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## **BANGLADESH TO HOLD NATIONAL ELECTIONS IN APRIL 2026, INTERIM LEADER YUNUS SAYS**

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*Bangladeshs interim leader Muhammad Yunus on Friday said that the country will hold national elections in the first half of April 2026.*

In a televised address to the nation on Friday, the Nobel Peace Prize laureate said that the Election Commission would roll out a detailed roadmap for the election in due course.

Yunus took over three days after former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was ousted in a student-led mass uprising in August 2024, ending her 15-year rule. Hasina has been in exile in India since. The interim government banned Hasinas Awami League party, which is one of the countrys two largest political parties. Hasina faces trial for hundreds of deaths related to the uprising in July and August last.

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