Jucsu commission sees 'no irregularities', apologises for 'minor errors'

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Prof Rashidul Alam says complaints were reviewed, results completed manually on request



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The Jahangirnagar University Central Students' Union (Jucsu) Election Commission has said it did not find any irregularities in the recently concluded polls, while also apologising for possible minor mistakes during the process.

Member Secretary Prof AKM Rashidul Alam said today although some candidates raised allegations in the media, the commission's investigation found no irregularities.

"We have seen that different candidates complained in the media about the election. But to the Election Commission, no such irregularities were found," he told a press briefing at the Senate Building around 5:30pm before announcing the results.

Prof Rashidul, however, admitted that small mistakes may have occurred. "After 33 years, while holding the Jucsu election, maybe some small errors happened here and there. When we try to achieve something big, sometimes we overlook the small things. So if any mistake happened, on behalf of the commission, we are asking forgiveness from you today," he said.

The commission, he added, had received several complaints during the polls and verbally warned some candidates accordingly.

He also said the commission originally planned to prepare the results digitally. "But it is very unfortunate that we received written requests from two organisations asking not to do it digitally, but to do it manually. We responded to their request. You saw, all of us worked hard for two days to complete it," he added.

Calling the day a "historic moment" for the university, Prof Rashidul said the election was significant as it took place after more than three decades.

Before the results were announced, teachers, students, candidates, and others present observed one minute's silence in memory of Assistant Prof Jannatul Ferdous Moumita, who passed away on Thursday night while coming to count Jucsu vote.