee in no more than 30 days from dissolution
- k. Thirty three percent of the members of the Committee will be female by the year 2020

3. Upazila Committee

- a. Every Union Committee will select 15 office-holding members including its President and Secretary as councilors to vote for the Upazila Committee which has jurisdiction over them.
- b. The initial convening committee of the Union will be responsible to hold a council and elect a full Upazila Committee of 71 members, which shall consist of

President	1
Vice President	3
Secretary	1
Joint Secretary	5
Organizing Secretary	1
Treasurer	1
Public Relations Secretary	1
Office Secretary	1
Executive Members	57

- c. The President of the Committee shall have the power to bestow upon members other offices as deemed fit, depending on the needs of that local unit.
- d. The District Committee shall have jurisdiction over the Upazila Committee and upon completion of Upazila Council shall declare the new valid Upazila Committee.
- e. President and Secretary of the Upazila Committee shall receive automatic membership as Executive Members in the District Committee that has jurisdiction over it
- f. Councils for all Upazila Committees shall be held once every three years, but not in the year of the National Council. Every new Committee member shall pay a one-time office-holding membership fee for the tenure of that committee.
- g. The committee must convene at least two plenary meetings annually
- h. Quorum for all Committee meetings shall be one-third of the strength of the Committee; under extenuating circumstances a quorum of no less than ten members can be applicable with special consent from the President and the Secretary of the Committee that has jurisdiction over them
- i. The Committee shall also be responsible for holding Upazila primaries where all Union Committee office-holding members shall be able to vote to nominate party candidates for elected local government office at the Upazila level and for the National General Election
 - a. President of the District Committee with jurisdiction over the Upazila shall be responsible for assigning two Returning Officers for the primaries of Upazila level office
 - b. Unless any candidate is chosen by a clear majority of total votes, the District Committee with jurisdiction can nominate a different candidate for Upazila level office
 - c. Joint Organizing Secretary of the National Executive committee with jurisdiction on the area shall assign two Returning Officers for primaries for National General Election

- d. The result of the primaries for the National General Election will be given maximum weight by the Parliamentary Board in giving final candidate nominations, with written explanation to the District Committee with jurisdiction for any aberrations
- j. In case of dissolution of committee the District Committee, which has jurisdiction, will be responsible to assign a new convening committee in no more than 30 days from dissolution
- k. Thirty three percent of the members of the Committee will be female by the year 2020

4. Municipal Ward Committee

- a. Every Municipal Ward Committee area must have a minimum of 101 subscribed ordinary members. The initial convening committee of the Municipal Ward will be responsible to hold a council and elect a full Municipal Ward Committee of 41 members, which shall consist of

President	1
Vice President	3
Secretary	1
Joint Secretary	2
Organizing Secretary	1
Treasurer	1
Office Secretary	1
Executive Members	31

- b. The President of the Committee shall have the power to bestow upon members other offices as deemed fit, depending on the needs of that local unit.
- c. The Municipal Committee shall have jurisdiction over the Municipal Ward Committee and upon completion of Municipal Ward Council shall declare the new valid Municipal Ward Committee.
- d. President and Secretary of the Municipal Ward Committee shall receive automatic membership as Executive Members in the Municipal Committee that has jurisdiction over it
- e. Councils for all Municipal Ward Committees shall be held once every three years, but not in the year of the National Council. Every new Committee member shall pay a one-time office-holding membership fee for the tenure of that committee.
- f. The committee must convene at least two plenary meetings annually
- g. Quorum for all Committee meetings shall be one-third of the strength of the Committee; under extenuating circumstances a quorum of no less than ten members can be applicable with special consent from the President and the Secretary of the Committee that has jurisdiction over them
- h. The Committee shall also be responsible for holding Municipal Ward primaries where all ordinary members shall be able to vote to nominate party candidate for elected local government office at the Municipal Ward level
 - a. President of the Municipal Committee with jurisdiction over the Municipal Ward shall be responsible for assigning two Returning Officers for the primary
 - b. Unless any candidate is chosen by a clear majority of total votes, the Municipal Committee with jurisdiction can recommend the District Committee with jurisdiction to nominate a different candidate
- i. In case of dissolution of committee the Municipal Committee, which has jurisdiction, will be responsible to assign a new convening committee in no more than 30 days from dissolution
- j. Thirty three percent of the members of the Committee will be female by the year 2020

5. Municipal Committee

- a. Every Municipal Ward Committee will select 15 office-holding members including its President and Secretary as councilors to vote for the Municipal Committee which has jurisdiction over them.

