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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

- 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

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 sixmember BNP delegation led by Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, secretary general of the party.

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

The chief adviser told them

that elections are the interim should face sedition charges." government's number one priority.

The BNP also demanded removal "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

Asks for road map

Advises govt to

punish people accused of killings,

money laundering

Urges govt to ensure

work together for

Durga Puja

members, Fakhrul said.

brought to justice, he added.

"Former chief justice ABM Khairul

electoral system and cancellation of

the caretaker government system

law enforcers, people

reforms

to next election.

JAMAAT

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, Fakhrul 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

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- Marns that evil powers can spark "incidents" if
- Urges govt to control essentials' prices,

the law through which previous ECs were formed should be repealed. The election reform commission

should not have controversial The BNP demands that members of ECs that held "farcical" national elections in 2014, 2018, and 2024 be who is helping them.

who assisted the fascist government Haque who was key to destroying the are still there. They should be removed and appointments of

- elections are delayed
- improve law and order
- Asks govt to ensure that Liberation War is not made controversial

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

"Many in the civil administration SEE PAGE 2 COL 5 Sadar upazila around 9:00am yesterday. Flash floods ravage

4 drown; 2.25 lakh people marooned

Sherpur, M'singh

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

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

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

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

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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 SEE PAGE 2 COL 2





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