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Children take part in a hand writing competition on the National Museum premises in the city yesterday. The National Museum organised the contest to mark the Amar Ekushey and International Mother Language Day.

Liberal panel wins JU VC polls

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The liberal pro-BNP panel won the VC panel election of Jahangirnagar University (JU) on Thursday.

Prof Mustahidur Rahman of economics department, who led the panel, bagged the highest 47 votes. Two other members of the panel Prof Mofiz Uddin, also of economics department, and Prof M Kabir of statistics department got 44 and 39 votes respectively.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Jasim Uddin Ahmad of the other panel bagged 38 votes. Two other members of his panel Prof Obaidur Rahman of philosophy department and Prof. Salimullah of government and politics department -- got 38 and 35 votes respectively.

Eighty-one out of total 87 senators cast their votes in the election

held at the JU Council Room of the Administrative Building from 7.15pm to 8.00pm.

Registrar Kazi Mohiuddin conducted the election.

Chancellor of the university President Iajuddin Ahmed will appoint one from the winning panel as next VC after the JU authorities send the official result to him.

On Thursday night, the returning officer delayed to announce the result under the pressure of the university authorities, sources said.

But in the face of a huge protest from the senators, the liberal pro-BNP panel supported by pro-Awami League and pro-left-leaning teachers, was unofficially declared elected at around 12.40am.

The protest brewed after the counting of the votes at 10.00pm when the incumbent VC, who has an

affiliation with pro-Jamaat and pro-Jatiya Party teachers, refused to sign the official result sheet and asked the registrar not to declare the result, saying that according to 1973 JU Act, two serving deans are not eligible for casting vote, the sources added.

But Prof. Sheikh Mohammad Monzurul Huq, dean of social science faculty, and Prof. Abul Khair, dean of life science faculty, earlier filed a writ petition with the High Court as they were not included in the voter list.

On Wednesday, the High Court gave a verdict saying that the two deans are eligible to cast vote in the election following which the registrar included their names in the voter list, the sources said.

Peacekeeping seminar begins tomorrow

UNB, Dhaka

A five-day peacekeeping seminar and planning exercise titled 'Exercise Blue Tiger' will begin in the city tomorrow.

This will be the fourth in a series of worldwide peacekeeping seminars organised and funded by the UK government to strengthen the capacity of the UN and regional organisations to conduct effective peace support operations.

Delegates from India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan and the UK will take part in the seminar, aimed at exchanging views and sharing experiences of peacekeeping actions.

Photo exhibition on British Muslims' life

A photographic exhibition titled 'Common ground -- aspects of contemporary British Muslim experience' begins at the gallery of Shilpakala Academy tomorrow, says a press release.

The British Council in collaboration with the Shilpakala Academy has organised the exhibition.

Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan will inaugurate the show at 12:00 noon. Robert Gibson, deputy British high commissioner, will also be present.

The photographic exhibition explores the range and diversity of British Muslims' life in the UK and the history of participation in the

British society over the last half century.

Eight young photographers have been commissioned to produce the works. They are Clement Cooper, Rehan Jamil, Sam Piyasena, Suki Dhanda, Amyand Tanveer, Jagtar Semplay, Anthony Lam and Tim Smith.

As a part of the exhibition, British photographer Jagtar Semplay will conduct a five-day workshop from February 22 to 26.

The exhibition will remain open from 11:00am to 7:00pm daily till March 6.

