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# IUB alumni Intishar and Peash selected for Bangladesh National Futsal Team

Intishar Mostafa Chowdhury and Foayej Ahammed Peash, two alumni of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB), have been selected in the final 14-member squad of the Bangladesh National Futsal Team for the upcoming AFC Futsal Asian Cup 2026 Qualifiers in Malaysia. Intishar has also been named Vice-Captain of the team.

Their selection was confirmed following a three-phase national trial process conducted by the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF), which began with over 630 participants from across the country. Intishar, an alumnus of the Department of Media and Communication, will feature as a midfielder, while Peash, a former student of the Department of Finance, plays as a forward. Meherab Hossain Opi, a current student of Accounting, had also advanced to the second phase of trials but was not selected in the final squad.

The final 14-member squad will represent Bangladesh in its debut appearance at the AFC Futsal Asian Cup Qualifiers, scheduled to take place in Malaysia from September 16 to 24, 2025. Bangladesh has been drawn in Group G alongside Iran, Malaysia, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).



All three players trained under the IUB Football Club (IUBFC) and have competed in various national and international futsal competitions. Their previous achievements include winning titles in the Bangladesh Corporate Premier League, Futsal Premier League, FIFCO Corporate Premier League, NSU Sports Carnival, Wings

Uni Futsal, and IUT OIC Football Tournament. Intishar and Peash were also runners-up in the Manchester City Corporate Cup held at Etihad Stadium, England, in 2024. All three were part of the champion team in the Bangladesh Futsal Premier League (BFPL).

“Our selection reflects years of training and competitive experience at both university and corporate levels,” said Intishar.

“IUB played a big role in our journey,” said Peash. “From grooming us through the IUB Football Club to giving us access to tournaments and facilities, the support we received made a real difference.”

Vice Chancellor Prof. M Tamim said, “Congratulations to Intishar and Peash on this wonderful achievement. It speaks volumes about their dedication and hard work. At IUB, we believe education goes beyond the classroom. It’s about giving students the space to discover and grow their talents. Their success reflects what IUB truly stands for.”

The AFC Futsal Asian Cup is the continent’s premier futsal championship organised by the Asian Football Confederation (AFC). The 2026 edition will determine the Asian qualifiers for the FIFA Futsal World Cup.



## AIUB Social Welfare Club–Shomoy organises “Rongin Shomoy 2025” for underprivileged children at Kathpencil Pathshala

On September 6, the AIUB Social Welfare Club–Shomoy, with the support of the Office of Student Affairs (OSA), American International University–Bangladesh (AIUB), organised a day-long event titled “Rongin Shomoy 2025” at Kathpencil Pathshala – a non-profit organisation dedicated to the education and well-being of underprivileged children.

The programme was inaugurated and graced by Nadia Anwar, Founder Member and Chairman, Board of Trustees, AIUB, along with Prof. Dr Manzur H Khan, Proctor, AIUB. The day was filled with cultural performances, painting sessions, fun activities, and the distribution of colourful custom-made dresses, school bags, and stationery items among the students of Kathpencil Pathshala.

## MIST BLITZ SET TO PARTICIPATE IN FORMULA STUDENT CHINA 2025

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The student Formula team from the Military Institute of Science and Technology (MIST), MIST Blitz, will be taking part in Formula Student China in Henan province, Zhengzhou this October. Within a year, the crew had built their automobile and successfully test-drove it in August, demonstrating how far they had come in such a short period of time despite their inexperience.

Many in Bangladesh still confuse Formula Student with Formula 1, but the two are very different. Formula racing is not limited to Formula 1; there are also Formula 2, 3, 4, 5, Formula E, and Formula Student. While Formula 1 is a professional motorsport, Formula Student is an international engineering competition where university students design, build, and race small single-seater cars.

The focus is not just speed but also design, innovation, efficiency and engineering skills. Events are split into two parts: a static round where teams present their engineering design report to experts, and a dynamic round where cars must pass strict technical inspections before going on track.

MIST Blitz began last year but has already shown promise. At Formula Bharat 2024, they placed first in two static events. Though political instability prevented them from attending the occasion in person, they continued to grind, culminating in their first test drive last month. Building on this progress, their car uses an independent double wishbone suspension for stability and grip, an anti-Ackermann steering system refined through simulations, and a triangulated chassis built for strength and practicality.

Formula Student gives students hands-on experience in design engineering, vehicle dynamics, and problem-solving which they can take straight into the industry when they graduate, particularly as electric vehicles are expected to grow rapidly. In Bangladesh, where the

automotive sector is still focused on assembly rather than design, this exposure is rare.

However, looking ahead, Blitz plans outreach programmes in schools and universities to inspire future engineers. They also hope to expand partnerships with sponsors and the industry for both financial and technical support. For now, their focus is on China, where they will



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compete alongside international teams, present their design to judges, and learn from the global Formula Student community.

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