

Nomination filing closes today

DU in grip of electioneering

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As the countdown for the June 6 Dhaka University Central Students Union (DUCSU) and hall union polls began, the electioneering gripped the campus in full swing. A series of processions were brought out on the campus on Friday by different student organisations although the day was a holiday.

However Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) the student wing of BNP has not yet announced its panel for the DUCSU and hall union elections. The leaders of both JCD and BNP Central Committee were conducting a vote of the party workers in selecting candidates at the BNP office till the time of writing this report at 9 p.m. on Friday. When contacted, a party source said that it would not be possible for them to complete the process before midnight.

Bangladesh Chhatra League (H-A), the student front of Awami League has not also announced its panel formally. But party leaders said that Shah Alam, Syed Kamrul Ahsan and Momtajuddin Ahmed Mehdi three central leaders would contest the polls as VP, GS and AGS candidates in DUCSU elections.

Both JCD and BCL (H-A) will announce their respective panels today (Saturday) the last date for

submission of nomination papers for DUCSU polls.

On Friday Jatiya Chhatra League, the student front of BKSAL, announced its panel. Former President of the organisation and now a BKSAL leader Mr. Nurul Fazal Bulbul is the candidate for the Vice-President while Kamal Hossain for

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the General Secretary. Mr. Tarek Sajat is the candidate for the post of Literary Secretary while Mr. Shimul Mostafa candidate for Cultural Secretary.

Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) on Friday brought out a procession on the campus to project its candidates. The BCU which announced its main panel for DUCSU and hall union polls through a Press conference on Thursday also fixed its candidates for the other posts. Mr. Ashok Taru Karmaker, who is now the Cultural Secretary of DUCSU is contesting for the same post again. Mr. Selim Omrao Khan a regular writer of weekly Bichitra is contesting for the post of Literary Secretary from Chhatra Union.

Nine party alliance facing split

Meanwhile, Nine-party student alliance backed by the five-party combine is facing a split over the distribution of posts among the component bodies for the DUCSU elections. The alliance in the meeting held last night decided unanimously that Mr. Mustaq Hossain a leader of pro-JSD (Inu) Chhatra League and now the General Secretary of DUCSU would be the candidate for the post of Vice-President. The meeting also agreed through voting that Mr. Zahiruddin Swapon President of Chhatra Moitri would be the candidate for General Secretary. But this decision was opposed by Samajtantrik Chhatra Front, the student front of BSD (Khaleque) and a component of the nine-party student alliance. The Chhatra Front immediately called a meeting of its central committee. The nine-party sources said that the Chhatra Front may take decision to go alone in the election as it was deprived of the post of General Secretary.

The leaders of the alliance met again at 10 p.m. on Friday at the office of Gonotantrik Chhatra Front to resolve the issue.