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Two female students stop a biker for violating traffic rules and driving without a helmet near the foreign ministry building in the capital yesterday afternoon.

Modi offers best wishes to Yunus

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has offered best



Bangladesh's newly sworn in interim government chief Prof Muhammad Yunus.

"We hope for an early normalcy, return to ensuring the safety and protection of Hindus and all other minority communities," he said in an X post yesterday, minutes after the oathtaking ceremony of the SEE PAGE 10 COL 4

Stern action to be taken to end anarchy

Decide chiefs of 3 services. police, Rab in meeting

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

As only a handful of policemen returned to work, the chiefs of police and Rab yesterday met the chiefs of three services and discussed making all police stations operational within 24 hours with the help of army personnel.

Despite a call by newly appointed inspector general of police to join work, only a small number of police personnel reported to duty yesterday. Many were waiting for security assurances before returning to their posts.

Yesterday's meeting decided to take strict measures to stop anarchy, arson, and destructive activities across the country, according to the

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Nahid, Asif make history Never before students became interim government members





MUNTAKIM SAAD and RAFIUL ISLAM

History was made yesterday when two university students in their mid-20s were sworn in as the youngest ever advisers to an interim government.

Nahid Islam and Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuyain, both aged 26, are students of Dhaka University. They are also involved in student politics.

The two brave young men along with a few other determined students led the quota reform protests since July 1. The protests soon spread across the country and eventually turned into a mass upsurge. It forced Sheikh Hasina to resign as prime minister and flee the country on August 5.

However, continuing the movement was an uphill task for them as they had to endure torture after being picked up by law enforcers last month.

Nahid and Asif along with four other protest organisers were taken into custody by the Detective Branch of Dhaka Metropolitan Police. They started a hunger strike at SEE PAGE 10 COL 1



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40 Palestinians killed in Israeli strikes across Gaza

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