

STATE REFORMS CA to hold 2nd round of talks with parties October 19

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus will hold talks on reforms with some political parties on October 19.

His dialogue is aimed at advancing the reform process, said Abul Kalam Azad Majumder, deputy press secretary to the CA.

At a press conference held at the Foreign Service Academy yesterday, he said that the Gonoforum, Bangladesh Jatiya Party, 12-Party Alliance, Liberal Democratic Party, Jatiya Mukti Council, Labour Party, the alliance of like-minded nationalist parties, and some others will be invited to the dialogue.

Asked if the Jatiya Party would be invited, he said the chief adviser's dialogue with political parties is an ongoing process, and a decision regarding the JP's invitation would be made later.

On October 5, Prof Yunus held talks with the BNP, Jamaat-e-Islami, Ganatantra Mancha, Left Democratic Alliance, Hefazat-e-Islam, Islami Andolon Bangladesh, and Amar Bangladesh (AB) Party.

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Passengers wait to board a Motijheel-bound metro train at Mirpur-10 station in the capital. The station reopened yesterday, nearly three months after it was vandalised on July 19 during the violence surrounding the Anti-discrimination Student Movement. Story on page 3.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Hathurusingha axed over misconduct

Simmons named head coach



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has decided to cut ties with the national men's team's head coach Chandika Hathurusingha, citing several disciplinary grounds, which mainly included his "assault" on a national cricketer during last year's ODI World Cup.

During yesterday's press briefing held on short notice in Mirpur, BCB president Faruque Ahmed informed media that they have already issued a show-cause suspension notice to the 58-year-old Sri Lankan – giving him a 48-hour timeframe "because he is an international figure."

The BCB boss later confirmed the appointment of former West Indies allrounder Phil Simmons as their new

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Producers to supply eggs directly to wholesalers Says chief of consumer rights body amid supply crunch in the capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Starting today, corporate businesses and farmers will supply eggs directly to the wholesalers in capital at a reasonable price set by the government.

Md Alim Akhter Khan, director general of the Directorate of National Consumers' Right Protection (DNCRP), announced this at a press conference yesterday after a meeting with the egg producers, suppliers, and other stakeholders at its head office in the capital's Karwan Bazar.

He said that the wholesalers agreed to the government's pricing, and they want to buy eggs from the producers at the government-fixed rate.

Eggs, which are a key source of animal protein for low-income people, were sold for Tk 180 to Tk 190 each dozen in the capital yesterday, up from Tk 160 to Tk 165 four days ago, according to retailers.

On September 15, the Department of Agricultural Marketing had set the price of brown eggs at Tk 142 per dozen and

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MATARBARI POWER PLANT ACC opens probe into Tk 1,000cr graft allegation



MOKAMMEL SHUVO, Cox's Bazar

The Anti-Corruption Commission's Cox's Bazar integrated office has started a probe into the allegations of embezzlement of about Tk 1,000 crore from different works of the Matarbari coal-fired power plant project.

The 1,200 megawatt coal-fired power plant was built at a cost of Tk 57,000 crore in Cox's Bazar's Maheshkhali

The investigation was launched following allegations of corruption made by some of the employees of the Coal Power Generation Company Bangladesh Limited (CPGCBL) that operates the Matarbari power plant.

Subsequently, the ACC in the middle of July assigned Subel Ahmed, the deputy director of ACC Cox's Bazar integrated office, to investigate the allegations.

The commission is currently looking into eight allegations:

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Chaos in court over HC judge's comment Bench reconstituted

UNB, Dhaka

A High Court justice and some lawyers got into an argument yesterday when bench officials were accused of preparing daily work log for money.

Chaos ensued in the court, forcing Justice Md Aatur Rahman Khan to leave the bench, consisting of another Justice AKM Hafizul Alam.

Twenty-six lawyers submitted a written complaint to Chief Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed in this regard after which he reconstituted the bench.