- b. The initial convening committee of the Municipality will be responsible to hold a council and elect a full Municipal Committee of 71 members, which shall consist of

President	1
Vice President	3
Secretary	1
Joint Secretary	5
Organizing Secretary	1
Treasurer	1
Public Relations Secretary	1
Office Secretary	1
Executive Members	57

- c. The President of the Committee shall have the power to bestow upon members other offices as deemed fit, depending on the needs of that local unit.
- d. The District Committee shall have jurisdiction over the Municipal Committee and upon completion of Municipal Council shall declare the new valid Municipal Committee.
- e. President and Secretary of the Municipal Committee shall receive automatic membership as Executive Members in the District Committee that has jurisdiction over it
- f. Councils for all Municipal Committees shall be held once every three years, but not in the year of the National Council. Every new Committee member shall pay a one-time office-holding membership fee for the tenure of that committee.
- g. The committee must convene at least two plenary meetings annually
- h. Quorum for all Committee meetings shall be one-third of the strength of the Committee; under extenuating circumstances a quorum of no less than ten members can be applicable with special consent from the President and the Secretary of the Committee that has jurisdiction over them
- i. The Committee shall also be responsible for holding Municipal primaries where all Municipal Ward Committee office-holding members shall be able to vote to nominate party candidates for elected local government office at the Municipal level and for the National General Election
 - a. President of the District Committee with jurisdiction over the Municipality shall be responsible for assigning two Returning Officers for the primaries of Municipal level office
 - b. Unless any candidate is chosen by a clear majority of total votes, the District Committee with jurisdiction can nominate a different candidate for Municipal level office
 - c. Joint Organizing Secretary of the National Executive committee with jurisdiction on the area shall assign two Returning Officers for primaries for National General Election
 - d. The result of the primaries for the National General Election will be given maximum weight by the Parliamentary Board in giving final candidate nominations, with written explanation to the District Committee with jurisdiction for any aberrations
- j. In case of dissolution of committee the District Committee, which has jurisdiction, will be responsible to assign a new convening committee in no more than 30 days from dissolution
- k. Thirty three percent of the members of the Committee will be female by the year 2020

6. District Committee

- a. Every Municipal Committee and every Upazila Committee will select 20 office-holding members including its President and Secretary as councilors to vote for the District Committee which has jurisdiction over them.
- b. The initial convening committee of the District will be responsible to hold a council and elect a full District Committee of 101 members, which shall consist of

President	1
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Vice President	3
Secretary	1
Joint Secretary	5
Organizing Secretary	2
Joint Organizing Secretary	2
Treasurer	1
Public Relations Secretary	1
Joint Public Relations Secretary	1
Office Secretary	1
Joint Office Secretary	1
Women’s Affairs Secretary	1
Religion and Minority Affairs Secretary	1
Executive Members	80

- c. The President of the Committee shall have the power to bestow upon members other offices as deemed fit, depending on the needs of that local unit.
- d. The Central Executive Committee shall have jurisdiction over the District Committee and upon completion of District Council the General Secretary of the party shall declare the new valid District Committee with the Party Chairman’s consent
- e. President and Secretary of the District Committee shall receive automatic membership as Executive Members in the Central Executive Committee
- f. Councils for all District Committees shall be held once every three years, but not in the year of the National Council. Every new Committee member shall pay a one-time office-holding membership fee for the tenure of that committee.
- g. The committee must convene at least two plenary meetings annually
- h. Quorum for all Committee meetings shall be one-third of the strength of the Committee; under extenuating circumstances a quorum of no less than ten members can be applicable with special consent from the General Secretary of NDM, upon instructions from the Chairman
- i. In case of dissolution of committee the General Secretary, with the advice of the Central Executive Committee and consent of the Party Chairman, will be responsible to assign a new convening committee in no more than 30 days from dissolution
- j. Thirty three percent of the members of the Committee will be female by the year 2020

7. Metropolitan Ward Committee

- a. Every Metropolitan Ward Committee area must have a minimum of 151 subscribed ordinary members. The initial convening committee of the Metropolitan Ward will be responsible to hold a council and elect a full Metropolitan Ward Committee of 51 members, which shall consist of

President	1
Vice President	3
Secretary	1
Joint Secretary	2
Organizing Secretary	2
Treasurer	1
Office Secretary	1
Executive Members	40

- b. The President of the Committee shall have the power to bestow upon members other offices as deemed fit, depending on the needs of that local unit.

