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Prof Muzaffer new TIB chair, Hafizuddin treasurer

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prof Muzaffer Ahmad, an eminent educationist and environmentalist, has been elected chairman of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) unanimously, says a press release. He was elected for a two-year term

at the annual general meeting of TIB Board of Trustees recently.

At the meeting, Mahfuz Anam, editor and publisher of The Daily Star and M Hafizuddin Khan, former adviser to the caretaker government, have also been elected secretary general and treasurer of TIB respectively

Prof Muzaffer, who earlier acted as the treasurer of TIB, succeeded Samson H Chowdhury as chairman while Mahfuz Anam succeeded Ruhi Ghuznavi as secretary general.

Other trustee board members are Samson H Chowdhury, Prof Khan Sarwar Murshid, Advocate Tawfique Nawaz, Kazi Aminul Huque, Ruhi Ghuznavi and Sultana Kamal

Charge framing May Day observed against 3 JMB men on May 16

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday fixed May 16 for framing charges against three Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) members in a case filed under the Explosive Substances Act with law enforcers in Comilla on March 12 Uttara Police Station on January 5. while details about Shaon could not Judge Md Momin Ullah of the be known. Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court set the date after scrutinising the case on jihad and bomb-making materials docket and relevant documents.

The accused are Wahidul Islam, 20, Shafiqul Islam, 30, Hafez Ibrahim,

On March 30, the Rapid Action Hafez Ibrahim in this connection. Battalion (Rab) pressed charges

The historic May Day was observed in Bangladesh on Monday, reaffirming solidarity with international labour movement for establishing socioecomic rights of the workers. Thousands of workers, carrying red green and yellow banners, assembled at against five IMB members, showing

36 people as prosecution witnesses.

Rab seized arms, explosives, books

decision champions corruption,

politicisation and nepotism. The

Purana Paltan, Motijheel, Bangabandhu Avenue, Muktangon and Mirpur in the morning and then took out processions The investigation officer dropped demanding minimum wages on the basis the name of Shakil alias Mollah Omar of market prices, safety at workplaces and and Shaon from the charge sheet as putting an end to repression. Shakil was killed in a gunfight with the

UNB, Dhaka

May Day, also known as International Workers Solidarity Day, commemorates the historic uprising of working people in Chicago, USA, at the height of a prolonged fight for eight-hour workday.

Trade unions, transport and gar ments associations and political parties from the house of Ruhul Amin also held rallies and brought out proces-Bhuiyan at Courtbari in Uttara in the sions in the capital and elsewhere in the capital on January 5 and arrested country Wahidul Islam, Shafiqul Islam and

Labour ministry took out a procession from Motijheel led by LGRD Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan while Jatiya Sramik League held a big rally at Mirpur, addressed by opposition leader Sheikh Hasina.

Jatiya Party, CPB, Workers Party, amaat. Bangladesh Apparel Workers Federation, National Garment Workers Federation and other organisations held separate rallies in the city to mark the day. President, Jajuddin Ahmed, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia and Opposition Leader Sheikh Hasina issued separate messages, extending their support to the

The day was a public holiday.

deptt students call off siege programme

BDNEWS, Chittagong

Students of the Marine Science Institute of Chittagong University called off their indefinite siege programme yesterday after a fruitful discussion with the university authorities

The meeting held with Vice-Chancellor Prof M Badiul Alam in the chair. Deans of all faculties, proctor, provosts, teachers of the Marine Science Institute and leaders of the agitating students attended the meeting.

Students of the Marine Science institute enforced the siege programme backed by Jamaat and BNP on the campus for indefinite period demanding renaming the Institute after Marine Science and Fisheries Institute.

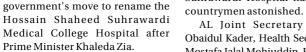


Awami League President Sheikh Hasina addresses a May Day rally at Sher-e-Bangla Stadium at Mirpur in the city on Monday.

Protest against move to rename hospital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League (AL) yesterday formed a human-chain in front of the High Court (HC) protesting against the four-party alliance government's move to rename the Hossain Shaheed Suhrawardi Medical College Hospital after



Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin, Prof Abdul The main opposition AL's Sub-Mannan MP, Prof MS Akbar MP, committee for Health and General Secretary of Swadhinata Population Affairs formed the Chikitshak Parishad Dr Iqbal Arsalan human-chain from 11:00am to 12:00 joined the human-chain along with noon, says an AL press release. others. It also said the government's



STAR: PHOTO Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers and Exporters' Association (BGMEA) President Tipu Munshi speaks at a press conference on 'Electricity and diesel crises in garments sector' at the BGMEA Bhaban in the city yesterday.

release also said the renaming of cause of the working class. the medical college as Begum Khaleda Zia Medical College and Suhrawardi Hospital has left the AL Joint Secretary General Obaidul Kader, Health Secretary Dr CU Marine

