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Will need to  
build a new  
world with  
fresh ideas

**Yunus tell CMG**

BSS, Dhaka

A new world must be built on fresh ideas, Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus told China Media Group (CMG) during an interview in Beijing as part of his recent visit to China.

Attempts to sustain the old order are futile, he added.

Speaking on Dhaka-Beijing cooperation, Professor Yunus said China

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Judiciary must be architect of its own reform  
**Says chief justice**

UNB, Dhaka



Chief Justice Dr Syed Refaat Ahmed yesterday

said the judiciary must be the architect of its own reform -- transparent, accountable, and free from executive influence.

Speaking at a regional seminar in Rangpur, he said, "Judicial reform is no longer a distant aspiration; it is unfolding now. Over the past eight months, we have taken bold and transformative steps to ensure true judicial independence, including the establishment of autonomous judicial bodies, digital innovation, and people-centric services."

"I deeply value the strategic partnership with UNDP, whose continued support has been instrumental in advancing this reform agenda across

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Two boys cycle on the Dhaka-Chittogram highway, that too on the wrong side, in Narayanganj yesterday. Even though there's not much rush of traffic due to the ongoing Eid holiday, such actions could lead to an accident at any moment.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

## Hope at a time of uncertainty

Mixed reactions in Cox's Bazar camps as Myanmar identifies 180,000 Rohingyas for return

MOKAMMEL SHUVO

Following reports of Myanmar verifying 1,80,000 Rohingyas for potential repatriation, a wave of mixed feelings has washed over the camps in Cox's Bazar and Bhasan Char.

Although many Rohingyas express a strong desire to return to their homeland safely, they remain apprehensive of Myanmar's ability to guarantee security.

Myanmar authorities on Friday confirmed to Bangladesh that out of a list of 8,00,000 Rohingyas sheltered in Bangladesh, they have identified 1,80,000 Rohingyas eligible for return to Myanmar.

However, this statement comes at a time when the Myanmar junta government has lost control over much of the Rakhine State, from where Rohingyas were displaced.

The rebel group Arakan Army has taken control of over 80 percent of the Rakhine state. So far, the Arakan Army has seized 14 out of 17 townships in the



**Our homes are now under the control of the Arakan Army. So how will they carry out repatriation? That's something we'll have to see.**

MOHAMMAD SADIQ  
Rohingya journalist

Rakhine state and is continuing its offensive to capture the remaining areas.

Mohammad Zubair, chairman of the Arakan Rohingya Society for Peace and Human Rights, suspects Myanmar of using this repatriation move to mislead the

international community and escape arrest warrants issued in Argentina against its top military officials.

An Argentine court in mid-February issued arrest warrants for the head of Myanmar's military junta and former officials, including Nobel Peace Prize winner Aung San Suu Kyi, over alleged genocide and crimes against humanity targeting the Rohingyas.

Zubair wondered where the Rohingyas would be placed if repatriated. "The Myanmar government must clarify this matter because most of Rakhine is currently under the control of the Arakan Army."

He stressed establishing a safe zone in Rakhine and ensuring a final agreement that guarantees their safety and citizenship as mandatory preconditions for their repatriation.

Rohingya journalist Mohammad Sadiq said he is

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No waste  
burning anywhere

**Says Rizwana**

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Waste must not be burned under any circumstance, irrespective of whether it is at the Matuail Sanitary Landfill or elsewhere, said Environment Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan yesterday.

Speaking to journalists after inspecting Dhaka's Matuail landfill, she stressed that multiple initiatives would be undertaken to safeguard the health and wellbeing of communities living in and around the landfill sites.

While acknowledging that immediate relocation of the Matuail landfill is not feasible, she said two nearby steel mills would be directed to shut down.

She also issued a stern warning against the burning of batteries or extracting lead from them, saying that such activities would not be tolerated.



Eid holiday ends,  
thousands flood  
back to Dhaka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

People have started to return to the capital and its surrounding districts in droves, as government offices are set to reopen today following a nine-day Eid holiday.