- c. The Metropolitan Thana Committee shall have jurisdiction over the Metropolitan Ward Committee and upon completion of Metropolitan Ward Council shall declare the new valid Metropolitan Ward Committee
- d. President and Secretary of the Metropolitan Ward Committee shall receive automatic membership as Executive Members in the Metropolitan Thana Committee that has jurisdiction over it
- e. Councils for all Metropolitan Ward Committees shall be held once every three years, but not in the year of the National Council. Every new Committee member shall pay a one-time office-holding membership fee for the tenure of that committee.
- f. The committee must convene at least two plenary meetings annually
- g. Quorum for all Committee meetings shall be one-third of the strength of the Committee; under extenuating circumstances a quorum of no less than ten members can be applicable with special consent from the President and the Secretary of the Committee that has jurisdiction over them
- h. The Committee shall also be responsible for holding Metropolitan Ward primaries where all ordinary members shall be able to vote to nominate party candidate for elected local government office at the Metropolitan Ward level
 - a. President of the Metropolitan Thana Committee with jurisdiction over the Metropolitan Ward shall be responsible for assigning two Returning Officers for the primary
 - b. Unless any candidate is chosen by a clear majority of total votes, the Metropolitan Thana Committee with jurisdiction can recommend the Metropolitan Committee with jurisdiction to nominate a different candidate
- i. In case of dissolution of committee the Metropolitan Thana Committee, which has jurisdiction, will be responsible to assign a new convening committee in no more than 30 days from dissolution
- j. Thirty three percent of the members of the Committee will be female by the year 2020

8. Metropolitan Thana Committee

- a. Every Metropolitan Ward Committee will select 15 office-holding members including its President and Secretary as councilors to vote for the Metropolitan Thana Committee which has jurisdiction over them.
- b. The initial convening committee of the Metropolitan Thana will be responsible to hold a council and elect a full Metropolitan Thana Committee of 71 members, which shall consist of

President	1
Vice President	3
Secretary	1
Joint Secretary	5
Organizing Secretary	1
Treasurer	1
Public Relations Secretary	1
Office Secretary	1
Executive Members	57

- c. The President of the Committee shall have the power to bestow upon members other offices as deemed fit, depending on the needs of that local unit.
- d. The Metropolitan Committee shall have jurisdiction over the Metropolitan Thana Committee and upon completion of Metropolitan Thana Council shall declare the new valid Metropolitan Thana Committee.
- e. President and Secretary of the Metropolitan Thana Committee shall receive automatic membership as Executive Members in the Metropolitan Committee that has jurisdiction over it
- f. Councils for all Metropolitan Thana Committees shall be held once every three years, but not in the year of the National Council. Every new Committee member shall pay a one-time office-holding membership fee for the tenure of that committee.
- g. The committee must convene at least two plenary meetings annually

- h. Quorum for all Committee meetings shall be one-third of the strength of the Committee; under extenuating circumstances a quorum of no less than ten members can be applicable with special consent from the President and the Secretary of the Committee that has jurisdiction over them
- i. The Committee shall also be responsible for holding Metropolitan Thana primaries where all Metropolitan Ward Committee office-holding members shall be able to vote to nominate party candidates for elected local government office at the Metropolitan Thana level and for the National General Election
 - a. President of the Metropolitan Committee with jurisdiction over the Metropolitan Thana shall be responsible for assigning two Returning Officers for the primaries of Metropolitan Thana level office
 - b. Unless any candidate is chosen by a clear majority of total votes, the Metropolitan Committee with jurisdiction can nominate a different candidate for Metropolitan Thana level office
 - c. Joint Organizing Secretary of the National Executive committee with jurisdiction on the area shall assign two Returning Officers for primaries for National General Election
 - d. The result of the primaries for the National General Election will be given maximum weight by the Parliamentary Board in giving final candidate nominations, with written explanation to the District Committee with jurisdiction for any aberrations
- j. In case of dissolution of committee the Metropolitan Committee, which has jurisdiction, will be responsible to assign a new convening committee in no more than 30 days from dissolution
- k. Thirty three percent of the members of the Committee will be female by the year 2020

9. Metropolitan Committee

- a. Every Metropolitan Thana Committee will select 25 office-holding members including its President and Secretary as councilors to vote for the Metropolitan Committee which has jurisdiction over them.
- b. The initial convening committee of the Metropolis will be responsible to hold a council and elect a full Metropolitan Committee of 101 members, which shall consist of

President	1
Vice President	3
Secretary	1
Joint Secretary	5
Organizing Secretary	2
Joint Organizing Secretary	2
Treasurer	1
Public Relations Secretary	1
Joint Public Relations Secretary	1
Office Secretary	1
Joint Office Secretary	1
Women’s Affairs Secretary	1
Religion and Minority Affairs Secretary	1
Executive Members	80

