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Tap into the potential of blue economy

Says Yunus; inaugurates navy, air force selection board-2025

UNB, Dhaka

Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus yesterday stressed the importance of achieving economic prosperity through the conservation and sustainable utilisation of the country's marine resources.

Highlighting the contributions of Bangladesh and the Bangladesh Air Force, he outlined various ongoing initiatives to develop the country's blue economy, including the establishment of the Maheshkhali Integrated Development Authority (MIDA), coastal region development, and broader national development efforts.

Yunus made the remarks while formally inaugurating the Bangladesh Navy and Bangladesh Air Force Selection Board-2025 at the Navy Headquarters.

He commended the Bangladesh Navy's role in managing the deep-sea port, envisioned as a future economic hub, and

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Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus signs the visitors' book at the Navy Headquarters after inaugurating the Bangladesh Navy and Bangladesh Air Force Selection Board-2025. Chief of Bangladesh Navy Admiral M Nazmul Hassan and Chief of Bangladesh Air Force Air Chief Marshal Hasan Mahmood Khan were also present.

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FLIGHT EXPERT 'SCAM'

Case filed, 3 staffers held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police have arrested three staffers of Flight Expert, an online travel agency in Bangladesh, in a case filed over the embezzlement of crores of taka from customers, after its managing director reportedly went into hiding.

The arrestees are Sakib Hossain, head of finance; Sayeed Ahmed, chief commercial officer; and AKM Sadat Hossain, chief operating officer, said Mezbah Uddin, officer-in-charge of Motijheel Police Station.

Bipul Sarker, proprietor of Sarker Tours and Travels, filed the case with Motijheel Police Station on Saturday night, accusing five persons -- the three arrestees, Flight Expert managing director Salman Bin Rashid Shah Sayeem, and his father MA Rashid.

Police are trying to arrest the other accused, the OC said.

Meanwhile, a Dhaka court sent the three accused to jail after the investigation officer appealed to the court to keep them confined until the investigation is completed.

In the case, Bipul said he, along with other tour agencies, had been conducting business with Flight Expert, providing

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Form taskforce to carry out health reforms

Speakers urge govt; call for incorporating healthcare into July Charter

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Expressing frustration over the delay in implementing the Health Sector Reform Commission's recommendations, health experts and campaigners yesterday called for a high-powered taskforce and a transition plan to carry out the proposals.

They also urged the incorporation of health sector reform into the July Charter, the formation of a civil society platform to sharpen reform priorities, and the engagement of major political parties in implementing the commission's recommendations.

They were speaking at a policy dialogue titled "Health System Reform -- Where Are We?" organised by the Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC) in partnership with the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Forum and Unicef at the CIRDAP auditorium.

The discussion took place three days ahead of the Health Ministry's first meeting, scheduled for August 6, on the reform commission's report submitted on May 5.

Initially, the ministry plans to prepare a three-month action plan and begin implementing it. It has also asked all its wings and agencies to prepare their own plans and

RECOMMENDATIONS	
➤	Create transition plan for implementation
➤	Make healthcare constitutional right
➤	Set up permanent health commission
➤	Engage political parties for support
➤	Set up a civil society platform
➤	Launch national health insurance

present them at the August 6 meeting.

Hossain Zillur Rahman, executive chairman of PPRC and convener of the UHC Forum, said the first and an important step had been taken with the submission of the Health Sector Reform Commission's report.

"But the absence of visible action [to implement the reform] risks repeating the country's historical tendency to shelve important policy recommendations," he

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Prof Shamsheer Ali no more

BSS, Dhaka

Prof M Shamsheer Ali, an eminent nuclear physicist, pioneering educationist and a leading voice in science advocacy in Bangladesh, passed away at a Dhaka hospital early yesterday. He was 87.

A towering figure in the nation's academic and scientific circles, Prof Ali's career spanned decades of groundbreaking work in nuclear physics, leadership in higher education and a lifelong dedication to the public understanding of science.

Born on November 9, 1937, in Bheramara, Kushitia, Shamsheer Ali

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Healing together at Milestone

Uttara campus reopens 12 days after jet crash; classes to begin Aug 6

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Milestone School and College in Dhaka's Diabari area reopened yesterday on a limited scale, aiming to support students' mental well-being in the wake of the July 21 plane crash that left the campus into mourning.

No classes or examinations will be held for now. Instead, the students will interact with teachers and peers, aiming to gradually restore emotional normalcy, Principal Mohammad Ziaul Alam told The Daily Star.

Officials said classes will begin August 6.

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Media must be accountable to people, not govt

Says info adviser; journos martyred and injured in July uprising honoured

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The July uprising last year marked the beginning of a "new Bangladesh", but such a nation cannot be realised in just one, two, or a few years, said Information Adviser Mahfuj Alam yesterday.

"It [new Bangladesh] will be achieved with continued struggle," he added.

Mahfuj made the remarks while addressing a function recognising journalists killed or injured during the uprising, organised by Bangladesh Journalist Welfare Trust at the capital's Tathya Bhaban.

Speaking as the chief guest, Mahfuj, one of the key figures of the uprising, said many might view such statements as excuses or attempts to shift blame, which, he acknowledged, is valid in terms of public expectations.

However, he noted, democratic transition is a long-term struggle in any country.

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