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US president



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Govt decides to ban AL activities

Approves amendment to allow ICT to try political parties; July declaration within 30 working days



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People celebrate the announcement at the InterContinental intersection last night.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The interim government has decided to ban all activities of the Awami League, including in cyberspace, under the Anti-Terrorism Act until the International Crimes Tribunal completes the trial of the party and its leaders.

Protesters at Shahbagh and in front of InterContinental burst into joy as the decision of the council of advisers, led by Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus, was made public in a press

briefing last night.

The decision was made at a special meeting of the council following three days of demonstrations demanding a ban on the party and its trial for atrocities to suppress the July uprising.

The ban aims to “ensure national security, protect leaders and activists of the uprising, and safeguard plaintiffs and witnesses involved in the tribunal proceedings”, Law Adviser Asif Nazrul

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INDO-PAK ESCALATION

Trump announces truce, hails ‘common sense’ of both countries

India accuses Pakistan of truce violations, says it has retaliated

Army chiefs of India, Pakistan to speak again on May 12

World leaders, including Prof Yunus, hail truce

Punitive measures announced by rivals, including Indus Waters Treaty, to stay for now

Civilian death toll rises to 66

Pakistan reopens airspace

India, Pakistan agree to immediate ceasefire

Announcement comes after four days of military escalation; violations reported after rivals confirm cessation of hostilities



PHOTO: AFP

People exchange sweets, left, as they celebrate the announcement of a ceasefire between Pakistan and India in Multan, Pakistan, yesterday. People hold the national flag of India, right, in front of a banner praising the Indian defence forces for their military operation in Mumbai.

AGENCIES

Nuclear-armed neighbours India and Pakistan agreed to a ceasefire yesterday after intense diplomatic pressure from the United States and other world powers, as their escalating conflict threatened to erupt into full-scale war.

US President Donald Trump posted the ceasefire announcement on his Truth Social network as the rivals conducted a series of strikes and counter-strikes against each other's key military installations and other places for the last four days.

“After a long night of talks mediated by the

United States, I am pleased to announce that India and Pakistan have agreed to a FULL AND IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE. Congratulations to both Countries on using Common Sense and Great Intelligence,” Trump posted.

Indian foreign secretary Vikram Misri said the two countries' military chiefs had spoken to each other and agreed that all fighting would stop at 5:00pm Indian time (1130 GMT), without using the word “ceasefire”.

In a statement on X, Pakistan Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar said: “Pakistan and India have agreed to a ceasefire with immediate effect.”

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Reconciliation commission to be formed

Law adviser says he and CJ to visit S Africa to gain knowledge

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law Adviser Prof Asif Nazrul yesterday said a Truth and Reconciliation Commission will be formed to establish national unity.

The law adviser and chief justice will visit South Africa to see how such commissions work.

“After returning, we will share our experiences,” Prof Asif said speaking at a views-exchange meeting on the second draft of the “Enforced Disappearance Prevention and Remedies Ordinance, 2025”.

Those involved in genocide and crimes against humanity must face strict punishment, he said.

“We must build national unity... we must form a Truth and Reconciliation Commission,” he added.

“We will introduce strict laws to prevent

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LICENCE TO FLY: PART-1

Regulator repeatedly ignored red flags

CAAB's own inquiry finds irregularities by training academies, raising questions about aviation safety

ZYMA ISLAM

Time after time, the internal safety department of the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh uncovered irregularities in pilot licencing and raised concerns about aviation safety, only to be overridden by the civil aviation's higher authorities.

An internal investigation by the regulator unearthed serious violations related to at least 144 pilot licences issued by CAAB, many from the last two years, according to documents seen by The Daily Star.

The findings cast a spotlight on the nation's aviation standards and may attract scrutiny from international watchdogs such as the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) or the Federal

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People don't want to see AL anymore

Says Fakhurul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The 18 crore people of Bangladesh no longer wish to see the Awami League due to its oppression, BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhurul Islam Alamgir said yesterday.

He made the remarks at a rally organised by the BNP at the Polo Ground in Chattogram city. The event, titled “Rally to Establish Political Rights of the Youth,” was attended by thousands of leaders and activists of districts under the Chattogram division.

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Thousands of BNP leaders and activists from various units in Chattogram division attend a “Rally to Establish Political Rights of the Youth” at the port city's Railway Polo Ground yesterday.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN

It's our duty to protect our border, keep it peaceful

Says Khalilur

RAMISA ROB

During a press conference in Dhaka on March 15, 2025, United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres mentioned a humanitarian

“channel” from Bangladesh would facilitate the return of the Rohingya community, but said it would require “authorisation and cooperation”, as reported by Agence France-Presse (AFP).

Dr Khalilur Rahman, national security adviser, clarified Bangladesh's position on the matter in an exclusive interview with The Daily Star. “There has been an informal discussion between the UN and Bangladesh on humanitarian aid to Rakhine but no formal proposal has been made by any party,” he said.

“Like elsewhere in the world, such support would require the consent of all relevant parties and the satisfaction

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