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Different government, non-government, socio-political and cultural organisations and individuals place wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar marking Amar Ekushey, also International Mother Language Day, yesterday. (Clockwise) 1. General people 2. An eager child 3. Awami League (AL) 4. Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) 5. Chief Justice and Supreme Court judges 6. Karmajibi Nari 7. Dhaka University Teachers' Association (Duta) 8. Bangladesh Muktijoddha Sangsad and 9. People from different walks of life in Chittagong.

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### Chief coordinator of Hizb ut-Tahrir released

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mahiuddin Ahmed, chief coordinator of banned Islamist outfit Hizb ut-Tahrir Bangladesh, was freed from jail on Monday on a bail after 22 months of his imprisonment.

Golam Haider, deputy inspector general of Prisons (Dhaka Division), confirmed that Mahiuddin, an associate professor of the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) of Dhaka University, walked out of Dhaka Central Jail at around 5:00pm on Monday.

He was arrested on April 20, 2010, by Uttara police from the IBA Teachers' quarters at Green Road and on charges of planning anti-state and terrorist activities.

Accused in five cases under Anti-Terrorism Act-2009, Mahiuddin obtained bails from the court in all five cases and he was granted the last bail on Sunday.

After the government banned Hizb ut-Tahrir on October 22, 2009, for anti-state activities, the DU syndicate sent Mahiuddin on forced leave indefinitely for his involvement with the outfit.

### MARCH 12 RALLY Khaleda invites views from alliance leaders

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia last night sought the opinion of the leaders of the BNP-led four-party alliance about the agitation programmes she is to declare from the March 12 rally.

At a meeting with the alliance members at her Gulshan office, she directed them to place their proposals in writing, meeting sources said.

The meeting discussed the preparations for the rally aimed at mounting pressure on the government for a restoration of the caretaker government system.

"We've discussed the upcoming rally. She [Khaleda] also informed us about the expansion of the alliance. An announcement in this regard may come from the rally," said Abdul Latif Nezami, secretary general of Islami Oikya Jote.

BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir, Jamaat-e-Islami leaders Abdus Sobhan and Mia Golam Parwar, Bangladesh Jatiya Party chairman Andaleeb Rahman Partho, among others, were present at the 30-minute meeting that began around 10:00pm.

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