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Husain, a  
founding  
trustee of  
Independent  
University, Bangladesh  
(IUB), has been re-elected  
chairman of the IUB Board  
of Trustees for 2026-27, said  
a press release.



## Hanif directed AL men to violently suppress July protesters

Prosecution witness tells ICT-2

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The fifth prosecution witness in a crimes against humanity case against Awami League joint general secretary Mahbubul Alam Hanif yesterday told the International Crimes Tribunal 2 that Hanif had directed party cadres to that Hanif had directed party cadres to

that AL activists attempted to prevent the injured from receiving medical treatment at hospitals. He also said students' processions earlier on August 3 and 4 were met with tear gas and violent assaults, escalating the situation ahead of the deadly crackdown.

Sajedur sought the maximum punishment for the accused.

Meanwhile, the ICT-1 yesterday deferred the charge-framing hearing against Sajeeb Wazed Joy, former ICT adviser to deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina, and Zunaid Ahmed Palak, former state minister for ICT, to

January 11 in a separate crimes against humanity case over their alleged roles during the 2024 July uprising.

The defence lawyer representing Palak, who was produced before court, sought permission for privileged communication, which the tribunal granted.

Earlier, on December 17, Advocate Monjur Alam was appointed state defence counsel for fugitive accused Joy.

In other developments, cross-examinations of investigation officers continued in two cases – one filed over the killing of Begum Rokeya University student Abu Sayed with ICT-2, and another involving the killing of two people and injury to two others in Rampura with ICT-1.

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