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US President Joe Biden has offered his country's full support to Bangladesh's interim government during his rare bilateral meeting with Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus.

They met on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York last night, signalling a new beginning of the relationship that was strained over the last couple of years.

Nobel laureate Yunus apprised Biden

how students stood up to the tyranny of the previous government and laid down their lives to create this opportunity to rebuild Bangladesh, according to a statement from the chief adviser's press wing.

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President Joe Biden and Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus hug each other during their bilateral meeting on the sidelines of UNGA in New York yesterday.

PHOTO: CHIEF ADVISER'S PRESS WING

## 'I'll stand beside him, come what may'

Says army chief about Yunus, his govt

#### REUTERS

Army chief General Waker-uz Zaman has vowed to back the country's interim government led by Professor Muhammad Yunus "come what may" to help it complete key reforms so that elections could be held within the next 18 months.

General Waker and his troops stood aside in early August amid raging student-led protests against Sheikh Hasina, sealing the fate of the veteran politician who resigned as prime minister after 15 years in power and fled to neighbouring India.

In a rare media interview, Waker told Reuters at his office in the capital on Monday that the interim administration led by Nobel laureate Yunus had his full support and outlined a pathway to rid the military of political influence.

"I will stand beside him, come what may. So that he can accomplish his mission," Waker, bespectacled and dressed in military fatigues, said of Yunus.

The pioneer of the global microcredit movement, Yunus has promised to carry out essential reforms to the judiciary, police and financial institutions, paving the way to hold a free and fair election in the country of 170 million people.

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**A transition to democracy should be made between a year and a half.**

#### JULY UPRISING CASES

No cops to be arrested without specific evidence

Say PHQ officials

MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN and EMRUL HASAN BAPPI

Police members sued for murder, attempted murder, and kidnapping during the quota reform protests in July-August will only be arrested if there is specific evidence against them.

Different police units are collecting video footage and working to identify the force members who used lethal weapons against unarmed civilians.

The move came after the Police Headquarters (PHQ) on September 10 sent copies of a letter to all police units, asking them to drop the names of any government official or individual from cases if their involvement in offences is not found during primary investigations, a high official of the PHQ confirmed The Daily Star.

The letter was addressed to the Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) chief.

"We are collecting footage of police members using lethal weapons

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## GLOBE EDIBLE OIL LTD S Alam's backdoor takeover attempt

#### MD MEHEDI HASAN

S Alam Group's takeover of the Islami Bank to drain the healthiest bank of the country had left investors and customers in shock. It did not stop there.

Now allegations have emerged that it used the bank in its bid to force the chairman of another group to sell their cooking oil business to the Chattogram-based conglomerate.

Globe Pharmaceuticals Group of Companies Ltd, the parent of Globe Edible Oil Ltd (GEOL) which markets its products under the brand name Royal Chef, has been able to stop the takeover since S Alam's influences ended with the fall of the Sheikh Hasina government last month.

"I was forced to sign an agreement on April 18 last year to sell the shares of GEOL to a company of S Alam under a serious threat," said Md Harunur Rashid, chairman of Globe Pharmaceuticals Group.

Speaking to The Daily Star on September 19, he said that GEOL was also forced to stop all operations due to illegal interference by S Alam.

"Not only this single company, S Alam Group, over the last decade, had been trying to do a hostile takeover of the entire Globe Group through careful planning," Harunur alleged and added it caused Globe Pharmaceuticals Group huge financial losses.

The edible oil firm recently filed a Tk 1,497 crore damages case with the 5th Joint District Judge's Court, Dhaka against S Alam Group, its subsidiary Globe Refined Sugar Industries Ltd, Islami Bank Bangladesh and the senior vice president (SVP) and head of the bank's Gulshan branch. Bangladesh Bank was also made a defendant in the case.

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## Family loses beloved son and nation a patriot

MIRZA SHAKIL, Tangail

With her husband returning from overseas after many years, her daughter happily married, and her son serving in the Bangladesh Army, there was very little missing from Nazma Akter's life.

She could look forward to a life filled with the little joys and precious moments a settled family can provide.

But her whole world turned upside down this morning when she got the news that her son, Lt Tanjim Sarwar Nirjon, was no more.

The young army officer, only 22 years of age, was stabbed to death by robbers during an operation by joint forces in Chakaria upazila, Cox's Bazar early yesterday. He was posted at Ramu Cantonment in the district.

