

## Muhammad Yunus sworn in as head of Bangladesh's caretaker government

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Nobel Peace Prize-winning economist Muhammad Yunus was sworn in as the head of Bangladesh's caretaker government on Thursday, following the ousting of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina after violent protests. During the ceremony, Yunus vowed to uphold the constitution and carry out his duties sincerely. His cabinet, comprised of advisors rather than ministers, includes key figures from the Students Against Discrimination group, who led the protests, as well as former government officials and rights activists.

At 84, Yunus accepted the role after being recommended by the student protesters and returned to Dhaka from Paris, where he was undergoing medical treatment. Upon his arrival, Yunus expressed hope for Bangladesh's future, calling the day a "new victory" and the beginning of "a second independence."

Yunus emphasized the importance of restoring law and order, which he identified as the caretaker government's top priority. He urged the public to trust in his leadership and ensure the safety of all citizens, including vulnerable minorities. Recalling the tragic death of student activist Abu Sayeed, Yunus paid tribute to the youth who initiated the movement, stating that their courage had given the nation new life.