- c. The President of the Committee shall have the power to bestow upon members other offices as deemed fit, depending on the needs of that local unit.
- d. The Central Executive Committee shall have jurisdiction over the Metropolitan Committee and upon completion of Metropolitan Council the General Secretary of the party shall declare the new valid Metropolitan Committee with the Party Chairman’s consent
- e. President and Secretary of the Metropolitan Committee shall receive automatic membership as Executive Members in the Central Executive Committee

- f. Councils for all Metropolitan Committees shall be held once every three years, but not in the year of the National Council. Every new Committee member shall pay a one-time office-holding membership fee for the tenure of that committee.
- g. The committee must convene at least two plenary meetings annually
- h. Quorum for all Committee meetings shall be one-third of the strength of the Committee; under extenuating circumstances a quorum of no less than ten members can be applicable with special consent from General Secretary of NDM, upon instructions from the Chairman
- i. In case of dissolution of committee the General Secretary, with the advice of the Central Executive Committee and consent of the Party Chairman, will be responsible to assign a new convening committee in no more than 30 days from dissolution
- j. Thirty three percent of the members of the Committee will be female by the year 2020

Article 7: National Executive Committee

1. Central Executive Committee

- A. The Central Executive Committee shall have 213 members and be the highest operational body of NDM and shall organize and coordinate the activities of the party at the National Level
- B. The Central Executive Committee shall be led by the General Secretary of NDM.
- C. The Committee will include all District and Metropolitan Committees' Presidents and Secretaries, and the Presidents and Secretaries of NDM's wing organizations, as Organizing Secretary, Divisional Secretary, Joint Organizing Secretary, Joint Divisional Secretary, and Executive Members
- D. All members of the Central Executive Committee shall be available for the party's work on a regular basis
- E. The Committee shall monitor and supervise the activities of Party functionaries at various levels in the country
- F. They shall undertake all such activities as are needed to meet the objectives of NDM throughout the country
- G. They shall undertake any and all activities related to public issues as dictated by the Superior Council
- H. Shall be responsible for updating the General Secretary on task progress and state of the party in their respective jurisdictions at least once every month
- I. The Committee shall consist of the forum of Joint General Secretary (19), the forum of Organizing Secretary (38), Divisional Secretary (23), Joint Organizing Secretary (38), Joint Divisional Secretary (23), and Executive Members (71)
 - a. Joint General Secretary (19) shall be in charge of assisting the General Secretary in overall operational work of NDM and each shall take charge of supervision of all party work in the assigned respective areas.
 - b. Organizing Secretary (38)
 - i. shall aid the Joint General Secretary in conducting all party activities in their given jurisdictional region, which shall be denoted by parliamentary constituency
 - ii. two Organizing Secretary shall be given the shared jurisdiction of the parliamentary constituencies of each Joint General Secretary
 - iii. shall be chosen primarily from among District and Metropolitan Committee President, with no more than two-third of the forum consisting of District Committee President
 - c. Divisional Secretary (23)
 - i. shall be responsible for the party's task based organizational work as follows:
 - 1. Treasurer
 - 2. Public Relations Secretary
 - 3. Office Secretary

4. ICT & Social Media Secretary
 5. Legal Affairs Secretary
 6. International Relations Secretary
 7. Research & Information Secretary
 8. Programs & Promotions Secretary
 9. Labor Affairs Secretary
 10. Student Affairs Secretary
 11. Youth Affairs Secretary
 12. Religious Affairs Secretary
 13. Women's Affairs Secretary
 14. Minority Affairs Secretary
 15. Science & Technology Secretary
 16. Education & Publication Secretary
 17. Co-operatives & NGO Affairs Secretary
 18. Social Welfare Secretary
 19. Farmers' & Agricultural Affairs Secretary
 20. Corporate Relations Secretary
 21. Cultural Affairs Secretary
 22. Sports Affairs Secretary
 23. Liberation War & Veterans Affairs Secretary
- ii. no more than one-third can be chosen from among District and Metropolitan Committee President
 - iii. shall assist the Vice Chairman in policy related affairs when necessary
- d. Joint Organizing Secretary (38)
- i. shall aid the Organizing Secretary and in turn the Joint General Secretary in conducting all party activities in their given jurisdictional region, which shall be denoted by parliamentary constituency
 - ii. shall be chosen primarily from among District and Metropolitan Committee Secretary, with no more than two-third of the forum consisting of District Committee Secretary
- e. Joint Divisional Secretary (23)
- i. shall assist the Divisional Secretary in conducting NDM's task based organizational work
 - ii. no more than one-third can be chosen from among District and Metropolitan Committee Secretary

