

## Promote apolitical, capable officers

CA tells army board

UNB, Dhaka

Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus yesterday urged members of the Army Headquarters Selection Board to promote officers who have demonstrated capable leadership throughout their military careers while remaining above political ideology.

Yunus made the remarks while formally inaugurating the "Army Headquarters Selection Board-2025" at the Army Headquarters in the capital.

He said officers who are honest, ethical and professional, and who possess leadership qualities, deserve higher promotions. He emphasised professional

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## Hospitals to set up 'fever, flu corners'

Dengue spike triggers new health directives

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With the number of dengue cases and deaths on the rise, the health authorities have issued fresh directives to all hospitals, including setting up fever/

- DGHS issues 16 new directives for dengue, 10 for Covid
- 62 dengue deaths, 17,218 hospitalised since Jan
- Dedicated dengue beds, IV fluids, test kits to be ensured
- 701 Covid cases, 27 deaths recorded since Jan

flu corners in outdoor departments and keeping dedicated beds for dengue patients.

A total of 62 people has died and 17,218 have been hospitalised since January this year till yesterday – both figures significantly higher than during the same period last year. Experts have

warned that the numbers may rise further in the coming days.

The Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) has also issued separate directives to hospitals for the treatment of Covid-19 patients, as the viral disease saw a sharp spike last month but is now on a downward trend.

A total of 27 people has died of Covid-19 and 701 have been infected since January, with 22 deaths and 532 cases reported in June alone.

The fresh directives came as the country faced a simultaneous outbreak of three viral diseases – Covid-19, dengue and chikungunya – last month. Health experts warned that the three may overwhelm the country's healthcare system unless the authorities take swift and coordinated action.

Abu Hussain Md Moinul Ahsan, director (hospital) of DGHS, who signed the directives on July 16, said while Covid cases are showing a downward trend, dengue cases are on the rise.

The directives were made public yesterday.

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Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus at the inauguration of "Army Headquarters Selection Board-2025" at the Dhaka cantonment yesterday. Upon his arrival, the chief adviser was welcomed by Chief of Army Staff General Waker-Uz-Zaman.

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## Two more buses torched in Dhaka

STAR REPORT

Arsonists yesterday torched two more buses in Dhaka centring a hartal called by the Awami League's four affiliated organisations, including the banned Chhatra League.

They called the hartal, protesting the killing of five people in the recent Gopalganj violence.

Meanwhile, law enforcers foiled an attempt to torch a bus in Azimpur and arrested a BCL activist while he was trying to set fire to another bus in Shyampur, said police.

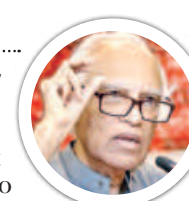
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## Use forest resources in planned way

Says Wahiduddin Mahmud

UNB, Dhaka

Planning Adviser Wahiduddin Mahmud yesterday said it is becoming difficult for the government to safeguard the country's limited environmental resources, stressing the need for planned extraction of forest



resources to ensure sustainability.


"We have to extract resources from the forests in a planned way," he said while addressing a workshop on the protection of forest-dependent people from forest destruction, plantation economy,

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