Lawyer Ashraf Rahman, representing his fellows, drew attention of the HC bench about the allegation of setting daily work log in exchange for money.

The lawyer at first said, "Honorable Court, the bench officials of your court did not properly provide the daily work log of all the submitted cases

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'Unhinged' Trump out for total power

Warns Harris



CNN ONLINE

Kamala Harris is responding to Democratic panic about her White House prospects by turning up the heat on Donald Trump.

The vice president warned Monday that the ex-president was "unstable," "unhinged" and out for "unchecked power" as she sent a jolt of urgency though her campaign with 20 days to go.

"Watch his rallies. Listen to his words. He tells us who he is, and he tells us what he would do if he is elected president," Harris told a large crowd in Pennsylvania after a weekend when Trump's authoritarian rhetoric reached chilling new levels and hinted at the extreme nature of his potential second term.

Democratic vice presidential nominee Tim Walz, meanwhile, went even further, suggesting the ex-president's musings about using the military against domestic foes he branded "the enemy from within" could even amount to treason.

Harris and her team also aggressively questioned

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MASS UPRISING ICT set to start trial proceedings tomorrow 60 complaints of crimes against humanity filed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal will initiate trial proceedings tomorrow in connection with the crimes against humanity committed during the July-August uprising, ICT Chief Prosecutor Md Tajul Islam said yesterday.

Speaking to reporters on the tribunal premises, he said trials of those involved in the crimes would be prioritised. "We will file several petitions with the tribunal on Thursday."

However, the chief prosecutor declined to go into details on the petitions.

Earlier in the day, the reconstituted tribunal – led by its new chairman Justice Md Golam Mortuza Majumdar and two members Justice Md Shafiqul Alam Mahmud

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Man shot dead in Khagrachhari

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Aman was shot dead Monday night in the Pomang Para area of Dighinala upazila, Khagrachhari.

The deceased, identified as Swarn Kumar Tripura, was a cook by profession. He was from the same area and is survived by his wife and two children.

Md Zakaria, officer-in-charge (OC) of Dighinala Police Station, said locals reported hearing gunshots late at night but, out of fear, did not leave their homes. Police later recovered Swarn's body yesterday morning.

"He had a gunshot wound on his back," said the OC, adding that preliminary investigations suggest Swarn was not affiliated with any regional gangs.

"We have recovered the body and brought it to the station. After the inquest, it will be sent to Khagrachhari Sadar Hospital for an autopsy. A case is being filed against unidentified individuals," the OC said.



West Indies players celebrate their six-wicket victory against England in their Group B fixture of the Women's T20 World Cup in Dubai yesterday. The result took West Indies into the semifinals alongside South Africa, and knocked England out of the tournament.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Israeli strikes across Gaza kill 50 Palestinians

UN warns 4 lakh trapped
in north of enclave

REUTERS, Cairo

Israeli military strikes killed at least 50 Palestinians across the Gaza Strip as Israeli forces tightened their squeeze around Jabalia in the north of the enclave yesterday, amid fierce battles with Hamas-led fighters.

Palestinian health officials said at least 11 people were killed by Israeli fire near Al-Falouja in Jabalia, the largest of Gaza's eight historic refugee camps, while 10 others were killed in Bani Suhaila in eastern Khan Younis in the south when an Israeli missile struck a house.

Earlier yesterday, an Israeli airstrike destroyed three houses in the Sabra suburb of Gaza City, and the local civil emergency service said they recovered two bodies from the site, while the search continued for 12 other people who were believed to have been in the houses at the time of the strike.

Five others were killed when a house was struck in the Nuseirat camp in central Gaza. Jabalia has been the focus of an Israeli offensive for more than 10 days, with troops returning to areas of the north that came under heavy bombardment in the early months of the year-long offensive.

Around 400,000 Palestinians have been trapped in north, according to United Nations estimates. The health ministry in Gaza said yesterday that at least 42,344 people have been killed in the Israeli offensive that began in October last year.