

## JULY UPRISING Proclamation to take some more time

16 parties, organisations stress  
unity at meeting with CA; BNP  
questions need for declaration

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The July uprising proclamation will be made after intensive discussions with all stakeholders and consensus of all political parties.

This decision was made at a meeting between 16 political parties and organisations and Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus yesterday.

The BNP at the meeting questioned the necessity of the proclamation five and a half months after the uprising, but said if the proclamation turned into a political or historical document, the party would respect it.

Several leaders at the meeting proposed forming a committee with representatives from students and political parties that would prepare the proclamation. Further discussions can take place on finalising the proclamation.

Two political parties and pro-BNP 12-party alliance boycotted the meeting. They cited insufficient time given to them for proper preparations. The 12-party alliance termed the meeting “a staged drama”.

After yesterday’s meeting, Law Adviser Prof Asif Nazrul said, “All of them [meeting participants] said that such a document is necessary. A consensus was reached that the proclamation must acknowledge the contributions of everyone ...”

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“We were born  
from unity  
and unity is  
our strength.”

Prof Muhammad Yunus  
Chief Adviser



Two injured protesters try to get up after police charged truncheons, used stun grenades and water canons to disperse their procession. They took out the procession towards the Secretariat to protest an attack on an indigenous group on Wednesday. The photo was taken near Shikkha Bhaban.

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## Govt to retract VAT decisions on some items, services

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The National Board of Revenue is set to revise down the value-added tax (VAT) and supplementary duty (SD) on a number of items including mobile phone usage, internet services, medicine, clothes and restaurants as public outcry became deafening.

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## POLITICAL PARTIES Elect leaders by secret ballot

2 reform commissions push for internal  
democracy, fund transparency

MOHIUDDIN ALAMGIR and DIPAN NANDY

Two reform commissions have proposed changing laws to ensure democracy within political parties and promote transparency and integrity in their

financing, including election funding.

The Electoral Reform Commission recommended that leaders of all central and local committees be elected through secret ballot by general members.

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## 7 hurt as cops foil march for adivasis

Govt vows to bring  
perpetrators to justice

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least seven persons were injured yesterday as police used water cannons, lobbed sound grenades and charged batons to disperse a protest march towards the home ministry against the attack on an indigenous group and its supporters the day before.

Six of the injured were students. On Wednesday, at least 20 people were injured when members of Students for Sovereignty assaulted an indigenous group protesting outside the National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB) office in Motijheel over the removal of the term “adivasi” (indigenous) from textbooks.

In protest, students and other protesters under the banner of “Aggrieved Student-Masses”, on Wednesday night announced a march towards the home ministry.

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## REFORM PROPOSALS Major parties taking time to react

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Two leftist political parties have voiced strong criticism of the proposed changes to the fundamental principles in the preamble to the constitution.

Some of the proposals, however, have been received positively by these parties.

Meanwhile, the BNP, Jamaat-e-

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## Beacon Pharmaceuticals PLC Honored with SAP ACE Award 2024 in Game Changer Category

Beacon Pharmaceuticals has achieved a momentous milestone by winning the **SAP ACE Award 2024** in the Game Changer Category, a highly esteemed recognition that highlights excellence in technology-driven transformation. The award ceremony, held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024 in Mumbai, celebrated organizations that have demonstrated innovative practices, leveraging SAP solutions to drive remarkable business results.

This year, Beacon Pharmaceuticals stood out among 209 competing companies from the Asia-Pacific-Japan (APJ) region, emerging as the only company from Bangladesh to receive this prestigious accolade. This recognition underscores Beacon Pharmaceuticals’ commitment to innovation, excellence, and leadership in the pharmaceutical sector.

The implementation of SAP has enabled Beacon Pharmaceuticals PLC to streamline and unify its business processes, creating a centralized system that ensures data accuracy and integrity. This transformation, achieved in partnership with PwC, has revolutionized operations, establishing Beacon as a leader in adopting cutting-edge

technology within the pharmaceutical sector. Representing the company at the award ceremony, Mr. Jalal Uddin FCA, CFO & Head of IT, and Mr. Sharif Razi Al Mahmud, Head of Enterprise Systems, proudly accepted the award on behalf of the organization. This achievement is a testament to the relentless efforts of the Beacon SAP team, whose dedication and expertise have been pivotal in realizing this transformation. It also reflects the visionary leadership and unwavering support of the Beacon Top Management, including the Chairman, Managing Director and the Directors. Beacon Pharmaceuticals’ recognition on such a significant platform highlights the organization’s role as a trailblazer in the industry, setting new benchmarks for innovation and excellence.

This success not only brings honor to Beacon Pharmaceuticals PLC but also places Bangladesh prominently on the global stage as a hub for technology-enabled business transformation.

Beacon Pharmaceuticals remains committed to driving further innovation and excellence, reaffirming its leadership in the pharmaceutical industry.

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