

Prof Shahjahan removed: Iqbal Mahmud new BUET V-C

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Chancellor of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina removed Prof M Shahjahan and appointed Dr Iqbal Mahmud Professor of Chemical Engineering Department as new Vice-Chancellor of BUET on Wednesday.

Prof Iqbal Mahmud, the senior most teacher of the university took over the charges as new Vice-Chancellor on Wednesday afternoon.

Prof Iqbal Mahmud, a noted Chemical Engineer of the country, joined BUET in 1960. He was the State Minister for Agriculture and Forestry in Ziaur Rahman's government. He was also the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Grameen Bank and Sonali Bank.

It may be mentioned that BUET Teachers' Association was observing full work abstention demanding the removal of V-C Prof M Shahjahan. BUET unit Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BSU) and Samajtantrik Chhatra Front (SCF) also demanded his resignation.

General Secretary of BUETTA Dr Habibur Rahman expressed satisfaction over the removal of Prof M Shahjahan and the appointment of the seniormost teacher as V-C. He said that BUETTA will withdraw its work abstention programme by holding a general meeting today (Thursday).

BUET unit President of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) Habib Ahmed Murad said that the Government has set a good example by appointing Dr Iqbal Mahmud as V-C of BUET. He thanked Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for ending the deadlock in BUET by appointing a competent V-C.

BUET Unit General Secretary of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) Motahar Hossain Sagar said "Prof Iqbal Mahmud is a neutral person and the seniormost teacher, so the selection is perfect".

Prof Iqbal Mahmud when asked by the Bangladesh Observer said that he would try to start the classes as early as possible. He also said that classes of new batches (Level-1, Term-1, Session 1995-96) will be started along with other batches. He hoped that by mid-December classes would resume. Results of term final examinations will be published very soon, he added.