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Prof Arefin takes over as DU VC

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Newly appointed Vice-chancellor of Dhaka University (DU) Prof. AAMS Arefin Siddiq took office as the 27th VC of the university, on Saturday with a promise to uphold the image of the country's premier university.

Prof. Arefin took over the charge at about 10:30am from immediate-past VC Prof. SMA Faiz at a simple ceremony at the VC office.

President Prof. Dr Iajuddin Ahmed, also the chancellor of the university on Thursday gave the appointment under Article 11(2) of the Dhaka University Ordinance 1973, as the post fell vacant following the resignation of former VC Prof. SMA Faiz on January 11 last.

Dr Arefin, a teacher of Mass Communication and Journalism (MCJ) Department and former president of DU Teachers' Association (DUTA), will be in office for a brief period until the election of a 3-member panel by the Senate to appoint a new VC.

Former chairman of national news agency BSS, Prof. Arefin was born on October 26, 1953. He obtained his BA (Honours) and MA in Journalism and Communication.

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Prof Arefin

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He served as VC of Dhaka University in 1973 and 1975 respectively.

He joined the Dhaka University's Mass Communication and Journalism department in 1980 and obtained PhD degree from Mysore University, India in 1986.