

**INTERVIEWS**

# IUB valedictorian Sajid on self-belief and success

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Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) held its 26th Convocation on January 21, 2026, where a total of 2,496 students received degrees from undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. Sajid Bin Mohammad, a Marketing graduate and a recipient of the Chancellor's Gold Medal, was selected as the valedictorian.

For Sajid Bin Mohammad, winning the Chancellor's Gold Medal and being selected as the valedictorian represent far more than academic excellence. It stands as a personal affirmation in the face of doubt. The award strengthened his confidence as he prepares for the next phase of his career.

Sajid also credits much of his success to careful academic planning and a clear vision for his future. He also acknowledged the role of his teachers in shaping his intellectual growth, especially Sheikh Mohammad

Fauzul Azim from the Marketing department and Refat Ara Jerin from the Media and Communication department. According to Sajid, their encouragement pushed him to pursue excellence beyond the traditional ways of thinking.

Offering advice to current undergraduates, Sajid emphasised balance and perspective. While acknowledging that grades matter, he urged students not to define themselves by setbacks.

"No matter what life-altering calamity it is that you may be going through, the sun will come up the next day, and you'll have another opportunity to do things afresh," he says.

Quoting poet S C Lourie, Sajid concluded with a message of hope: "Breathe, darling. This is just a chapter. It's not your whole story."



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## CUB ranks 3rd in memorials at Jessup Bangladesh 2026

The Department of Law of Canadian University of Bangladesh (CUB) clinched the 8th position (overall) and ranked 3rd in memorial writing at the 10th Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition - Bangladesh National Round 2026, held from January 22 to 24.

Representing CUB this year was the CUB Law Department Jessup Team consisting of Asef Ibnul, Hasibul Haque Mazumder, Jannatunnesa Jeba, Pabon Das, and Karnig Fatema Himu. In the preliminary rounds, the team won all four of their sessions, qualifying for the quarterfinals as one of the top eight teams nationwide. The team concluded its campaign at the quarterfinal stage.



## IUBAT holds 9th convocation

The International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) held its 9th convocation on January 26. Among the distinguished graduates, Shahrin Khondkar from Agriculture, Mst Lutunnaher Kamini from English, and Maharunnesa Mitu from Public Health programmes were awarded the Miyan Gold Medals in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements. Shahrin Khondkar emerged as the top gold medalist and received the "Alimullah Miyan Award".

The convocation was presided over by Mohammad Touhid Hossain, adviser for foreign affairs. The Convocation Speaker was Prof. Dr Jeff Keshen, President of the University of Regina, Canada.



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