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Farooq-e Azam sworn in as adviser

All 17 interim govt
advisers have now
taken oath of office

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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.

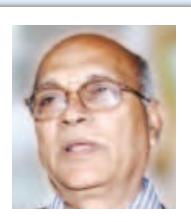
Farooq-e Azam returned to Bangladesh
late on Sunday on a flight from the United
States.

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 Reafat 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.

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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DAY AT A GLANCE

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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'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.



Primary schools reopen today

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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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.



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

Shafiqul Alam
press secretary
of chief adviser

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shafiqul
Alam, the
Bangladesh
bureau chief
of AFP, was
yesterday
appointed as the press
secretary to Chief Adviser of the
interim government Prof Muhammad
Yunus.

Alam would have the
rank of secretary and draw
a salary of Tk 78,000 along
with benefits, according
to a notification of public
administration ministry.

"It was too good an
opportunity to pass up on.
I hope to carry out my role
as the press secretary with
sincerity, grace and while
upholding the freedom of
the press..." Alam said.

A graduate of Dhaka
University, Alam started
his journalism career at the now-defunct The
Bangladesh Observer. He joined AFP in 2005.
In 2012, he was made its
Bangladesh bureau chief.

VICTIMS OF ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCE Yunus opens his door for the families

Listens to their despair; says govt must act on it

BAHARAM KHAN

Chief Adviser to the interim government
Prof Muhammad Yunus yesterday
expressed deep concern after hearing
the distressing accounts of families
whose loved ones have gone missing at
different times.

In a state of disbelief,
he remarked, "Can
people harm
others like this?"

The chief
adviser said this
at a meeting with
members of Mayer
Daak, a platform
for the families of

victims of enforced disappearances,
at the State Guesthouse Jamuna, his
official residence, around 8:30pm.

The platform said more than 400
such families are associated with Mayer
Daak.

Acknowledging the critical role
these families played in bringing the

government to power, Dr Yunus said,
"This government exists because of you.
If it doesn't address your issues, what
is its purpose? This government has a
responsibility to you, and it must act on
these matters."

He further added, "You have done
a brave thing by standing up. If you
hadn't taken to the streets, people
wouldn't have known."

During the conversation,
Yunus asked the
families how long
they had been
advocating for
justice. The victims responded that they
had been fighting for 11 years.

Sanjida Islam Tuli, the coordinator of
Mayer Daak, said, "Our family members
haven't just disappeared; many of us have
been harassed by various
organisations."

PHOTO: PID

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SEASON 2**
**CALL FOR
REGISTRATIONS / NOMINATIONS**

The Stellar Women initiative aims to recognise twelve (12) extraordinary women throughout the year (From July '24 to June '25) for playing a vital role in their distinguished fields. Their work must have made positive contributions towards the development of society & the nation.

Inviting nominations/ registrations in the following categories:

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