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## Farooq-e Azam sworn in as adviser

All 17 interim govt advisers have now taken oath of office

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Freedom fighter Farooq-e Azam was sworn in as an adviser of the interim government yesterday.

President Mohammed Shahabuddin administered the oath of office at Bangabhaban at 11:00am.

Farooq-e Azam returned to Bangladesh late on Sunday on a flight from the United States.

Most of the advisors of the new interim government, led by Professor Muhammad Yunus, took their oaths of office on August 8 after Sheikh Hasina resigned as PM and fled the country on August 5.

Chief Adviser Yunus and 13 other advisers were sworn in on that day.

Supradeep Chakma, a former ambassador, and Bidhan Ranjan Roy, former director of the National Institute of Mental Health, were sworn in on August 13.

With the swearing in of Bir Pratik Farooq-e Azam, a freedom fighter who participated in Operation Jackpot, all 17 of the advisers of the interim government have now taken oath.

## 4 new SC judges sworn in

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Four new Supreme Court judges were sworn in yesterday morning.

Chief Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed administered the oath at the Supreme Court at 10:30am. The judges are Justice Zubayer Rahman Chowdhury, Syed Md Ziaul Karim, Justice Md Rezaul Haque, and Justice SM Emdadul Hoque.

Justice Md Ashfaqul Islam, senior judge of the Appellate Division, and judges of the High Court Division, Attorney General Md Asaduzzaman and Supreme Court Bar Association President AM Mahbub Uddin Khokon were present at the oath-taking ceremony.

President Mohammad Shahabuddin on Monday elevated them to the Appellate Division of the SC from the High Court Division. The number of apex court judges now stands at six.

## 3 new addl attorney generals appointed

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

President Mohammed Shahabuddin yesterday appointed three Supreme Court lawyers as additional attorney generals and nine others as deputy attorney generals to represent the state in legal matters.

The new additional attorney generals are Abdul Zabbar Bhuiyan, Arshadur Rauf and Aneek Rushd Haque. Among the new additional attorney generals, Md

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## 999 now fully operational

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The national emergency helpline number 999, which was disrupted due to the absence of police personnel since August 6, is now functioning at full capacity.

Mohammad Tabarak Ullah, additional deputy inspector general of police and chief of the 999 service, confirmed this to The Daily Star.

The 999 service did not stop on August 6, but it was running on a limited scale, he said.

"We could not provide service as there was no police personnel in stations across the country. Since police have resumed work at almost all the stations on Monday, we are now providing the 999 service in full swing," he said.

Police members remained absent from their stations since August 6, a day after Sheikh Hasina resigned and fled the country amid a mass protest.

They feared violent reprisals as several hundred protesters were killed due to indiscriminate firing by many of their colleagues along with BGB members.

Besides, at least 42 police personnel were also killed during the clashes that took place between July 16 and August 6 across the country.

## Primary schools reopen

**STAR REPORT**

All primary schools reopened today after remaining shut for around one month.

Mahbubur Rahman, public relations officer of Primary and Mass Education confirmed it to The Daily Star.

On July 17, the government closed all the primary schools until further notice amid the quota reform protests across the country.

## Politics banned at JnU, PUST

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The authorities of Jagannath University yesterday banned all types of political activities involving students, faculty members, and administrative staff on the university campus.

It was also decided that in-person classes would begin on August 18.

The decisions were made by Prof Md

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## 'Killer Abbas' freed

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Once a top terror of Dhaka's underworld Abbas Ali, also known as "Killer Abbas", was released from Kashimpur Central Jail-2 on Monday night.

Senior Jail Superintendent (Acting) Amirul Islam confirmed it to The Daily Star.

He said Abbas' relatives met him at the main gate around 10:30pm.

He was in the high security cell of Kashimpur Jail in Gazipur since 2003.

Abbas was arrested on February 14, 2003 in a case filed for shooting two businessmen in front of the Dhaka District and Sessions Judge's Court building in broad daylight.

## BCS health cadres demand removal of DGHS DG

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Health cadre officials yesterday demanded the immediate removal of all corrupt officials at Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), including its director general.

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Students and artists paint walls across various streets in Barishal city, honouring the memories and sacrifices of those who lost their lives during the quota reform movement and the mass uprising that followed. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: TITU DAS



## Journos also a part of mass uprising: CJ

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Chief Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed yesterday said journalists are also a part of the mass uprising through which a new Bangladesh has been born.

The contribution of journalists cannot be denied, he said while talking to reporters at his office.

Mentioning that journalists are the fourth pillar of the state, he said, "We get informed through news by journalists. So, we expect them to deliver the highest quality of journalism while also maintaining professionalism. The expectation is even higher from journalists covering the SC issues."

## They want closure

Family members of victims of enforced disappearance block road in front of state guest house Jamuna

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

Ten-year-old Shan Miazzi stood before the State Guest House Jamuna, the office of the interim government's Chief Adviser, Dr Muhammad Yunus, holding a picture of his father.

When he was just five months old, his father, Sohail Miazzi Rana, was detained by the Rapid Action Battalion.

Since that day, no one has seen or heard from Sohail.

Shan was not alone. Around 25 other relatives of missing persons had organised a human chain there, demanding to know the whereabouts of their family members.

Their loved ones, allegedly detained by state agencies during the 15-year rule of the Awami League, have vanished without a trace.

These families are haunted by the uncertainty of whether their loved ones are alive or dead, as they wait for

any information that might bring them closure.

They alleged that their family members were being held at "Aynaghar" (House of Mirrors), a detention facility where victims of enforced disappearances were kept during Sheikh Hasina's regime.

The protesters also blocked the road in front of Jamuna demanding answers.

Among them was Tasnim Shipra from Lakshmipur, who held a placard demanding the return of her uncle, Belal Hossain.

Belal was taken by Rab-II in 2013 from a tea stall near their home.

"We want to know whether my uncle is alive or not. On December 15, 2013, Rab-II took my uncle along with two others. The bodies of the other two were recovered, but we have no news of my uncle," said Tasnim.

She said while her uncle was not

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