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## DU Senate election campaign geared up

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As the count down began, candidates vying for the 25 Registered Graduate representatives in the Dhaka University Senate elections scheduled for June 14-15, have further accelerated their campaign.

Candidates under the banners of two panels — Jatiyatabadi Oikya Parishad (JOP) and Ganotantrik Oikya Parishad (GOP) have further geared up their campaign as the date for the elections is knocking at the door.

The JOP is backed by BNP and its like minded political parties while GOP is supported by the ruling Awami League and some other left leaning parties.

Sources said both the panels are now holding separate projection meetings in city and other parts of the country almost everyday. Candidates are also making contact individually with the voters through appearing at the door step of homes or telephone.

The contesting candidates are mainly introducing themselves from their respective political identity, but many were seen trying to influence the voters through applying all possi-

ble means, including relativism and localism.

The JOP have launched campaign to drum up support in favour of its candidates with the pledges to restore the lost glory of the Dhaka University, bring transparency and uphold the national interest.

While the GOP in its campaign giving the commitment to build the DU to face the challenges of the twenty-first century through upholding the spirit of the liberation war.

Sources said both the JOP and GOP are also engaged in mudslinging against each other for jeopardising the image of the Dhaka University.

Meanwhile, the GOP held a projection meeting at TSC auditorium of Dhaka University yesterday afternoon with Prof MA Bari in the chair. Dr Shamsul Huda Harun introduced the candidates before the audience at the function.

Speakers at the projection meeting called upon the voters to come forward unitedly with the spirit of the liberation war to defeat the reactionary forces through electing their 25 candidates.