

# Ducsu election sees spontaneous turnout of voters

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**Voting for the Dhaka University Central Students' Union (Ducsu) and hall union elections began at 8:00am across polling centres in the residential halls under tight security. The balloting will continue until 4:00pm.**

The election is being held at eight centres of the campus -- and for the first time, outside the dormitories -- with nearly 40,000 registered voters and 471 candidates vying for 28 central posts.

Our correspondents are reporting live from the campus.

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**12:30pm**

Pratirodh Parshad's general secretary candidate, Meghmallar Basu, arrived at the Physical Training Centre today in a wheelchair and cast his vote.

"I am very happy to cast my vote for the first time. In the last DUCSU election, I couldn't vote even after standing in the queue for six hours. This is a result of the July uprising- a Bangladesh of voting begins," he told reporters. "The atmosphere in the centre is very positive. I did not visit any other centres. My only concern is voter turnout," he added, urging all students to come to polling centres and cast their votes.

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A group of smiling female students at Dhaka University proudly display their student IDs, ready to cast their votes. A long line of voters can be seen in the background, all gathered at Curzon Hall to participate in the election process. Photo: Prabir Das/Star.

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12:13pm

## Abu Baker alleges vote rigging in Ducusu election

Abu Baker Mojumder, general secretary candidate of Boishommo Birodhi Shikkharthi Sangsad, has alleged rigging in the Dhaka University Central Students' Union election, claiming that ballots at some polling centres had already been pre-filled.

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Inside the historic Curzon Hall, students cast their votes at polling booths under the supervision of election officials ensuring privacy and order. Photo: Prabir Das/Star.

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12:05pm

## Code of conduct violations reported, EC urged to take actions

Abdul Qader, vice president (VP) candidate of the "Boishommo Birodhi Shikkharthi Sangsad" panel, expressed concern that any leniency by the Election Commission could lead to a problematic situation.



"Slip tokens cannot be distributed within 100 yards of the polling centre, yet we see no such discipline being maintained. Candidates are standing in the middle of the lines and handing out slip tokens to voters, which is inconsistent," he said.

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**11:30am**

## **Security measures tightened at Dhaka University**

Security measures have been tightened across the Dhaka University campus as the Dhaka University Central Students' Union (Ducusu) polls are underway, with authorities ensuring a safe and orderly voting process for students.

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**10:40am**

## **Ducusu VP candidate Abidul enters polling centre 'violating electoral rules'**

Abidul Islam Khan, a vice president (VP) candidate backed by Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), entered a polling centre at Dhaka University's Physical Education Centre this morning "in breach of electoral rules" for the ongoing Ducusu and hall union elections.



The incident occurred around 8:30am when Abidul Islam, a voter of Udayan school centre, entered the section designated for Jagannath Hall students.

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Long lines of students at Curzon Hall this morning, reflecting strong voter turnout. Photo: Prabir Das/Star.

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**10:26am**

## **JCD GS Nasir voices concern over some teachers' role**

Nasir Uddin, general secretary of the central committee of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), expressed concern over the remarks of some teachers regarding the ongoing Dhaka University Central Students' Union (Ducusu) election.

He told reporters this morning in Dhaka University that the polls are drawing strong interest from students.

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## **Voting underway in Ducsu, hall union elections**



Male students at the Physical Education Centre proudly show inked thumbs after casting their ballots. Photo: Prabir Das/Star.



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9:43am

## 700 Ruqayyah Hall students cast votes in first hour at TSC

Around 700 students from Ruqayyah Hall cast their votes in the first hour of Ducusu polls at the Teacher-Student Centre (TSC) polling centre in Dhaka University today, election officials said.

The students from Ruqayyah Hall are exercising their franchise at this centre, where polling is being conducted in two separate rooms—the cafeteria and the indoor games room.

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A group of students takes a celebratory selfie at the Physical Education Centre after voting in the Ducusu election. Photo: Prabir Das/Star.

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9:22am

## Shadik Kayem casts vote, hopeful of victory

Abu Shadik Kayem, vice-president candidate from the Islami Chhatra Shibir-backed panel, expressed optimism about winning the Dhaka University Central Students' Union polls.

"I urge students to come to the centres and cast their votes for their chosen candidates," he said after casting his vote at the Udayan school centre around 8:45am.

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Inside a polling station, students and officials remain busy with the electoral process, checking documents and guiding voters. Photo: Prabir Das/Star.

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**8:53am**

## **'Couldn't sleep well to be first in voting line'**

Excitement was palpable among the first-time voters, many of whom said this was their first experience of casting ballots in a truly democratic environment.

At Udayan school centre, Imdadul Haque, a resident of Muktijoddha Ziaur Rahman Hall, said, "With great enthusiasm, I came here to cast my vote for my preferred candidate. I have been in line since 6:00am. I couldn't sleep well last night because of the excitement. For so long, I didn't get the chance to vote in a democratic environment. This is the first time I am experiencing it."

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**8:00am, Tuesday**

## **Voting in Ducsu election underway**

Voting for the long-awaited Dhaka University Central Students' Union (Ducsu) and hall union elections began this morning after a six-year pause.

Students started casting their votes at 8:00am across polling centres set up in residential halls amid tight security. The balloting will continue until 4:00pm.