



## Public Awareness Needed to Prevent Breast Cancer: Chief Adviser



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Chief Adviser Professor Dr. Muhammad Yunus has emphasized the need to raise public awareness to prevent breast cancer, which has become one of the leading causes of death among women in Bangladesh. He made the call for greater awareness regarding fatty liver and breast cancer during a meeting with Singaporean cancer specialist Professor Toh Han Chong at the state guesthouse Jamuna on Saturday evening (November 1).

Professor Yunus said that in South Asia, non-communicable diseases such as cancer, diabetes, and heart disease are the primary causes of death. Therefore, it is essential to develop affordable and easily accessible preventive measures. He added, “Medical treatment is expensive; we must make awareness and prevention affordable and simple—especially for middle- and lower-income groups.”

Professor Toh Han Chong pointed out that millions of people in South Asia suffer from fatty liver disease, which can lead to liver cancer. He stressed that large-scale awareness and low-cost screening are crucial to early prevention.

The Chief Adviser highlighted the importance of expanding health cooperation in Bangladesh and enhancing training programs for doctors and healthcare workers. Professor Toh Han Chong mentioned that a team of Singaporean specialists trained Bangladeshi physicians earlier this week, and such programs will continue annually.

Professor Toh Han Chong is a Senior Consultant at the Singapore National Cancer Centre. Also present at the meeting were Vijaya Rao, Deputy Director of the SingHealth Duke-NUS Global Health Institute, and healthcare expert Kalwinder Kaur.