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BANGLADESH'S YUNUS THREATENS TO QUIT AMID GROWING POLITICAL UNCERTAINTY

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Bangladeshs de facto Prime Minister has threatened to step down if political parties cannot agree on reforms that citizens await with growing impatience, a top student leader has said, deepening uncertainty in the wake of deadly protests in 2024.

Nobel peace laureate Muhammad Yunus, 84, took over as interim head of the South Asian nation of 173 million in August 2024, after a student-led uprising forced then Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to flee to India.

Mr Nahid Islam, the head of the newly formed National Citizen Party, which wants national elections held only after the completion of reforms, said Dr Yunus was finding it difficult to work without the backing of political parties.

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