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STUDENTS STAGE COFFIN PROCESSION AT DU AGAINST 'FASCIST FORCES'

Students under the banner of "Student masses against Fascism" staged a symbolic coffin procession against fascism on the Dhaka University campus today. The demanded a ban on what they termed 'fascist forces' including the Awami League and Jatiyo Party.

The procession began at 11:30 am from the Teacher-Student Centre (TSC) and moved through key areas of the campus, including the Ruqayyah Hall and the Arts Faculty Building, before culminating in front of Madhu Cantee

Photo: Palash Khan

POLITICAL PARTY CONSENSUS WILL DETERMINE SPEED OF REFORMS, ELECTION

Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus has said that it is the political parties that will decide on the nature and extent of reforms, which in turn will determine how soon the lection can be held.

This, however, will be entirely dependent on the consensus among the political parties only, since seeking opinion of the people would require a require a referendum, he said in an exclusive interview with The Daily Star Editor and Publisher Mahfuz Anam yesterday We are not going to impose anything," he said before elaborating that his administration was merely facilitating the process. Asked about a specific timeframe of the interim government's tenure, he said he is not giving a concrete timeframe intentionally. "Then people would be looking at that and try to hurry you through to the elections regardless of the reforms." On the election roadmap, Yunus said there would be two parallel and simultaneous processes – one for reform and one for election preparation.

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