2. Superior Council

- A. The Superior Council shall have 44 members (43 voting members) and be the apex regulatory and policy making body of NDM
- B. Shall function as the interpreter of this Constitution
- C. The Chairman of NDM shall preside over the Superior Council
- D. It shall comprise of
 - a. Chairman of NDM
 - b. Superior Council Member (21)
 - i. Shall be responsible for all party ideological and political decisions as the highest law making body of NDM
 - c. Vice Chairman (21)
 - i. Shall be the de facto shadow cabinet of NDM
 - ii. It shall consist of policy jurisdictions as follows:
 1. 1st Vice Chairman

2. Vice Chairman Foreign Affairs
 3. Vice Chairman Treasury
 4. Vice Chairman Law
 5. Vice Chairman Local Government, Rural Development & Cooperative
 6. Vice Chairman Home Affairs
 7. Vice Chairman Industries & Commerce
 8. Vice Chairman Labor, Expatriates' Welfare & Overseas Employment
 9. Vice Chairman Agriculture
 10. Vice Chairman Health & Family Welfare
 11. Vice Chairman Housing, Development, & Public Works
 12. Vice Chairman Communications
 13. Vice Chairman Education
 14. Vice Chairman Power, Energy & Mineral Resources
 15. Vice Chairman Planning & Public Administration
 16. Vice Chairman Information & Cultural Affairs
 17. Vice Chairman Liberation War & Veterans Affairs
 18. Vice Chairman Science & ICT
 19. Vice Chairman Water Resources
 20. Vice Chairman Women & Children Affairs
 21. Vice Chairman Religious and Minority Affairs
- E. All meetings of the Superior Council shall be called by NDM Chairman (for extenuating circumstances refer to Article 14)
 - F. General Secretary of NDM shall have a reserved position and vote in the Superior Council
 - G. The Committee shall hold at least three annual meetings
 - H. Quorum for all Superior Council meetings shall be one-half of Superior Council Member; under extenuating circumstances a quorum of no less than six Superior Council Member and five Vice Chairman can be applicable with special consent from the Party Chairman
 - I. The Chairman shall have veto power over all Superior Council decision unless passed with more than a two-third majority of the present vote

Article 9: National Council

- A. The National Council shall be the final arbiter of all decisions and actions of the party
- B. It shall be held once every three years from the registration of the party
- C. The General Secretary shall make all arrangement for the National Council as per the instructions of the Chairman
- D. Announcement for the National Council must be made a minimum of sixty days before the date of the National Council
- E. All members of the National Executive Committee shall be elected through the National Council
- F. Councilors of the National Council shall be
 - a. All President and Secretary of all Union Ward Committee, Municipal Ward Commit, and Metropolitan Ward Committee
 - b. All President and Secretary of Union Committee, Upazila Committee, Municipal Committee, Metropolitan Thana Committee
 - c. All President and Secretary of District Committee and Metropolitan Committee
 - d. Twenty five additional councilors from each District Committee and Metropolitan Committee, to be chosen in the first meeting of that committee, and updated in every annual meeting of said committee
 - e. All President and Secretary of NDM Wing organizations

- f. Twenty five additional councilors from each Wing organization Committee, to be chosen in the first meeting of that committee, and updated in every annual meeting of said committee
- g. All members of the Advisory Council
- G. All Councilors must pay their councilor fee and register to vote in the National Council at least thirty days prior to the date of the National Council
- H. Under extenuating circumstance the Superior Council, with the consent of the Chairman, can postpone the National Council

Article 10: Parliamentary Board

- I. The Parliamentary Board shall consist of NDM Chairman and ten other members of the National Executive Committee
- J. The Chairman shall act as President and the General Secretary shall act as Secretary of the Parliamentary Board
- K. A minimum of one-half of the members of the Board shall be nominated from the Superior Council, the rest of the members shall be nominated from the Central Executive Committee by the Chairman
- L. The Board shall be responsible for giving party nominations for national General Elections
 - a. They shall review the results of the primaries held at the Upazila and the Metropolitan Thana levels
 - b. In cases of no clear majority winner in the primary the Board shall be final arbiter of nomination
 - c. In cases of tangible evidence of moral turpitude or a threat to the party's greater interest, the Board shall have the authority to overturn the decision of the primary, but in such cases shall present their case in written form to the forums that held the primary for that candidate
- M. In case of a stalemate of the Board's vote regarding any nomination, the Chairman shall be the final arbiter
- N. The Chairman shall have veto over the Board's vote unless passed with a more than two-third majority
- O. Upon completion of election the Board shall have power to supervise and regulate the activities of the Parliamentary Party, to guide in the formation of ministry and also have the authority to take note of any breach of discipline by members of the Parliamentary Party

