

Political parties want road map to polls

During dialogue, Yunus tells them that reform commissions will talk to parties before filing reports

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of major political parties yesterday asked Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus for a road map to reforms and the next general election. They also expressed concerns over the rising prices of essentials and a lack of law and order.

Leaders of BNP, Jamaat, Islami

that elections are the interim government's number one priority.

The BNP also demanded removal of "one or two individuals in the interim government who are against the main spirit of the interim government and the mass uprising".

A new election commission should be formed immediately based on political consensus, and

should face sedition charges."

When the Awami League was in power, most of the appointments to the High Court Division were partisan, and about 30 judges are still working there, Fakhru pointed out.

It is worrying that people who are being arrested on specific charges like corruption and murders are being released on bail, he said, adding



Amid rising floodwaters, a fisherman throws a net on the submerged Sadar-Nalitabari road hoping to catch fish that have been swept away from nearby waterbodies. The photo was taken in the Gollapara area of Sherpur Sadar upazila around 9:00am yesterday.

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BNP

Asks forming of new EC with political parties' consensus

Advises action against those trying to create anarchy in CHT

Requests removal of admin officials who helped Hasina regime

JAMAAT

Asks for road map to next election, reforms

Advises govt to punish people accused of killings, money laundering

Urges govt to ensure law enforcers, people work together for Durga Puja

LDA

Warns that evil powers can spark "incidents" if elections are delayed

Urges govt to control essentials' prices, improve law and order

Asks govt to ensure that Liberation War is not made controversial

Andolan Bangladesh, six parties each from Ganatantra Mancha and Baam Gonotantrik Morcha platforms held dialogues with Prof Yunus at state guesthouse Jamuna.

The first dialogue was with a six-member BNP delegation led by Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir, secretary general of the party.

"We demanded a road map to the next election," he told reporters after the talks.

The chief adviser told them

the law through which previous ECs were formed should be repealed.

The election reform commission should not have controversial members, Fakhru said.

The BNP demands that members of ECs that held "farical" national elections in 2014, 2018, and 2024 be brought to justice, he added.

"Former chief justice ABM Khairul Haque who was key to destroying the electoral system and cancellation of the caretaker government system

that false and politically motivated cases filed during the Awami League need to be withdrawn.

"Some police officers and former ministers are fleeing the country. We ask the interim government to look into how they are fleeing and who is helping them.

"Many in the civil administration who assisted the fascist government are still there. They should be removed and appointments of

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Flash floods ravage Sherpur, M'singh

4 drown; 2.25 lakh people marooned

STAR REPORT

At least four people have died after being swept away by floodwaters, and a woman has been reported missing in Sherpur. The bodies of the four were recovered over the last two days.

During this period, flash floods have marooned around 2.25 lakh people in Sherpur and Mymensingh.

The four deceased — Rahijob Ambia, 45, Idris Ali, 65, and siblings Hatem Ali and Alamgir — were residents of Sherpur's Nalitabari upazila.

Locals said Ambia slipped on a flooded road around 5:00pm on Friday while heading to a shelter

with her five-year-old child and was swept away.

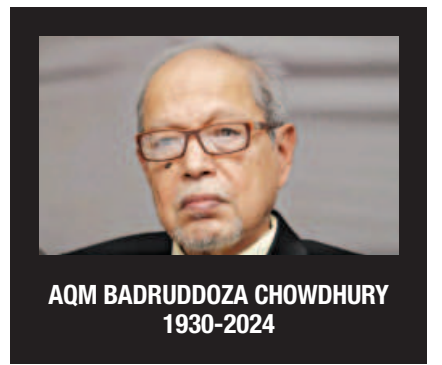
About one hour later, her body was recovered from the edge of Baghab village, said Abdus Sabu, chairman of the local union parishad.

The child, however, survived by clinging to a tree, Sabu told The Daily Star.

Idris was swept away by floodwaters while returning home from a kitchen market around 4:30pm on Friday.

His body was found around half a kilometre away, said Md Masud Rana, upazila nirbahi officer of Nalitabari.

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AQM BADRUDDOZA CHOWDHURY
1930-2024

A life dedicated to public service

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former president AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury, a prominent figure in the country's political landscape, passed away early yesterday.

He breathed his last at 3:15am at Uttara Medical College for Women and

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