

RUCSU polls today amid tight security

RAJSHAHI, July 28.—Authorities have taken all necessary arrangements, including an unprecedented tight security by police and BDR, to ensure peaceful polls of the Rajshahi University Central Students Union (RUCSU) and hall unions tomorrow, Sunday reports UNB.

A high level meeting was held in the campus today with Vice Chancellor Prof Amanullah Ahmed in the chair to review the overall situation. Education Secretary A.N.M. Yusuf Inspector General of Police Tayebuddin Ahmed Pro-VC, Student Adviser and hall provosts attended the meeting.

Campus sources said about 2,500 armed police and para-military BDR personnel have already been deployed at 65 different points on the campus.

Outsiders and vehicles excepting rickshaws will be prohibited on the campus during the polling.

Students have been asked to carry their identity cards police have been empowered to challenge any suspect.

Four major panels are contesting

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this year's RUCSU polls the sixteenth in 37 years of the university end sixth after independence.

These are incumbent Munna-Babu panel of the combine of seven student organisations Rizvi-Haroon of BNP backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) Budu-Sharif of pro-Awami Liegue Bangladesh Chhatra League (H-A) and Latif-Rafique of Islami Chhatra Shibir.

A total of 179 candidates including 10 each for VP and GS will vie for 18 posts in RUCSU 60 for five posts of student representatives in the Senate and over 1000 for 151 possts in 12 hall unions.

Some 22,000 voters are to cast their ballots from 8 am to 3 pm tomorrow (Sunday) without intermission at 400 booth in 12-halls. Voters will have to fill up a 19 page ballot paper for 36 votes (18 for RUCSU five for the Senate and 13 for hall union.).

Counting will start from 5 pm in the third science Building and the result is expected to be announced by Monday noon, the returning officier said.

Over 1,000 teachers and employees will be engaged in conducting the polls.

The Vice-Chancellor has made an appeal to all campus residents including teachers and students for keeping a congenial atmospheres to ensure peaceful polling.