Article 11: Parliamentary Party

- A. Shall be created by NDM Members of Parliament
- B. Shall elect Parliamentary Party leader, deputy leader, chief whip, and whips in consultation with the Parliamentary Board
- C. A majority decision of both the Parliamentary Party and the Parliamentary Board together shall be considered the decision of NDM and be treated as such for all purposes

Article 12: Advisory Council & NDM Wings

- A. NDM shall have an Advisory Forum consisting of respected specialists
 - a. NDM Chairman shall have the authority to engage specialists from any relevant field and eminent national personalities as member of the party's Advisory Forum to aid the Superior Council with their duties
 - b. Members of the Advisory Forum can sit-in on Superior Council Meetings with the Chairman's permission, but shall not have the power to vote
 - c. Members of the Advisory Forum shall be regarded as a part of the Superior Council
 - d. Members of the Advisory Forum shall be councilors in the National Council
- B. To spread the message and ideals of NDM among different cross sections of the citizenry it shall have the assistance of the following seven wing organizations, whose Central Committee shall share the status of District Committee as defined in this Constitution and conduct themselves with such rigor

- a. Nationalist Democratic Youth Movement
 - b. Nationalist Democratic Women’s Movement
 - c. Nationalist Democratic Cooperative Movement
 - d. Nationalist Democratic Farmer Movement
 - e. Nationalist Democratic Ulama Movement
 - f. Nationalist Democratic Cultural Movement
 - g. Nationalist Democratic Freedom Fighters Movement
- C. Additionally NDM shall have supporting organizations and forums that believe in the party’s ideals, but will have their own independent constitution according to which they each shall be organized
- a. National Democratic Labor Movement
 - b. National Democratic Student Movement
 - c. National Democratic Lawyers Movement
 - d. National Democratic Movement of Expatriate Bangladeshis in various regions of the world

Article 13: NDM Funds

- A. Collection of Funds
- a. Funds shall be collected by means of membership fee, voluntary donations, sale of party material, cultural programs etc.
 - b. Only the Treasurer of any committee, or someone else authorized by said committee, shall receive the funds
- B. Donation and Membership Fees
- a. Ordinary members of the party shall pay an annual membership fee of Tk.100 each
 - b. Office holding members of the party shall pay a one-time office-holding membership fee for the tenure of that office which shall be as follows:
 - i. Union Ward Committee, Municipal Ward Committee, Metropolitan Thana Ward Committee Executive Members: Tk. 300
 - ii. Union Ward Committee, Municipal Ward Committee, Metropolitan Thana Ward Committee members with specific office: Tk. 500
 - iii. President and Secretary of Union Ward Committee, Municipal Ward Committee, Metropolitan Thana Ward Committee: Tk. 1,000
 - iv. Union Committee, Municipal Committee Executive Members: Tk. 500
 - v. Union Committee, Municipal Committee members with specific office: Tk. 1,000
 - vi. President and Secretary of Union Committee, Municipal Committee: Tk. 1,500
 - vii. Upazila Committee, Metropolitan Thana Committee Executive Members: Tk. 1,000
 - viii. Upazila Committee, Metropolitan Thana Committee members with specific office: Tk. 1,500
 - ix. President and Secretary of Upazila Committee, Metropolitan Thana Committee: Tk. 2,000
 - x. District Committee and Metropolitan Committee Executive Members: Tk. 1,500
 - xi. District Committee and Metropolitan Committee members holding specific office: Tk. 2000
 - xii. President and Secretary of District Committee and Metropolitan Committee: Tk. 5,000 and Tk. 3,500 respectively
 - xiii. All members of the Central Executive Committee: Tk. 5,000
 - xiv. All voting members of the Superior Council: Tk. 10,000
 - c. To fulfill local program obligations of the party on a case-by-case basis the Committee with jurisdiction shall decide the funds to be collected and the dues per member, with the Treasurer of said committee making full report to the committee with jurisdiction over them
 - d. To fulfill monthly office expenses and such obligations of the party on a case-by-case basis the Committee with jurisdiction shall decide the funds to be collected and the dues per member, with the Treasurer of said committee making full report to the committee with jurisdiction over them

