



Don't stop till the job is done

Yunus tells organisers of student movement about building a new Bangladesh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus yesterday urged key organisers of the student-led mass uprising to continue their efforts to make students' and the people's dream of a new Bangladesh come true.

"For the dream, they sacrificed their lives. We must make that dream a reality. We have no other way," he said.

Not only are the people of the country eager to build a new nation, but Bangladeshis all over the world are also saying they want to be a part of realising that dream, he said at a views-exchange meeting with the students at the Chief Adviser's Office yesterday.

Yunus said when he sees graffiti on the walls, it surprises him. "How did the students come up with so many words?"

- Govt stance clear: mob justice can in no way be allowed
- Yunus says good ties with India needed but must be based on equity, justice
- Due process should be followed when filing cases against people
- Protest organisers question the use of religions in politics
- Students call for end to same-old student, teacher politics

There were no poets, no writers, and no scholars behind them," he said.

Warning the students about possible attempts to sideline them from their nation-building work, he said, "Don't give up until the job that you have taken up is done."

Students have awakened a wave; they have also awakened the youth of the whole world. "The youth of other countries also say they want to learn about us because they need this in their country too," Yunus said.

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Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus talking to organisers of the Anti-discrimination Student Movement at the Chief Adviser's Office in the capital's Tejgaon yesterday.

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More surprised than worried

Foreign adviser says on Rajnath Singh's comment

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Foreign Adviser Touhid Hossain said yesterday that he was surprised at a statement made by Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh regarding Bangladesh.

"I'm more surprised than concerned by the

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BB to rescue problem banks

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The Bangladesh Bank is set to rescue problem banks including some Shariah-based banks controlled by S Alam Group by managing liquidity or merging a few.

For instance, Exim Bank has already been provided with Tk 1,000 crore special liquidity support from the central bank for 90 days, documents show.

The condition of a few crisis-hit banks is at the stage of bankruptcy but the government has no plan to declare them bankrupt, said BB Governor Ahsan H Mansur at a press conference yesterday.

Those banks can stage a comeback if they get policy support from the central bank, he said, adding that the BB will revive them by merging with stronger ones.

The central bank will not provide liquidity support by printing money as before but those lenders can avail such support through inter-bank money supply, with the BB acting as the guarantor of the ailing banks.

So far, seven of the ailing lenders, whose boards were reconstructed recently, verbally requested the central bank for liquidity support to repay the depositors' money.

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Star INTERVIEW

Want to make people feel they own the state

Ali Imam Majumder, an adviser to the interim government, talks to The Daily Star's Partha Pratim Bhattacharjee and Baharam Khan about discrimination between different cadres in public service, illegal detention during the AL government's tenure, reforms to counter politicisation of institutes, and the challenge of making bureaucracy and police fully functional. He also discusses mob justice, attacks on minorities, and wholesale cases against AL leaders and journalists.

TDS: The interim government is talking about reforms in different sectors. Where do you think immediate reforms are necessary and how much time is required?



Ali Imam: We've almost forgotten the culture of changing a government through a vote. One of the main targets is to bring back a system where a government is changed through the people's mandate. Besides, we want to bring reforms to bureaucracy and law enforcement agencies so that people can get the highest level of service and start to believe that they are the owners of the state.

I want to echo Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus's remarks that the interim government will continue as long as the people want us to serve. We have already sat with several political parties to know their desires and will continue to do so in the coming days.

TDS: Fear has crippled the executive, and it's not functioning properly. What's your plan to make it fully functional?

Ali Imam: We're trying to make bureaucracy fully functional. I know there's a fear among bureaucrats. I want to tell them that professional, honest and dedicated officers don't need to panic. But those who acted as party cadres will have to face the music. A vacuum has been

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May Allah (SWT) forgive his departed soul and grant him the highest place in Jannah.

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