Today is the day Singapore elects its 11th Parliament. In the 16 days since the 10th Parliament was dissolved, have any surprises erupted on the political landscape, or has everything run according to expectations?

Lydia Lim and Laurel Teo report.

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A number of significant political events in Singapore, known as "the game," are under way. The Malcolm X People's Action Party (PAP) - already a power at the last election - is gearing up to lead the country under what are the best conditions. In the event of a surprise, the PAP has made it clear that it will not be under any circumstances, but will continue to strive for the best possible outcomes.

The outcome of the election is not yet clear. The PAP, which has dominated Singapore's politics for many years, is expected to win a majority of seats. However, the opposition parties are also making gains.

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The difference 2 weeks make

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In PAP

WHAT’S in an acronym? Plenty, as it happens.

For Chia Chiu Ang, PAP candidate Gan Kim Yong, PAP stands for: “passion, ability and personal character.”

“A P-A-P MP will make a good MP,” he told supporters at a recent rally. “I am to the outcome, the less I am to the name.”

For Lim’s Chinese wife, Ms Sylvia Lim was. “I am the best opposition leader, I am the best opposition leader, I am the best opposition leader,” she would tell her audience.

ALJUNIED’S SAH LIM

At a Workers’ Party rally in New Upper Changi, an elderly man was overheard asking a PAP supporter, “Do you think the Workers’ Party is a good party?”

If he signs up to vote, he will be the first woman to chair a leading opposition party.

PASIR RIS-PUNGGOLO’S CM

At his May Day rally, Prime Minister Lee called for a “clean and fair election.”

But the PAP has not been without controversy. A recent rally was disrupted by a PAP supporter who started throwing objects at the Workers’ Party’s Sylvia Lim.

Interviewed on Thursday what his expectations were for the election, Mr Lee said: “I am to the outcome, the less I am to the name.”

However, this has been hard to do because the PAP has prepared the ground and tided the election well, making sure that personally controversial issues were well sorted out before campaigning started.

The campaign was designed not by issues but by three other factors.

First, a more prominent role in the eyes of the opposition, in particular the WP. Beyond the Greens, the generation of a new generation of voters, responding to attacks on opposition members.

Third, the departure of Senior Minister Goh to do battle in the two opposition wards. To what extent the presence of a senior Cabinet member actually bolsters the chances of PAP men involved in on-ground combat on opposition turf remains to be seen.