When this correspondent visited Nazma's house in Koror Betka area in Tangail town yesterday, she was grieving

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Lt Tanjim Sarwar



People with their belongings in the back of a truck as they arrive in the coastal town of Naameh yesterday, after fleeing their homes in southern Lebanon due to ongoing cross-border hostilities between Hezbollah and Israeli forces.

PHOTO: AFP



**Abu Sayed died of pellet wounds, not head injury**

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**India, US both need a stable Bangladesh**

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**Bangladesh need Mominul to score big**

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### BUSINESS

#### Owners accept all demands of RMG workers

Garment factory owners have accepted all 18 demands of the workers to tame the ongoing unrest in the sector. "Normal operations in the industrial zones are expected to resume on Wednesday [today] as demands have been addressed," Labour and Employment Adviser Asif Mahmud Sajeeb Bhuiyan said at a briefing.

STORY ON B1

## Israel, Hezbollah carry out fresh attacks

Alarm grows as death toll reaches 558

#### REUTERS, Beirut

Israel struck Hezbollah targets in southern Lebanon and the Iran-backed group attacked military facilities in northern Israel yesterday, increasing fears of a full-blown conflict after Lebanon suffered its deadliest day in decades.

Israel's military said it hit dozens of Hezbollah targets overnight, a day after carrying out airstrikes against the armed group which Lebanese authorities said killed 558 people, including 50 children and 94 women, and wounded 1,835. Tens of

thousands more have fled for safety.

Hezbollah said it targeted several Israeli military targets overnight including an explosives factory 60 km into Israel, which it attacked with Fadi rockets around 4:00 am. It said it had also attacked the Megiddo airfield near the northern Israeli town of Afula three separate times.

An Israeli airstrike on the southern suburbs of Beirut yesterday killed a Hezbollah commander who was a leading figure in its rocket division, two security sources said. The sources identified the

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**গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার**  
**বাংলাদেশ সড়ক পরিবহন কর্তৃপক্ষ (বিআরটিএ)**  
সদর কার্যালয়  
নতুন বিমান বন্দর সড়ক, বনানী, ঢাকা।

**মহাসড়কে প্রি-হুইলার, অটোরিক্সা/অটোটেম্পু ও অযাত্রিক যানবাহন চলাচল নিষিদ্ধ সংক্রান্ত।**

- সড়ক পরিবহন ও মহাসড়ক বিভাগের প্রজ্ঞাপন স্মারক নং-৩৫.০২০.০০৬.০০.০০.০১৮.০১৩-৩২১, তারিখঃ ২৭ জুলাই ২০১৫খ্রিঃ মোতাবেক সড়ক নিরাপত্তা বিধানে সকল জাতীয় মহাসড়কে প্রি-হুইলার, অটোরিক্সা/অটোটেম্পু এবং সকল শ্রেণীর অযাত্রিক যানবাহন চলাচল নিষিদ্ধ করা হলেও ইদানিং লক্ষ্য করা যাচ্ছে যে, এ আইন অমান্য করে জাতীয় মহাসড়কে উল্লিখিত যানবাহনসমূহ চলাচল করছে। এতে সড়ক দুর্ঘটনা বৃদ্ধিসহ জনমনে বিরূপ প্রতিক্রিয়া সৃষ্টি হচ্ছে।
- এমতাবস্থায় সড়ক নিরাপত্তা বিধানে দেশের সকল মহাসড়কে প্রি-হুইলার, অটোরিক্সা/অটোটেম্পু ও অযাত্রিক যানবাহন চলাচল নিষিদ্ধ থাকবে। যে সকল স্থানে সিএনজি ফিলিং স্টেশন নেই উক্ত স্থানসমূহে চলাচলকারী প্রি-হুইলার, অটোরিক্সা/অটোটেম্পু যাত্রীবাহী অবস্থায় ভোর ০৬.০০ ঘটিকা হতে সকাল ০৮.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত নিকটস্থ মহাসড়কের পার্শ্বে অবস্থিত সিএনজি ফিলিং স্টেশন হতে গ্যাস/জ্বালানী সংগ্রহ করতে পারবে। আইন অমান্য করে মহাসড়কে উল্লিখিত যানবাহন চলাচল করলে যথাযথ আইনানুগ ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হবে।

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