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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.

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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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."



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STELLAR WOMEN 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.

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