

Yunus-led interim govt takes charge

13 advisers including 2 student representatives sworn in; 3 to take oath later

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The interim government led by Prof Muhammad Yunus took oath last night, four days after the resignation and departure of former prime minister Sheikh Hasina amid a mass upsurge led by students.

President Mohammed Shahabuddin administered the oath of office and oath of secrecy to the 84-year-old Nobel laureate and pioneer of microcredit and 13 advisers at the Bangabhaban Darbar Hall around 9:30pm in a ceremony conducted by Cabinet Secretary Mahub Hossain. Three advisers could not be sworn in as they are outside the capital.

Wearing a chequered punjabi and a white vest, Prof Yunus arrived at the Bangabhaban to a standing ovation.

Earlier in the afternoon, Prof Yunus arrived at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport from Paris. Chief of Army Staff General Waker-Uz-Zaman and student organisers received him there.

He made a short speech and



President Mohammed Shahabuddin swearing in Prof Muhammad Yunus as the chief adviser to the interim government at the Bangabhaban last night.

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talked to the student leaders and civil society members at the airport.

In 1996, Prof Yunus became an

adviser to an interim government after declining an offer to lead the caretaker government.

It is, however, not clear for how

long this interim government will be in power. The Daily Star asked the question to four of the

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'Anarchy is our enemy, it must be defeated'

Yunus says '2nd independence' for everyone to enjoy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus said those who spread the poison of anarchy would face the full power of law enforcement agencies, along with the victorious students and the people, who will make them fail.

He sounded the warning in his first address to the nation last night after taking the oath as head of the interim government.

"The conspirators have created an atmosphere of anarchy and fear in the country to thwart our second independence through the uprising of the student masses. Anarchy is our enemy, and it must be defeated quickly," he said.

"As the first duty of the government, we will suppress these conspirators with a heavy hand.

"The first promise of our government is to ensure that everyone can breathe

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Normalcy should return soon

Hope eminent citizens

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eminent citizens welcomed the new interim government, hoping it would restore normalcy and address the ongoing crises across the country.

Dhaka University Professor Emeritus Serajul Islam Choudhury yesterday said one of the duties of the interim government would be to restore order, which has been disrupted over the last few days following the fall of Sheikh Hasina.

"The other task is to ensure the safety of citizens," he said in his immediate reaction to the oath-taking of the interim government last night.

He added that this government would also need to eliminate all forms of oppression and the culture of fear prevailing across the country.

However, the main responsibility of the government, he emphasised, would be to hold a fair and acceptable election to facilitate a democratic transition of power.

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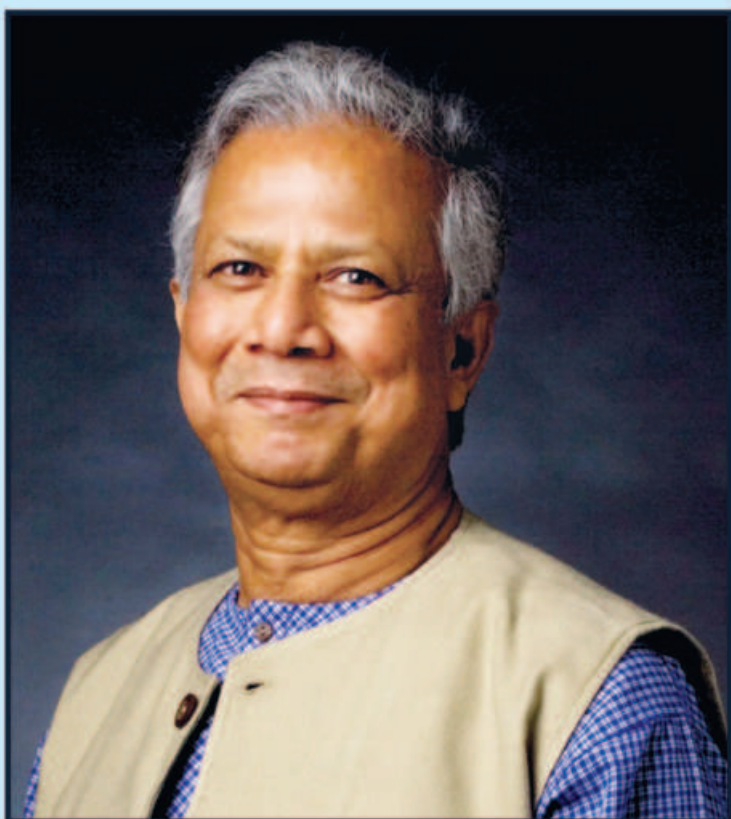
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&

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