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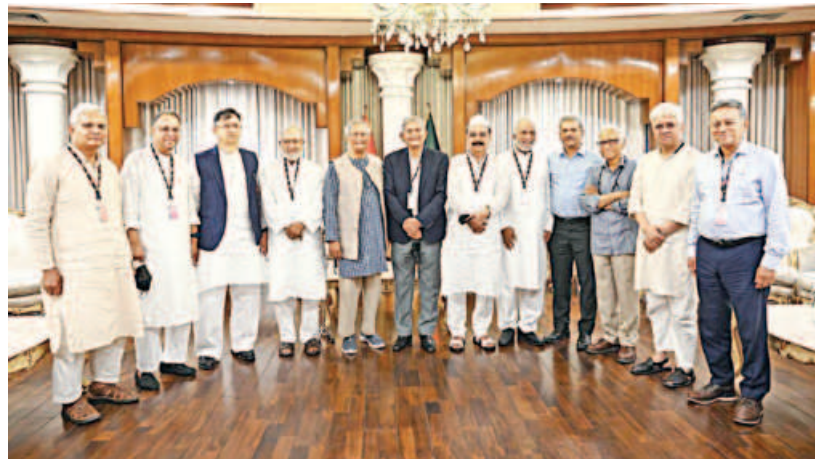
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Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus held separate meetings with the BNP, Jamaat-e-Islami, and National Citizen Party yesterday. The meetings were held at the chief adviser's official residence, state guest house Jamuna. *From left, a BNP delegation, led by the party's Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir with the chief adviser. Jamaat delegation led by its Naye-e-Ameer Syed Abdullah Muhammad Taher. NCP delegation, led by its Senior Joint Convener Ariful Islam Adeeb.*

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Journos demand legal protection, wage reforms

Call for swift implementation of media commission's recommendations

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Journalist leaders yesterday expressed frustration that none of the recommendations from the Media Reform Commission's report have yet been implemented.

They said no matter how often the media is described as the fourth estate; no steps are being taken to truly establish it as such in a democratic state. Even the report was not included in discussions of the National Consensus Commission.

They demanded the swift implementation of the Ninth Wage Board and the introduction of a separate pay structure for broadcast media, and called for the enactment of a law to ensure the protection of journalists.

The demands and recommendations were raised during a discussion jointly organised by the Broadcast Journalist Centre and BBC Media Action at The Daily Star Centre.

Joining as chief guest, Consensus Commission Vice-President Prof Ali Riaz urged journalists to unite and put pressure on the government to implement the recommendations.

"A commission was formed, but it no longer exists. The interim government will not exist within six months. But you are still in journalism. Tomorrow and the day after tomorrow you will be here. So, the responsibility is yours. Put pressure on the government," he said.

He said the type of ownership that has developed in the country makes it very difficult to establish media freedom, as the media is often used to protect investors' other interests.

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Mob violence claimed 23 lives in August

Says MSF report; warns of rising attacks, threats against journalists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Journalists in Bangladesh are increasingly subjected to attacks, threats, and judicial harassment while performing their professional duties, according to rights group Manabdhikar Shongskriti Foundation (MSF).

Reporting on terrorism, exposing corruption among influential figures, and uncovering the truth has placed many media workers in serious danger, the organisation's media monitoring report noted.

In August alone, one journalist was publicly stabbed to death, while five journalists in Feni district were attacked and targeted in a murder plot.

Two journalists received death threats, 11 were seriously injured, and 45 faced various forms of intimidation. Three lawsuits were filed against journalists, implicating 33 individuals, and two journalists were arrested.

The attacks extended beyond individual journalists. A roundtable discussion organised by the group Moncho 71 was disrupted, and subsequently 14 people – including a former Member of Parliament, a Dhaka University teacher, and

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DUCSU ELECTIONS

‘Our promises can’t match their money’

Independent candidates say politically backed panels outspend them, leaving playing field uneven

MAHATHIR MOHAMMED

As there is no limit on expenditure in the Dhaka University Central Students' Union (Ducusu) and hall union election campaigns, some independent candidates feel the playing field is uneven.

They said politically backed panels have been spending enormous sums on both online and offline campaigns.

This correspondent spoke with around 10 independent candidates. Most said they are relying on funds collected from friends and family, as well as savings from part-time jobs, including tuition classes.

Some said they are struggling to cover leaflet printing costs and alleged that the media is not giving them sufficient coverage.

This year, five female candidates are contesting for the vice president post. Two are running with different panels, while three are independent.

Marzia Hossain Jamila, an independent candidate, said she is running independently because she believes traditional student politics primarily serves the interests

of the parent political parties.

Jamila, a student of the Geography and Environment Department, said she has heard that some panel members are holding feasts for voters in the halls.



Independents say politically backed panels spend heavily

Allege feasts, flashy promotions to woo voters

Call for EC to regulate campaign spending

"The power of my promises in the manifesto is being overshadowed by the power of money," said Mostakim Billah Masud, an independent general secretary candidate.

He alleged that politically backed candidates are spending vast amounts of money, undermining a level

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BANGLADESH MEDICAL UNIV

Country's first robotic therapy centre launched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The country's first Robotic Rehabilitation Centre was inaugurated yesterday at Bangladesh Medical University to provide advanced treatment for patients with long-term neurological diseases and paralysis.

The centre, equipped with 57 state-of-the-art robots, including 22 AI robots, is currently offering trial services to those injured in the July uprising and will soon be opened to the general public, officials said.

Once fully operational, the centre – set up on 8,000 square feet in the basement of BMU's Super Specialised Hospital – will be able to provide advanced physiotherapy services to 50 patients daily, they added.

Health Adviser Nurjahan Begum inaugurated the centre, which was funded by the Chinese government.



She urged BMU authorities to make the centre sustainable and expand similar services to at least three or four districts.

Doctors at BMU said hundreds of thousands of people suffer each year from complex conditions such as road accidents, strokes, neurological diseases, spinal injuries, and long-term disabilities.

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