

# UGC chair for implementing univ dev projects on schedule

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**BANGLADESH** University Grants Commission chairman (additional charge) Professor Muhammed Alamgir called for the implementation of the public university development projects on schedule.

He said this as the chief guest at the training on the development of efficiency in the implementation of the

university's project.

The daylong training was held at the Bangladesh University Grants Commission office in the capital on Wednesday, said a press release.

UGC Planning and Development Department additional director Shah Mohammad Aminul Islam conducted the event.

Rangamati University of Science and Technology vice-chancellor and project

director Professor Selina Akhter, Secondary and Higher Education Department additional secretary Abdul Matin, UGC Planning and Development Department director Mohammad Maksudur Rahman Bhuiyan and Improving Computer and Software Engineering Tertiary Education Project (ICSETEP) director Professor Md Aminul Haque Akand was present.



Bangladesh University Grants Commission chairman Professor Muhammed Alamgir attends the training on the implementation of the university's project at UGC office in the capital on Wednesday. — Press release

## UIU, BUET sign MoU for research collaboration

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A MEMORANDUM of Understanding was signed between United International University and the research and innovation centre for science and engineering, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology for research collaboration on BUET campus recently.

Professor Satya Prasad Majumder, vice-chancellor, BUET and professor Md Abul Kashem Mia, VC, UIU, signed the MoU on behalf of their respective universities, said a press release.

Prof Mohammad Tamim, dean, faculty of chemical and materials engineering, prof Md Shafiqul Bari, dean, faculty of civil engineering, prof Muhammad Anisuzzaman

Talukder, director of RISE-BUET, prof AFM Saiful Amin, director, BUET-Japan institute of disaster prevention and urban safety, prof Hossen Asiful Mustafa, director, IICT, prof AKM Monjur Morshed, director, institute of appropriate technology and prof Md Murshikul Alam, head, department of the humanities, were present from BUET.

From UIU, prof M Rezwana Khan, executive director, institute for advanced research, prof Mohammad Musa, dean, school of business and economics, prof Hamidul Huq, dean, school of humanities and social sciences, prof Hasan Sarwar, dean, school of science and engineering, were present at the ceremony.

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# 'No plan to change new edn system'

Education Minister Mohibul Hasan Chowdhury has said there is no plan to change the new education system, reports UNB.

"But discussion is going on with education experts to implement the new system more effectively," he told parliament while responding to a tabled question of MP elected from Bogura AKM Rezaul Karim Tansen.

He said the country's new education system will create a meritorious nation.

"The new education system based on the

new curriculum will help our next generation survive in the competitive world as well as the 4th industrial revolution, globalisation, climate change risks and transition from middle income country to a developed one," he said.

He said the students will be able to face the challenges of the new era more effectively by moving out of the note-based and certificate-based education system in the past and through the new merit-based education system.

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# Hamas joins Cairo truce talks as Israel launches Lebanon strikes

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NEGOTIATIONS to pause the Israel-Hamas war headed into a second day in Cairo on Wednesday, as Israel launched a series of deadly strikes on Lebanon, stoking fears of an escalating conflict in the region.

Mediators in Egypt were racing to secure a ceasefire and free the remaining hostages before Israel proceeds with

a full-scale ground incursion into the Gaza Strip's crowded far-southern city of Rafah.

A Hamas source said that a delegation was headed to Cairo to meet Egyptian and Qatari mediators, after Israeli negotiators held talks with the mediators on Tuesday.

Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas urged Hamas to 'quickly complete a prisoner deal, to spare our Palestinian people from the calamity of another cata-

strophic event'.

CIA Director William Burns had joined Tuesday's talks with David Barnea, head of Israel's Mossad intelligence service, which Egyptian media said had been mostly 'positive'.

US National Security Council spokesperson John Kirby described the negotiations as 'constructive and moving in the right direction'.

Turkish president Recep Tayyip Erdogan, an outspoken critic of Israel's conduct of the Gaza war, also arrived in Cairo Wednesday for talks with President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi.

With regional tensions high, Israel launched strikes on Lebanon hours after fire from Lebanon wounded multiple people in northern Israel, according to medics.

The strikes in south Lebanon killed four civilians including two children and wounded nine other people, a Lebanese security source said.



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