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#### Yunus led Bangladesh interim government sworn In

Mohammad Yunus, took charge aschief advisor of the interim government in Bangladesh. He took oath from President Shahabuddin in a

ceremony at 9:20 PM. A total of 17 members have been included as advisors of the interim government . Apart from Mr Yunus, 13 others took oath on Thursday.

Military officers ,Bangladesh National Party (BNP) secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam, and diplomats from the U.K., Japan, China, the Philippines, Iran, Argentina, Qatar, the Netherlands and the UAE were present at the ceremony. No one from Awami League, Sheikh Hasina's party was present.

In his speech he expressed Bangladesh as "one big family" and said the young protesters had given them " a new birth. ". However he condemned the recent violence against country's religious minorities

Bangladesh saw large-scale violence, looting and attacks on public and private properties on Thursday , in the absence of government and enforcement

Bangladesh Army ,along with other law enforcement agencies said that they would take strict action to the ongoing violence.

Meanwhile, spokesperson of US state department



Bangladesh's figurehead President Mohammed Shahabuddin administers the oath of office to Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus, right, as the head of Bangladesh's interim government, in Dhaka, Bangladesh, Thursday, Aug. 8, 2024. (AP Photo/Rajib Dhar)

Mathew Miller said that the US believes that the interim government should respect democratic principles, the rule of law, and the will of Bangladeshi people . He said that the interim government will play a vital role in establishing long term peace and stability in Bangladesh.

#### PM urges Yunus to ensure Protection of minorities

PM Narendra Modi has urged Muhammad Yunus, who took charge as head of Bangladesh interim government on Thursday, to ensure the "safety and protection of all Hindus and all other minority communities "in the country.

" My best wishes to Professor Mohammad Yunus on the assumption of his new responsibility. We hope for an early return of normalcy, ensuring the safety and protection of Hindus and all other minority communities.

India remains committed to working with Bangladesh to fulfil the shared aspirations of both our people for peace, security and development ", the PM said in his message to Mohd Yunus.

MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal reminded Dhaka that it is the task of "every government" to protect its citizens.

MEA is in touch with the Hasina government to ensure the safety of Indian citizens in Bangladesh, Mr Jaiswal said.

The MEA spokesperson declined to comment on a question about days for which Sheikh Hasina will be in India.

He maintained that "it is for her to take things forward ".

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#### RBI holds repo rate 6.5 % for 9 th time in a row

The 6 member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) met for the first time after the budget on Thursday. al reminded Dhaka that it is task of every



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MPC with a vote 4:2 decided to keep the policy repo rate unchanged to 6.5 % for the ninth consecutive time.

The Standing deposit Facility rate remains at 6.25%, while the bank rate is 6.75%.

Explaining the rationale behind the decision, RBI governor Shaktikanta Das said that Headline inflation, after remaining at 4.8% in April and May, had increased to 5.1% in June.

The increase is primarily due to food inflation. The food inflation recorded in June was 9.36%, up from 8.69% in May.

Food inflation makes 46% in the CPI basket, but it currently contributes 75% of headline inflation. Increase in vegetable prices has been the sharpest among food commodities.

Headline Inflation includes food, energy, and other commodities.

Core inflation is about inflation excluding food and

Increasing policy rates decreases inflation, while decreasing increases inflation.

MPC is the body which decides on policy rates. It has six members, the RBI governor being one of the members. MPC meets at least four times a year to decide on Policy rates.

The decision is made by voting. In case of a tie in voting, the governor's opinion takes course.

#### Waqf bill goes to JPC after an acrimonious debate in Lok Sabha

The waqf (Amendment) bill, 2024 has been referred to the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) on Thursday.

The bill was introduced on Thursday by Union Minority minister Kiran Rijiju . The bill saw about two hours long debate in which opposition members accused that the bill was to target Muslim community.

Mr Rijiju said that the bill was introduced based on the suggestion of a committee formed during Congress rule.

The bill seeks to changeWaqf Act 1995. The bill proposes inclusion of two Muslim women and two non muslim members on the board. District Collector has been made as an arbiter under the conflict of whether the land is of government or waqf. In the previous act the decision was made by the Wakf Tribunal.

A separate section has been added to prevent the wrongful declaration of property as "waqf".

A JPC is an ad hoc body . It is set up for a specific object and period . JPC is set by a motion passed in one house and agreed by another.