Although many have made their way back to Dhaka over the past two to three days, bus and launch terminals, as well as railway stations, witnessed a huge rush of passengers yesterday.

More than 80 launches arrived in Dhaka from various southern districts, carrying thousands of passengers. Most trains were on time, and there were no reports of traffic congestion on major highways, making the return journey largely hassle-free.

However, there were allegations of overcharging by private bus operators — a practice that was also widespread during the homebound rush ahead of Eid.

According to transport operators, officials, and experts, homebound journeys were relatively smooth this year, thanks to the extended holiday, staggered closures of garment factories, and improved traffic management.

They also credited the involvement of army personnel in managing traffic at congestion-prone spots, the removal of several highway bottlenecks on north-bound roads, and the opening of the Jamuna Rail Bridge for easing travel pressure.



A rare nine-day Eid holiday began on a Friday, giving people at least three days off before Eid ul-Fitr on Monday. Normally, people get just one day off before Eid day.

Anwar Hossain, station master of Kamalapur Railway Station, told this correspondent that most trains departed and arrived on time, with the exception of two.

"Passenger numbers rose significantly yesterday compared to the last two or three days," he said. Rangpur Express was delayed by one hour, while Kurigram Express ran two and a half hours behind schedule.

Thousands also returned to Dhaka by launches. The Sadarghat Launch Terminal saw a relatively larger crowd yesterday compared to the last two days.

An official of the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) said 87 launches reached Dhaka by 2:00pm, while 41 departed from the capital.

Banks, insurance companies, non-bank financial institutions, and stock markets across the country will reopen tomorrow following the Eid holiday, reports UNB.

As per the Bangladesh Bank's directive, banking hours will be from 10:00am to 3:30pm from Sunday to Thursday.

Trading on the Dhaka Stock Exchange and Chittagong Stock Exchange will take place between 10:00am and 2:30pm, followed by a 10-minute post-closing session.

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## Counter false news with accurate info **Home adviser urges journos**

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narayanganj

Home Adviser Md Jahangir Alam Chowdhury yesterday urged journalists to counter false news with accurate information.

"Some people deliberately circulate false news for attention and financial gain. Sometimes, foreign media also disseminate misleading information. I urge local media to report the truth. Let their faces be blackened by the truth if they spread lies. If we make a mistake, feel free to report it — we have no objection. But do not spread falsehoods. Share the truth," he said.

The home adviser was speaking to journalists after inspecting the overall arrangements for the Maha Ashtami Snan (holy dip) festival, a significant Hindu religious ritual that takes place annually at Langalbandh in Narayanganj.

He said Bangladesh always practices secularism, as there is no difference among people of different religious faiths. "Bangladesh has always practiced secularism. There is no secularism like Bangladesh elsewhere in the world. All Hindus, Muslims, Buddhists, and Christians are living here together."

Commenting on the event, the home adviser noted that the number of devotees attending was significantly higher compared to previous years.

"All necessary security measures are in place. We have also ensured that all essential services are available. We are working in unison — there is no division among Hindus, Muslims, Buddhists, or Christians. We all have gathered here as Bangladeshis," he added.



An abandoned water vessel lies tilted on the banks of the Buriganga near the first Buriganga Bridge and Mitford Hospital. Such derelict boats are refurbished here to turn them into makeshift residential hotels, renting out cramped rooms for Tk 30 to Tk 100 per night. However, running such a business on river water is illegal. The photo was taken recently.

**FLOATING SCHOOLS  
Rezwan gets Yale fellowship**

CITY DESK

Architect Mohammed Rezwan, who pioneered the concept of floating schools in flood-prone Bangladesh, has been selected as a 2025 Yale World Fellow.

Yale University awards this prestigious fellowship annually to global changemakers addressing some of the world's most pressing challenges, according to a press release.

Rezwan is among 16 fellows chosen from more than 4,200 nominated candidates worldwide.

Rezwan founded Shidhulai Swanirvar Sangstha, a nonprofit organization that launched the world's first solar-powered floating school in 2002.

Growing up in the  
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