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## 3,000 from 30 panels contest in DUCSU polls

Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof Moniruzzaman Miah said Friday tight security measures would be taken for peaceful holding of this week's DUCSU and hall union elections.

Prof Miah, talking to UNB, expressed the hope that law and order situation would be favourable this time as it had already shown a sign of improvement during the last few weeks.

"We have not yet finalised the details of security measures. I, however, discussed the matter with the Prime Minister and the Home Minister," the vice-Chancellor said.

He said the details would be finalised in a meeting between the university administration and the law enforcing agencies within a couple of days.

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## DUCSU polls

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Central Students' Union (DUCSU) and hall unions is scheduled for June 6, in which about 3,000 candidates are taking part from more than 30 panels.

Although the campus is yet free from any serious electioneering violence since announcement of the election schedule on May 7, fears of confrontation exist among rival student groups.

Specially, the campus became heated due to rivalries between two panels put up from Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD).

Prof Miah said he would further discuss the security issue with the Provosts, Proctorial staff and the election commission including the Chief Returning Officer.

"We are doing everything to ensure security and safety on the campus during the election," he added.

The university administration would be completely neutral in conducting the polls, he said, urging the students to extend their support for maintaining the authority's impartiality.

Answering a question, the VC said expenditure of Wednesday's voting was expected to be about 4 lakh. However, the budget is not yet finalised.

The polling cost will be less than last year's thought the number of people involved in the electoral process this year will be much higher due to unusually long list of candidates.

Counting the ballots would be a hard task as the number of candidates in only DUCSU polls is about 500, Miah said and apprehended the authorities would not be able to announce the results before midday of June 7.