

3,84,86,247 eligible voters

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A total of 3,84,86,247 voters are eligible to take part in the June 3 Presidential election the first such polls in the sub-continent to elect a President through adult franchise.

Of the total registered voters 2,01,57,106 are male and the rest are female. The percentage of male and female voters are 52 and 48 respectively.

The number of registered voters in the 1973 general election was 3,38,96,777 of which 55.62 per cent cast their votes.

The eligibility of a voters with regard to age was reduced to 18 years from 21 in 1973 general election, which was the first after the emergence of Bangladesh.

In 1970 general election the total number of registered voters in the then East Pakistan was 3,12,11,220. Of this 1,60,34,530 were male and 1,51,76,690 female voters.

In 1954 general election held on the basis of separate electorate a total of 1,99,41,563 voters were registered. Of this 92,39,720 were female. Out of the registered voters only 37.19

per cent cast their votes.

A total of 21,530 polling stations will be set up all over the country for the June 3 election. The polling will start at 8 a.m. and continue till 5 p.m. without any break.

The district-wise break-up of registered voters are: Rangpur—28,07,742; Dinajpur—14,23,242; Bogra—12,09,706; Rajshahi—21,90,240; Pabna—14,54,179; Kushtia—9,36,957; Jessore—16,84,020; Khulna—19,53,138; Patuakhali—8,94,194; Bakerganj—21,48,262; Tangail—10,70,063; Mymensingh—40,07,854; Dacca—41,45,036; Faridpur—22,95,298; Sylhet—26,19,329; Comilla—32,89,967; Noakhali—17,52,761; Chittagong—24,07,824 and Chittagong Hill Tracts—2,98,441.

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