



In the scorching heat of Bhadra, a pigeon quenches its thirst from a pipeline. Yesterday, Sylhet recorded 35°C, which felt like 43°C. The photo was taken at Sylhet Railway Station.

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STUDENTS' UNION ELECTIONS

Minority candidates scarce in Jucsu polls

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While Jahangirnagar University is preparing to hold the first Jucsu election in 33 years, the polls have failed to draw much participation from minority communities.

The Jahangirnagar University Central Students' Union election, last held in 1992, is scheduled for September 11 with 11,919 registered voters.

A total of 179 candidates is contesting 25 posts, but only 26 are from minority backgrounds. Among them, eight are from indigenous communities, 13 from the Hindu community, three from the Buddhist community, and two from Christian backgrounds. Most



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Cyberbullying and online abuse cited as key barriers

of them are running from a single panel.

Seven indigenous candidates are contesting from "Sompritir Oikkyo", a panel backed by a

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Brent Christensen next US envoy to Bangladesh

Ariful Islam new ambassador to US

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US President Donald Trump has nominated Brent Christensen, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, to serve as the next US ambassador to Bangladesh.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh has appointed Tareq Md Ariful Islam, a career diplomat, as Bangladesh's next ambassador to the US.

Brent Christensen, hailing from Virginia and holding the class of Counselor, has been chosen to assume the role of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Bangladesh, according to a White House statement.

The appointment is finalised after the Senate hearing.

The post of US ambassador remained vacant for more than a year after the

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