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# DUCSU Polls

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The extensively press-covered much talked of and most desired DUCSU and Halls unions election of DU was peacefully held the day before yesterday. It is a grand success for the DU authorities. The lion's share of the credits to receive elected students union of DUCSU after seven years goes to two personalities—VC Prof. Abdul Mannan and the Chief Returning Officer Prof. Ahsanul Huq.

Moreover, all major political parties-backed students organisations also shared an important role to gear up the democratic tradition of the oldest and largest seat of learning of the country by maintaining law and order during the course of election.

It is, however, notable here that the Jatiya Party of the ruling govt has no student wing and, therefore, did not participate in DUCSU election. But the pro-JSD (Rab) student organisation which is considered by many as semi-govt or indirect Jatiya Party-led students party, took part in the election.

**PROF. AHSANUL HUQ  
CHIEF RETURNING  
OFFICER**

Prof. Ahsanul Huq, Chief Returning Officer, thanked all for extending cooperation in holding election smoothly. He said DU is going to regain all

its lost glories and traditions especially students leadership in many fields of university activities.

Prof. Huq, one of the two professors of DU English Department, while talking to the New Nation said, "I was not aware that I would be given the challenging task of Chief Returning Officer to hold DUCSU election.

However, he further said, "Soon after getting the assignment I had to work almost round the clock. Things like finalising voter list, scrutiny of the nomination papers, printing of ballot papers, maintaining security for all DU community, holding election on schedule time frame, counting of votes and following the code of conduct by all concerned were real tough tasks. Inshaallah all these were carried out successfully", he firmly said.

In reply to a question the Chief Returning Officer further said that DU is a free and fair place for exercising democracy by all major and mini-parties. Thus elections were held absolutely free and fair.

When his attention was drawn to the fact whether DUCSU has any influence on national politics, Prof. Ahsan affirmatively replied that the answer is known to all of you. DU's DUCSU is called the 'second parliament' of the coun-

try and so, naturally, it has much influence, as we saw in the past, on the country's politics."

In reply to another question he maintained that he had been associated with DUCSU for a long time as Treasurer. The responsibility was thrust upon him and he thought he could play some useful role as treasurer of DUCSU.

Prof. Huq further said, "I have contributed my share to the establishment of the 'Paribesh Parishad' which has brought about a significant change in the varsity life".

When he was asked to explain in brief why DUCSU is so important and wanted body, he pointed out that it plays the role in organising corporate activities of the students on campus. It provides training for organisational work. It teaches us how to practice democratic rights and behaviours and also how to press home demands. Besides, it shows its magnetic concern with national issues.

Regarding the police's role during election period he said, "We are extremely satisfied with the way the police authorities and its members have cooperated with us in ensuring peace and order.

Answering a question Prof. Huq noted that the total voter strength was 24,225 and

almost cent percent voters except a few female student voters exercised their rights in favour of their favourite panel or candidates.

Regarding budget of the election, the Treasurer said that there was no pre-planned budget as DU was without DUCSU for 7 years last. However, an amount of six figure was spent for conducting election, he added.

Some observers of the DUCSU election while talking to the New Nation said, "We, the conscious masses of the country, have been eagerly waiting to see DU's DUCSU and its leadership with new zeal and spirit in all spheres of our national life and politics.

Shahnaz, Hosne Ara, a second year Sociology student, also expressed her views while talking with the Nation and said, "the DU standing on an area of 256 acres of land at the core of the capital voices its sentiment to resist all anti-people activities of the Govt and considering all these I have cast my vote.

She further said that the remarkable feature of this year's DUCSU poll was massive campaigning and posterage by all participants either individually or under their respective banner of panel.