The number of members from Lok Sabha is double the number of members from Rajya Sabha in the committee.

## Govt amends CAA rules on documents to prove foreign origin

The Union Home ministry has amended the provisions of rules of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA).

Schedule 1A of CAA requires applicants seeking citizenship to submit a document by Pakistan, Afghanistan or Bangladesh authority to prove their roots to those countries.

The amendment in Schedule 1A has been expanded to include any document issued by state or Union government or any quasi judicial authority. An "etc " has been added to give description to officials in case of any shortcoming in documents.

#### No clinical trial for drugs approved in select nations

In a decision that will make drugs manufactured outside India more accessible and affordable in the local market, the Union government has decided to waive the requirement of clinical trials in India if drugs are approved in the US, UK, Japan, Australia, Canada or the European Union.

The waiver will be for five categories of new drugs: Drugs for rare diseases, gene and cellular therapy,



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new drugs used in pandemic situations, new drugs used for special defence purposes and new drugs having significant therapeutic advances over the current standard care.

The move will enhance access to cutting edge treatment.

#### Bihar govt. mandates registration of temples and trusts

The Bihar government on Thursday, mandated registration of temples, mutts and trusts. It directed the District Magistrates in states to ensure that bodies are registered and details of their immovable properties are submitted to Bihar State Board to Religious Trust (BCBST).

#### Under construction bridge collapses in Bihar's Katihar; 14 th such incident since June

A bridge constructed across the Ganga at Bakia Sukhay in Bihar's Katihar district collapsed on Thursday.

This is the 14 th such instance of bridge collapse since June.

The bridge was being constructed by the Rural Works department and was expected to be inaugurated soon.

 Former Bengal Chief minister Buddhdeb Bhatacharjee dies

#### World:

## Hasina will be back in Dhaka once democracy is restored, says her son

Sheikh Hasina will be back in Bangladesh, as soon as democracy is restored, Sheikh Hasina's son Sajeeb Wazed Joy said.

He said this in an interview, however he did not make it clear whether she will be back as "retired or active ".

He asserted that members of Sheikh Mujib's family will neither abandon its people nor leave beleaguered Awami League in the lurch.

He expressed gratitude to PM Modi and the Indian government for protecting his mother and appealed to India to build International consensus and exert pressure on Bangladesh to restore democracy.

### Israel evokes status of Norway envoys to Palestine

Israel said on Thursday that it was revoking the diplomatic status of Norway's envoy to the Palestinian authority.

Israel accused Oslo of "anti Israel behaviour "during the Gaza war.

Norway has said the decision to be an "extreme" step by Israel, that will affect the ability to help Palestinian people.

Norway recently recognised the Palestinian state. Norway had also supported ICC verdict to arrest Isreali PM Netanyahu and Defense Minister Yoah Gallant on genocide charges.

Norway currently has its embassy for Palestinian authority in Jerusalem. They mostly function in the West Bank. With this order the activities of this embassy will be closed.

## Russia battles Ukriainians for third day after major incursion in Kursk region

Russian forces were battling Ukrainian troops for the third day on Thursday, after they entered the Kursk region of Russia on August 6 .

In one of the biggest Ukrainian attack on Russia, around 1000 Ukrainian troops with tanks and armoured vehicles along with, with drones in the sky swept through forest and fields to the Russian border town of Siddha.

Russian President Vladimir Putin called it a "major provocation ".



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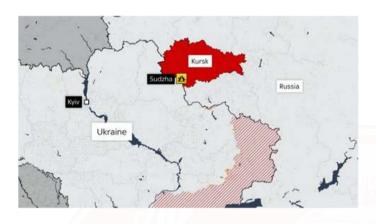


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#### Kenya police fire tear gas at protesters; journalist hurt

#### Sports:

Hockey bronze for India

India's hockey team won the bronze medal in the Paris Olympics.

India beat Spain 2-1.

With this Goal keeper P.R Sreejesh retired.



## Neeraj Chopra wins silver

Pakistan's Arshad threw 92.97 m which was far ahead of other throwers who were somewhere between 89 and 90m.

Neeraj Chopra won a silver medal. While Pakistan's Arshad won gold.

#### Vinesh Phogat retirement

Indian Wrestler Vinesh Phogat announced her retirement from sports on Thursday. She was disqualified from the Paris Olympics after being overweight by 100 grams. She had entered the final of the 50 kg women's category.











## Results