- e. Each councilor at the National Council shall have to pay a councilor's fee of Tk. 500 when registering their name as councilors
 - f. Fund collection receipts will be printed at the National and District and Metropolitan Levels only.
 - g. Each receipt will be duly numbered and issued in books containing receipts as prescribed from time to time.
- C. Utilization of Funds
- a. The funds received by NDM shall be utilized for meeting the political objectives of the party
 - b. The funds shall be utilized by the concerned Committee
 - c. The National Executive Committee may frame regulations governing the utilization of funds and the details of all donations and expenses shall remain transparent

Article 14: Definitions and Duties of Office Bearers

A member can hold a maximum of 2 positions in different committees and those that are in natural pair and not in contradiction

1. Chairman

1. Shall be the face and represent the brand of NDM (all printed party material, including banners, posters, pamphlets, etc., shall have the Chairman's face on it)
2. Shall be the de facto and de jure leader of NDM
3. Shall not be below the age of 35 years
4. Shall have at least a post-graduate degree from a reputable institution
5. Shall have the power to take any emergency decision for the party, subject to ratification in the next earliest Superior Council meeting
6. Shall have the power to dissolve any Committee apart from the Superior Council, subject to ratification in the next earliest Superior Council meeting
7. Shall have to power to assign new members to the National Executive Committee
8. Shall have the power to assign any constitutionally defined duties to members of the National Executive Committee or relieve of such duties in the best interest of the party
9. A sitting Chairman can only be impeached by a National Council resolution with a quorum of at least two third of all national councilors and a more than two-third majority vote to impeach

Special Assistant

1. NDM Chairman shall have the power to appoint Special Assistants to aid him in conducting all his party work
2. The number and rank of Special Assistants shall be decided by the Chairman, with the number not exceeding 7, and their rank neither exceeding nor below the Central Executive Committee
3. In order to assist the Chairman and with his specific permission, Special Assistants can be present during Superior Council meetings

2. Superior Council

Superior Council Member

1. Superior Council Members shall be the highest forum of NDM
2. Members shall have no specific duties, but shall be regarded as the guardians and overseers of the party and the protectors of party democracy

Vice Chairman

1. The forum of Vice Chairmen shall act as a shadow cabinet with each Vice Chairman being responsible for a shadow cabinet portfolio
2. The 1st Vice Chairman shall act as deputy leader of the shadow cabinet

3. 1st Vice Chairman shall carry out the responsibilities as directed by the President
4. In case of temporary unavailability of the Chairman, the 1st Vice Chairman (specially authorized by the Chairman in writing or in special circumstances by oral consent which shall have to be approved in writing at the earliest possible opportunity or be deemed void) shall preside over the meeting of the National Executive Committee
5. In case of temporary unavailability of the Chairman, the 1st Vice Chairman (specially authorized by the Chairman in writing) shall discharge all the functions of the Chairman, which shall have to be approved by the Chairman upon resumption of duties

3. Central Executive Committee

General Secretary

1. Shall not be under the age of 35 years
2. Shall have either a post-graduate degree or equivalent degree from an accredited institution, or have no less than two decades of uninterrupted grassroots political experience; however, any candidate who may have formerly taken charge of a cabinet portfolio, or been elected to the national parliament shall also be deemed suitable
3. Shall be in operational charge of all local, district, and national level party organizational activities
4. Shall establish 31 member convening committees at the District, Metropolitan, and Local levels at the instructions of the Chairman
5. Shall have a reserved position and vote on the Superior Council
6. Shall convene Superior Council and Central Executive Committee meetings as per the instructions of the Chairman, issue circulars and agendas as well as organize the meetings
7. Shall maintain the minutes of the meeting and circulate it among members
8. Shall organize programs, meetings, conferences, agitations, and look after publicity
9. Shall run the office of the Party and make necessary appointments with the consent of the Chairman
10. Shall execute the decision of the Chairman and the Superior Council
11. Shall be in charge of all activities related to the realization of party registration with the Election Council
12. Shall create working-committees and sub-committees upon instructions of the Chairman and supervise such committees' progress
13. In the absence of the General Secretary the Chairman shall choose from among the forum of Joint General Secretary to discharge all the powers and functions of the General Secretary

Treasurer

1. Shall maintain the income and expenditure account of the Committee
2. Shall get the accounts examined/audited by licensed chartered accounting firm and report the same to the Chairman and the Election Commission
3. Shall be responsible to collect the membership fees of all National Executive Committee members
4. Shall maintain party funds at the instructions of the Chairman

