

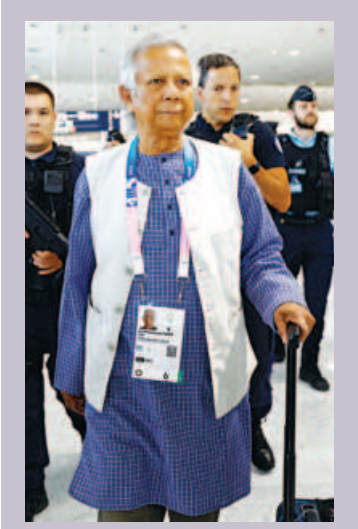
# Stay calm, refrain from violence

Yunus urges people, asks the youth to be ready to build nation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prof Muhammad Yunus yesterday urged the youth to stay calm and get ready to build the nation.

In a statement issued by the Yunus Centre, the Nobel peace laureate also said, "I fervently appeal to everybody to stay calm. Please refrain from all kinds of violence. I appeal to all students, members of all political parties and non-political people to stay calm. This is our beautiful country with lots of exciting possibilities. We must protect and make it a wonderful country for us and for our future generations."



**"Let us not let this victory slip away because of our mistakes."**

He added, "Our youth is ready to give this leadership in creating a new world. Let us not miss the chance by going into any senseless violence. Violence is our enemy. Please don't create more enemies. Be calm and get ready to build the country."

"If we take the path of violence everything will be destroyed. Please stay calm. Help those around you to stay calm."

In the statement, he congratulated the students who made the "second victory day" possible.

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The VIP Road in front of BNP's Nayapaltan headquarters is full to the brim with people attending the party's first rally in over six years to be addressed by BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

## INTERIM GOVT Swearing-in tonight

Army chief says armed forces to help Yunus in all possible ways; new govt may have 15 members

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Members of the interim government led by Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus will take oath tonight, three days after the cabinet was dissolved following the resignation of Sheikh Hasina.

After sharing the information with journalists, army chief General Waker-Uz-Zaman yesterday said the oath-taking ceremony is likely to be held at 8:00pm in presence of some 400 dignitaries.

He hinted that the interim government may have 15 members for now. He, however, did not disclose their names and the possible tenure of the government.



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## BB, NBR grapple with staff anger

Six central bank officials, including four deputy governors, depart

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

It was not a usual day at Bangladesh Bank and the tax authority. For hundreds of employees, it was a day to air frustration and collective rage.

At the central bank, mid-level employees erupted into wild protests yesterday, demanding the resignations of six senior officials, including Governor Abdur Rouf Talukder and four deputy governors. A video taken by a reporter showed soldiers trying to calm protesters, a rare scene in the banking sector.

As the chaos unfolded at Bangladesh Bank, the governor was nowhere to be seen. He stayed away from work for the second day.

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## BNP calls for unity, polls at the soonest

Khaleda, Tarique address huge rally

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP yesterday called for calm and unity and ensuring the safety of all irrespective of religion, race and identity as well as immediate election.

"Let's not indulge in destruction, revenge, vengeance—let us build a society based on love, peace, and knowledge," BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia said in a three-minute long video message played out at a mammoth rally at the capital's Nayapaltan.

Tens of thousands of leaders, activists and supporters, who began convening at the party's Nayapaltan headquarters in the morning, burst into loud cheers when Khaleda's video message played out, her first speech in six and a half years.

She thanked the youth for getting rid of the "fascist illegal government" through an extended movement centring on quota reforms for government jobs.

"I want to sincerely thank our brave children who made this possible through their desperate struggle. I pay respect to the hundreds of martyrs. This victory has brought a new possibility for the nation."

Khaleda, a three-time prime minister, called for building a "knowledge-based, democratic Bangladesh with merit and competence" and "free from exploitation".

"We have to build a prosperous Bangladesh from unprecedented corruption and ruins of destroyed democracy. The dream for which the youth have shed their blood must be realised. Students and youth are our future. Let's strengthen the hands of our youth to build tomorrow's Bangladesh based on peace, progress and equality."

The rights of all religions and communities must be ensured, said

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PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Students wiping off the anti-government slogans and pictures drawn during the protests on a wall of the Government College of Physical Education in the capital's Mohammadpur yesterday while their parents watch.

## 'Whom do we turn to for help?'

Robberies rampant in Mohammadpur, other neighbourhoods in city; locals and students keep vigil in absence of law enforcers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Residents in the capital's Mohammadpur and several other areas are in a state of panic as gangs of criminals have been looting and robbing homes in the absence of law enforcers over the last two days.

The same is happening in several other parts of the country.

From Tuesday night to early yesterday, many families in Mohammadpur had been sleepless from fear of robberies.

Locals made loudspeaker announcements from mosques and took to the streets around midnight to confront the criminals.

Some residents had also turned to social media to seek help, which prompted many people, including

students, to stand guard at various intersections and keep vigil.

The fear of robberies spread through Naboday Housing, Mohammadia Housing, Chan Mia Housing, Chand Udyan, Dhaka Udyan and Chandrima Housing areas—all in Mohammadpur.

Upon information, an army team patrolled the Naboday Housing and Bashbari areas.

It also detained a group of men on a truck in Bashbari. The men, however, claimed to be sand workers and were later released.

A resident of Naboday Housing area said, "Last night, a group of people carrying local weapons came and attacked a neighbouring house. They forcefully opened the main gate and looted cash and jewelry."

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## Take stern actions to stop anarchy, looting

President asks cops; IGP tells them to return to post in 24hr

STAR REPORT

President Mohammed Shahabuddin yesterday asked the police force to take stringent action to control looting and the anarchic situation in the country.

He gave the directive to the police when newly appointed Inspector General of Police Md Mainul Islam called on him at the Bangabhaban, reports UNB.

Congratulating the new IGP, the president said the role of police is very important in maintaining law and order and ensuring



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Today with great admiration we observe the 6<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of

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