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# Fair, credible polls possible

Says Prof Yunus, urges all to adhere to EC directives

UNB, Dhaka

Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus yesterday said a fair and credible election is possible under the current circumstances, expressing confidence in preparations for the upcoming 13th parliamentary polls.



He said political parties and candidates are maintaining a positive attitude and mutual harmony, but urged all stakeholders to remain prepared for any possible scenario.

"I hope that none of them will deviate from this approach," Yunus said at a high-level meeting on the overall law and order situation ahead of the election and the referendum on the implementation of the July National Charter.

The meeting, chaired by Yunus, was held at the Chief Adviser's Office and attended by advisers, force chiefs, SEE PAGE 5 COL 5



Under a clear blue sky, a woman scavenges for metal and plastic scraps to sell to recyclers at the Paroir Chak landfill of Sylhet City Corporation in Dakshin Surma, as smoke from small fires rises and birds circle overhead. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR



## Ex-adviser M Hafizuddin Khan no more

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

M Hafizuddin Khan, a former adviser to the caretaker government and ex-comptroller and auditor general (CAG) of Bangladesh, passed away yesterday at a private hospital in the capital's Uttara due to age-related complications. He was 87.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, and a host of relatives and admirers. SEE PAGE 5 COL 1

## Reinstate UAP teachers immediately

Demands university teachers' platform, Naripokkho

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The University Teachers' Network and rights organisation Naripokkho yesterday demanded the immediate reinstatement of two University of Asia Pacific (UAP) faculty members, accusing the authorities of succumbing SEE PAGE 8 COL 4

### MANIFESTO EXPECTATIONS

With the national election less than a month away, political parties are finalising their manifestos. The Daily Star spoke to experts to identify the pressing issues that should top the agenda for parties.

## Political use of police must end

MUNTAKIM SAAD and MOHAMMAD JAMIL KHAN

As major political parties prepare their election manifestos, law enforcement experts and rights activists urge them to make law and order a top priority, keep police free from political interference, and end the partisan use of the force.

They also called for an independent body to investigate allegations of rights violations by law enforcement personnel and submit regular reports to the government.

Experts recommended increasing police strength in line with the population, ensuring neutral and SEE PAGE 8 COL 1

## 330 journos behind bars for 5yrs: CPJ

AFP, New York

The number of journalists imprisoned worldwide for their work was 330 in the final month of 2025, the Committee to Protect Journalists said yesterday, the fifth consecutive year the count has exceeded 300.

China held 50 prisoners as of December 1, followed by Myanmar with 30 and SEE PAGE 8 COL 1

## US 'won't use force' to take Greenland

Says Trump, demands 'immediate negotiations'

REUTERS, Davos

US President Donald Trump ruled out the use of force in his bid to control Greenland yesterday, but said in a speech in Davos that no other country can secure the Danish territory.

"People thought I would use force, but I don't have to use force," Trump said at the World Economic Forum annual meeting in Switzerland. "I don't want SEE PAGE 8 COL 3



## ICT-2 orders to provide Azad documents for his appeal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Abul Kalam Azad alias Bachchu, who was sentenced to death in 2013 for crimes against humanity committed during the 1971 Liberation War, surrendered before the International Crimes SEE PAGE 8 COL 4



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