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Int'l community ready to work with new govt

UN, EU, US, China, Germany, Pakistan welcome it

DIPLMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The international community has expressed its readiness to work with the interim government and its chief Prof Muhammad Yunus who took oath on Thursday, three days after the fall of the Awami League government following an upsurge.

Calling for the end of violence at the soonest, it also urged for independent investigation into the killings during the students' protest demanding quota reform in government jobs.

"We welcome Dr Yunus's call for an end to the recent violence, and we stand ready to work with the interim government and Dr Yunus as it charts a democratic future for the people of Bangladesh," State Department Spokesperson Matthew Miller told a media briefing in Washington on Thursday.

He said they have communicated with the interim government, and the US embassy Charge De' Affaires Helen LaFave attended the swearing in event. However, he could not say if she spoke to Prof Yunus there.

Miller, however, refused to comment on the private diplomatic conversations.

EU High Representative and Foreign Policy Chief Josep Borrell also welcomed the interim government.

"Bangladesh is now entering a period of transition, and the interim government will have an important task to prepare the ground for democratic elections and ensure accountability for the deaths and violence that have occurred," he said in a statement.

"This is an important moment for the country's democratic path and the fulfilment of the aspirations of the people of Bangladesh and its youth."

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Students paint graffiti on the wall of a police box, depicting the recent quota reform protests. The photo was taken near the Mirpur-1 intersection in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Interim govt formed upon SC nod

Says registrar general of SC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

President Mohammed Shahabuddin sought an opinion from the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court before forming the interim government.

The government was formed after the full bench of the apex court gave its opinion in favour considering the country's current situation, Supreme Court Registrar General Aziz Ahmed Bhuiyan told

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Six inmates killed during jailbreak bid in Jamalpur

19 injured; guards open fire during clash with prisoners at Ctg central jail

STAR REPORT

Six prisoners died and 19 were injured in Thursday's shooting at the Jamalpur District Jail.

Meanwhile, prison guards opened fire during a clash with a group of inmates at the Chattogram Central Jail yesterday.

Tensions escalated at different jails as groups of inmates attempted to escape since Monday, the day when Sheikh Hasina resigned and left the country.

At the Chattogram Central Jail, the prison guards opened fire when some prisoners tried

to break open the main gate around 2:00pm, our staff correspondent reports, quoting Jail Superintendent Manjur Hossain.

On information, army personnel reached the spot and brought the situation under control, he said, adding that none of the prisoners could escape.

Two injured people were taken out of the jail, said witnesses.

Their identities could not be known immediately.

At the Jamalpur District Jail, six prisoners died and 19 others, including prison guards

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'Hasina did not resign'

Claims Joy, says AL willing to work with BNP for democracy

REUTERS, New Delhi

Sheikh Hasina had not resigned as prime minister before fleeing this week to India as anti-government protesters marched on her official residence, her son and adviser told Reuters early today.

Hasina has been sheltering in New Delhi since Monday following an uprising that killed about 300 people, many of them students, ending her uninterrupted rule of 15 years in the country of 170 million people.

"My mother never officially resigned. She didn't get the time," Hasina's son Sajeed Wazed told Reuters from Washington.

"She had planned to make a statement and submit her resignation. But then the protesters started marching on the prime minister's residence. And there was no time. My mother wasn't even packed. As far as the constitution goes, she is still the prime minister of Bangladesh."

He said though the president had dissolved parliament after consulting with military chiefs and opposition politicians, the formation of a caretaker government without the prime minister actually formally resigning "can be

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অভিনন্দন ও শুভেচ্ছা



প্রথম বাংলাদেশী নোবেল বিজয়ী এবং ক্ষুদ্রঋণের মাধ্যমে দারিদ্র্য বিমোচনের অগ্রদূত **ড. মুহাম্মদ ইউনুস** বাংলাদেশের অন্তর্বর্তীকালীন সরকার-এর প্রধান উপদেষ্টা হিসেবে দায়িত্বভার গ্রহণ করায় দেশের ৪১টি বেসরকারী ব্যাংকের শীর্ষ সংগঠন বাংলাদেশ অ্যাসোসিয়েশন অব ব্যাংকস (বিএবি)-র পক্ষ থেকে প্রাণঢালা অভিনন্দন ও শুভেচ্ছা।

আমরা আরও অভিনন্দন জানাচ্ছি দেশের অত্যন্ত সুপরিচিত ও অভিজ্ঞ ব্যাংকার, শিক্ষক, আইনজ্ঞ, মানবাধিকার কর্মী, নিরাপত্তা বিশ্লেষক, বিশিষ্ট ব্যক্তিবর্গসহ ছাত্র আন্দোলনের অন্যতম দুজন সমন্বয়ককে, যারা অন্তর্বর্তীকালীন সরকার-এর উপদেষ্টা হিসেবে দায়িত্ব গ্রহণ করেছেন। আমরা বিশ্বাস করি, বহুমাত্রিক বৈশিষ্ট্যমণ্ডিত এই সরকার একটি সুন্দর ও নিরাপদ আগামী বাংলাদেশ আমাদেরকে উপহার দিবেন।

একই সাথে আমরা ছাত্র আন্দোলনে শহীদ সকল শিক্ষার্থী, ব্যাংকার, আইন শৃঙ্খলা রক্ষাকারী বাহিনীর সদস্যসহ আত্মত্যাগকারী সকলের রূহের মাগফিরাত কামনা করছি এবং তাঁদের শোকসন্তপ্ত পরিবারের প্রতি গভীর সহানুভূতি প্রকাশ করছি।

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