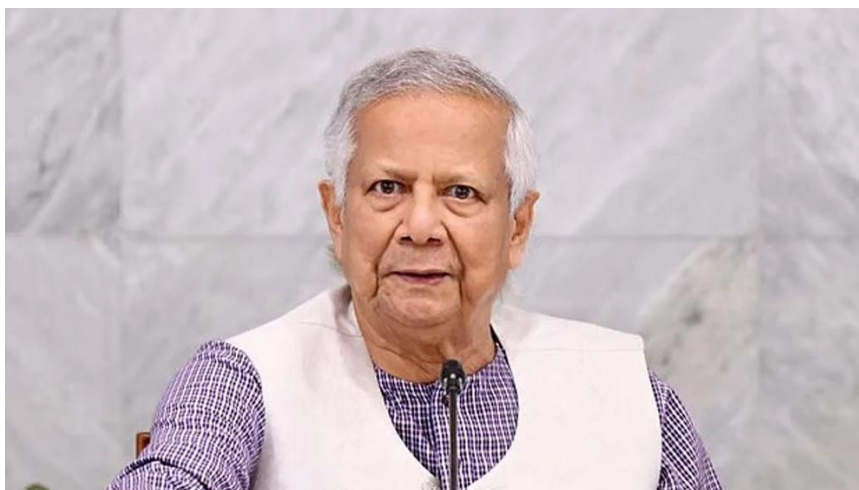




## Internal and External Forces May Act to Sabotage Elections: Chief Adviser



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Chief Adviser Dr. Muhammad Yunus has warned that various internal and external forces could become active to disrupt the upcoming national elections. He expressed concern that these forces, wielding significant power, may attempt to spoil the electoral environment.

Speaking at a high-level meeting on election preparations held at the state guesthouse Jamuna on Wednesday (29 October), the Chief Adviser said, “The upcoming parliamentary election will be a major challenge. Sudden attacks or obstacles may arise, but no matter how strong the storms are, we must overcome them.”

He further instructed that all preliminary electoral activities must be completed by 15 November to ensure that voting can take place on schedule.

The meeting was attended by Election Commission (EC) Secretary Akhtar Ahmed, Home Affairs Adviser Jahangir Alam Chowdhury, and senior officials from law enforcement agencies.

Earlier in the day, at a press conference held at the Foreign Service Academy in the capital, the Chief Adviser’s press secretary Shafiqul Alam announced that election-related deployments will begin on 1 November. The date for the national parliamentary election will be declared in the first week of December.

He also noted that a list of district administrators’ responsibilities has been prepared, ensuring that no official will serve in their in-laws’ or relatives’ areas. Additionally, officials who served as returning officers, polling agents, or presiding officers in the last three elections will be replaced with new personnel this time to guarantee a fair and transparent election.