4. District, Metro and Local Committees

President

1. Shall preside over the meetings of the concerned Committee
2. Shall nominate, as per this Constitution, members and office-bearers to his Committee
3. Shall allocate the work and duties among the office-bearers and members of the Committee
4. Shall decide the date of his Committee meeting and convene the meeting as per rules of this Constitution
5. Shall appoint Presidents or conveners of the various Committees over which his Committee has jurisdiction
6. Shall conduct workers Conferences and Study Sessions as directed by the Central Committee
7. Shall implement all organizational duties related to programs, activities, meetings, agitations, etc. as directed by the Central Executive Committee

8. Form as many teams as are required to carry out the objectives of NDM
9. Undertake activities related to public issues affecting that area

Convener

1. Shall be responsible for forming the a Convening Committee
2. Upon successful formation of a full Convening Committee, shall be given the authority to form the full functioning committee of said unit through a democratic council per the rules of this constitution

Secretary

1. Shall assist the President in fulfilling his duties
2. Shall maintain records and keep minutes of the meetings of the concerned Committee

Treasurer

1. Shall maintain the income and expenditure account of the Committee
2. Shall maintain bank account for the Committee

Article 15: Code of Conduct

A. Every member of NDM, members of the Advisory Council, and Special Assistants to the Chairman shall abide by the following Code of Conduct:

- ii. A member shall not engage himself/herself in any immoral or illegal activity or such activity as would damage NDM and/or tarnish the image of NDM and/or such conduct as would bring disrepute to it.
- iii. A member shall not undertake any activity, which is in violation of or is contrary to the objectives of Article 2 of this Constitution or is contrary to the official policy of the Party.
- iv. A member shall not violate any Rule made by the Party or disobey any direction given by it, not take any stance against the Party or Chairman
- v. For members any public expression of difference of opinion with the decisions of the Party , without prior record of bringing such opinion to the attention of the Chairman and obtaining written permission, will be considered as violation of Code of Conduct, and result in automatic expulsion from the Party

B. Without prejudice to the generality of the above, any office-holding member must also:

- i. Not involve himself/herself in any corrupt practices
- ii. Not be a part of any organization which spreads disharmony on basis of language, culture, religion, or any other such criteria
- iii. Not engage in exploiting or ill-treating women or minorities
- iv. Not indulge in drug addiction or drunken and disorderedly behavior

C. Penalties

- i. Disciplinary action may result in penalties ranging from warning, pecuniary penalties, suspension or expulsion from the Party
- ii. No disciplinary action shall be taken against a member without giving an opportunity to that member to explain and answer the charges against him/her.
- iii. In cases where disciplinary action is proposed against a member of any committee, the penalty shall be imposed only after approval by the committee that has jurisdiction over it
- iv. In cases where disciplinary action is proposed against a member of a District or Metropolitan Committee, the penal shall be imposed by the General Secretary with approval from the Chairman
- v. Expulsion from NDM is the highest penalty, which has to have the Chairman's consent (applicable for committees from the Upazila level up to the Central Executive Committee)
- vi. Accepting membership in another political party shall receive automatic expulsion from NDM, and as this will be seen as a clear breach of faith with the ideals of the party, any attempt at readmission in the party shall have to be reviewed by the Superior Council
 - a. it shall bear a minimum penalty of the membership fees of District Committee President
 - b. said member cannot be chosen to hold any office higher than Executive Member of Committee for at least one council

- c. shall not have a vote in the National Council for at least one cycle
 - d. said member cannot be nominated for any elected public office by the party for at least one electoral cycle
- D. The final court of appeals for or against any disciplinary action from any committee or member of NDM shall be the Superior Council, where the Chairman shall have the authority to veto any decision unless passed with a more than two-third majority of the present votes

Article 16: Amendment of this Constitution

- A. This Constitution can be amended by the National Council provided that the amendment has the approval of two-third of its members present and voting after due notice to all the members
 - a. For this purpose a meeting of the National Council shall be convened within 30 days of a resolution for amendment
- B. The Superior Council shall also have the power to alter and amend this Constitution.
 - a. Quorum for such meeting shall be two thirds of the Superior Council
 - b. The amendment so made shall become operative immediately subject to ratification in the next session of the National Council
 - c. The Chairman shall have the right to veto the Superior Council decision, which could be overturned with a more than two-third majority of the whole National Executive Committee
 - d. The power of amendment cannot be exercised in a manner so as to bring the amended Constitution in conflict with the statutory provisions or guidelines in the Representation Of The People Order
- C. The Superior Council alone shall have the power and authority to interpret this Constitution and the regulations framed herein
- D. The decision of the Superior Council in respect of above shall be final and binding unless it is overturned by the National Council in its next meeting

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