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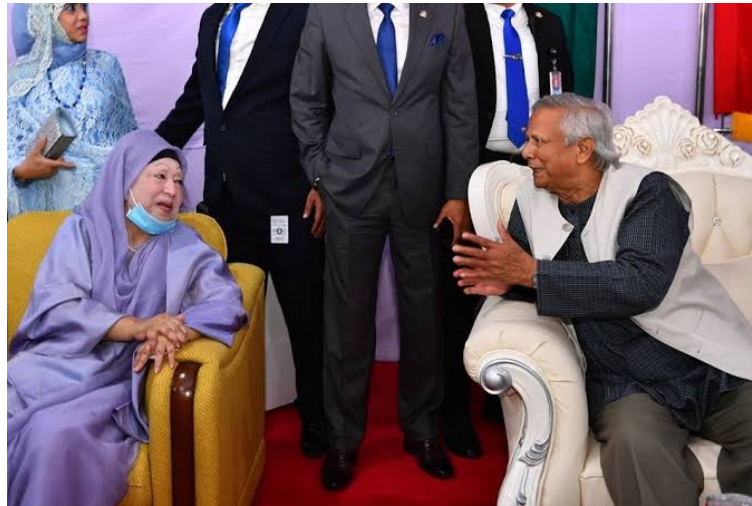
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## New Election Commission takes shape

**Ex-secy AMM Nasir Uddin made CEC; 4 other commissioners also appointed**

Amid much speculation about when the next election might take place, former health and energy secretary AMM Nasir Uddin has been appointed as the new chief electionPresident Mohammed Shahabuddin yesterday also appointed retired additional secretary Anwarul Islam Sarkar, retired district and sessions judge Abdur Rahmani Masud, retired joint secretary Begum Tahmida Ahmad, and Brig Gen (retd) Abul Fazal Md Sanaullah as election **commissioners**. Nasir is also a member of the local government reform commission formed on November 18. The appointments are made as political parties have for weeks been asking when the election will be held.

Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus on November 17 said the government would issue a roadmap to the election as soon as decisions on electoral reforms were made.



**Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus exchanges greeting with BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia at a reception organized at the Dhaka Cantornment to mark the Armed Forces Forces Day yesterday.Story on page 2**

The Election Commission (EC) had been vacant since September 5 when members of the previous commission, led by Kazi Habibul Awal, resigned. The EC had never been vacant for this long since it was founded in 1972.Awal and the other commissioners were about halfway through their five-year tenure.On October 29, the interim government formed a six-member search committee led by Justice Zubayer Rahman Chowdhury of the Supreme Court's Appellate Division to come up with the names of two individuals for each EC membership. BNP and several other parties proposed the names of Nasir and former secretary Shafiqul Islam as the chief election commissioner (CEC).Nasir Uddin, aged 72, would be the 14th CEC and the seventh former .

## Armed forces a symbol of confidence

**Says Prof Yunus**

Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus said the armed forces are recognised as a symbol of confidence for standing alongside the people of the country. "The armed forces stood by the people during the recent anti-discrimination movement and after the movement. By doing so, they have once again been recognised as a symbol of confidence by the people of the country." The chief adviser made the comment while addressing a reception at Senakunja in the capital on the occasion of Armed Forces Day yesterday afternoon.Recalling the contribution of the armed forces in the Liberation War, Yunus said on this day in 1971, the valiant members of the armed forces and the common people of Bangladesh jointly launched a coordinated attack on the Pakistani occupation forces.