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Campaigns heat up CU campus

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Chittagong University campus is abuzz with activities as the long-awaited Chittagong University Central Students' Union (Cucusu) and hall union elections have been scheduled for October 12 after three decades of stalemate.

The atmosphere on CU campus has already turned festive, with major student organisations and independent aspirants racing to finalise panels and strategies.

Posters, banners, and slogans are filling both campus and social media ahead of the election.

At least eight panels are expected to contest the polls, alongside several independents.

Student groups including Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, Islami Chhatra Shibir, Bangladesh Ganatantrik Chhatra Sangsad, Chhatra Odhikar Parishad, Chhatra Union, and others have begun announcing slates and manifestos, focusing on transport crises, dormitory shortages, academic complications, and campus security.

Chhatra Odhikar Parishad has nominated Roman Rahman for Vice President under the banner "Cucus for Rapid Change".

Islami Chhatra Shibir is preparing a panel inclusive of women, minorities, and injured students, while Islami Chhatra Andolon has declared a 28-member slate with Abdur Rahman Robin for VP and pledged to eliminate irregularities.

The Left Alliance (Droh Parishad), formed by Chhatra Front and Chhatra Union, named Riju Laxmi Aborodh for vice president and Ifaz Uddin Ahmed for general secretary.

The Democratic Student Alliance is finalising its list, with president Dhrubo Barua confirming preparations.

Chhatra Dal, initially undecided, has now collected nomination papers, while BGCS leaders Muntasir Mahmud, Al Masnun, and Sultanul Arefin are likely contenders.

Several independents, many of them having actively participated in the July uprising, are also preparing to contest the polls.

Mahfuzur Rahman, an independent aspirant for the VP post, said, "Our panel will represent frontline activists from the July Uprising, including injured students and women representatives." Rashid Dinar is expected to contest for GS from the panel.

According to the election schedule, nomination forms have been available since September 14. So far, 169 students collected forms -- 97 from the central office, 26 from male halls, and 46 from female halls.
