

DU Senate polls. GOP bags all 25 posts

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Ruling Awami League-backed Ganatantrik Oikya Parisad (GOP) bagged all the 25 posts of registered graduate representatives to the Dhaka University Senate.

The pro-Vice-Chancellor announced the results of the election at 8 am yesterday.

Three others panels — opposition BNP-supported Jatiyatabadi Oikya Parisad (JOP), left-leaning Progati Parisad (PP) and an independent panel also contested the election.

Out of 31,424 registered graduates, some 21,000 cast their votes at 37 centres in the city and across the country in four phases to elect the new registered graduate representatives to the DU Senate. The polling began on June 6 outside the capital and ended on DU campus on June 16.

Advocate AFM Mesbah Uddin got the highest 10,570 votes.

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He was followed by Director General of National Museum AKM Shamsuzzaman Khan (10,478 votes) and TV artist Laila Nargis (10,432 votes).

The other elected representatives are: Chairman of Commerce Bank Prof Abdul Mannan Chowdhury (10,309 votes), Dr M Akhteruzzaman (10,167), BFUJ president Abul Kalam Azad (10,095), Former Senate member Ismat Kadir Gama (10,052 votes), Former DUCSU vice-president Prof Mahfuza Khanam (10,030), Begum Khaleda Habib of Udayan Bidyalaya (9,976 votes), ADAB president Dr Kazi Fa'ook Ahmed (9,926), DU teacher and member secretary of GOP Ahiduzzaman (9,871), Dr Harun-or Rasheed of DU (9,840), Nilufar Begum (9,832), Ramendu Majumder (9,770), General Secretary of Sammilita Sangskritic Jote Golam Kuddus (9,731), DU Syndicate Member Syed Ahmad (9,936), Habibur Rahman Khan (9,609), Eye Specialist Dr Syed Modasser Ali (9,536), Dr Rangalal Sen of DU (9,532), Member of Bangladesh Bar Council Advocate MA Salam Talukdar (9,491), SM Baharul Majnun, former Chhatra League president (9,486), Prof Anwar Hossain (9,473), Columnist and former Regis-

tered of DU Syed Badruddin Hossain (9,562), Journalist Mohammad Afzal Hossain (9,462), Chief Engineer, Dhaka City Corporation Shamsul Haque Bhuiyan (9,273).

Jatiyatabadi Oikya Parisad boycotted the election on Thursday night alleging massive malpractice and irregularities in voting and vote counting.

JOP leaders also demanded cancellation of the election procedure and announcement of fresh election.

On Thursday night, a JCD activist was beaten up by the activists of BCL at TSC following cancellation of a vote.

Witnesses said BCL activists chased Atiqur Rahman, president of JCD's Kabi Jasim Uddin Hall and beat him up in front of TSC as he hurled abusive words at DU Vice-Chancellor at the polling booth.

As a chaotic situation was created in the TSC area, VC Prof AK Azad Chowdhury requested the members of contesting parisads to calm down, sources added.

Earlier, activists of Progati Parisad and JOP had an altercation with the VC and pro-VC centring cancellation of ballots and violation of rules and regulation.

Talking to The Daily Star last night, DU Vice-Chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury ruled out any possibilities of vote rigging.

"I don't know on what ground the JOP boycotted the election when the entire election procedure was free and fair," the VC said.

He, however, said that a group of people tried to create a chaotic situation at the TSC polling booth, centring counting of only one vote.