

Students' reps to work with ministries

Decides first meeting of advisers

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The interim government led by Prof Muhammad Yunus plans to engage more student representatives to assist the advisers and make efforts to immediately improve the law and order situation.

The students are likely to be appointed as "assistant advisers" or something similar, officials said, adding that the details of their involvement in the government would be finalised later.

"The student representatives of the movement will be involved with the advisers in carrying out ministry duties," Syeda Rizwana Hasan told reporters after an unscheduled meeting of the advisory council yesterday, the first day of the government.

"Everyone wants reforms to the system. But people from all walks of life must be consulted before doing that.

KEY PRIORITIES

- ➔ Immediately restore law and order
- ➔ Proper trial of all killings
- ➔ Review Cyber Security Act

We will discuss the matter with representatives from all professions, including journalism," said the adviser to the environment, forest and climate change ministry.

The meeting was held in the afternoon at Chief Adviser Prof Yunus' current residence, the state guest house Jamuna in the capital. Earlier in the day, the cabinet division distributed portfolios among the chief adviser and advisers.

Nahid Islam, who was given the charge of telecommunications ministry, said, "The decision to engage more students has been made so that the students can give input and know what the ministries are doing."

"The students have a voice now and they are advocating for state reform. We believe the general public will continue to have faith in young leaders."

The 26-year-old Dhaka University student said the student protests culminated in a mass uprising, resulting

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Chief Adviser to the interim government Prof Muhammad Yunus along with his advisory council members pays tributes to the martyrs of the Liberation War by placing wreaths at the National Memorial in Savar yesterday. PHOTO: PID

Cabinet Division unveils portfolios of advisers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In less than 24 hours after the formation of the Prof Muhammad Yunus-led interim government, its sworn-in advisers received their portfolios.

The Cabinet Division published a gazette notification in this regard yesterday morning, announcing the ministry or ministries assigned to each adviser.

The portfolios of the advisers to the interim government are as follows:

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AFTERMATH OF AL GOVT'S FALL Minorities faced 205 attacks in 52 districts

Say two organisations of minority communities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two organisations of minority communities reported yesterday that there have been at least 205 incidents of attacks on members of minority communities in 52 districts since the fall of the Sheikh Hasina-led government on August 5.

Thousands of Hindu families have become destitute and many temples

have been attacked and burned. Numerous women have faced assaults, and there have been murders in several places. Other minorities have also suffered during this period, according to data compiled by the two organisations.

Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council and Bangladesh Puja Udjapan Parishad presented the data in an open letter to Muhammad

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Police back to stations partially

STAR REPORT

A total of 361 out of 639 police stations in the country partially resumed operations yesterday after a three-day halt, thanks to the assistance of the armed forces and Border Guard Bangladesh.

General diaries were filed and some internal works were completed at the police stations. However, police did not start patrolling and managing traffic as of yesterday.

The police stations that were vandalised and set on fire during the recent violence across the country have not yet reopened.

Yesterday, many cops were concerned about further violent retaliation from the civilians for opening fire on the protesters under Sheikh Hasina's regime. The Awami League government was toppled on August 5 through a mass uprising, leading to then prime minister Hasina fleeing the country.

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BB governor steps down

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Bank Governor Abdur Rouf Talukder resigned yesterday, according to an official aware of the development.

The central bank chief sent his resignation letter virtually to the official concerned at the finance ministry. He stepped down citing health reasons, the official said.

The development came four days after



Abdur Rouf Talukder

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