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Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus is expected to unveil long awaited foundation stone of the Kalurghat rail-cum-road bridge over the Karnaphuli River today. With the unveiling of the foundation stone of the bridge during his first ever visit to his home district Chattogram after assuming office last year, Patiya and South Chattogram is finally going to be materialized.

Finance Adviser Dr Salehuddin Ahmed said that practical-based Annual Development Programme (ADP) would be undertaken in the new budget for FY26 while the budget would not be implemented through hefty borrowings from banks and printing money. The Finance Adviser was responding to the queries of reporters after chairing a meeting of the Advisers Council Committee on Government Purchase held at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Home Adviser Lieutenant General Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury (Retd.) said, Bangladesh and Egypt are set to sign soon the reciprocal visa exemption agreement for official and diplomatic passport holders. The Adviser said this when Egyptian Ambassador to Bangladesh Omar Mohie Eldin Ahmed Fahmy paying a courtesy call on him at his office at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Adviser Muhammad Fouzul Kabir Khan said that the problem of waterlogging in the port city is entirely man-made. The Adviser made these remarks at a gathering as the chief guest after inspecting the progress of the excavation and cleaning activities of Birjakhali in Chattogram yesterday.

Adviser for Road Transport and Bridges Ministry and Railways Ministry Muhammad Fouzul Kabir Khan said, all-out efforts will be taken to make the forthcoming Eid journey safe, hassle-free and enjoyable. He said this while addressing a meeting on 'Ensuring safety and convenience of common people on roads, highways, bridges and railways in view of upcoming holy Eid-ul-Azha celebration, held at the Bidyut Bhaban in the capital yesterday.

Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Adviser Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuyain said that campaigns on social media, as well as electronic and print media, must be intensified to raise awareness about dengue. The Adviser made the remarks while addressing a meeting on 'Dengue Awareness: What to Do in the Future' at the meeting room of Nagar Bhaban in Dhaka South City Corporation yesterday.

Health and Family Welfare Adviser Nurjahan Begum said, the government decided to increase the salaries of doctors and surgeons and the scheme is in its final stage. She said this while addressing the inaugural ceremony of the 52nd Annual Scientific Conference of the Ophthalmological Society of Bangladesh at the Bangabandhu International Conference Center in Sher-e-Bangla Nagar yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Adviser Md. Mahfuj Alam called upon the pro-July uprising forces to take far-sighted and practical steps in rebuilding the state. The Adviser wrote this in a Facebook post from his verified account the day before yesterday.

Land Adviser Ali Imam Majumder said that paying land development tax is not a matter of choice but it is the landowners' civic duty. He was addressing a workshop on 'Tax Collection by Institutions' held at the conference room of the Land Ministry's headquarters yesterday. Paying land development tax is now much easier than before, as citizens can do so online from anywhere, the Adviser added.

India said that it was concerned by the ban on the Awami League, as well as the 'curtailment of democratic freedoms' and 'shrinking political space' in Bangladesh. Indian Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said this at a media briefing yesterday, according to Reuters.

Reacting to India's remarks on Bangladesh Affairs, Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam yesterday said, elections are entirely Bangladesh's internal matter and urged all to respect the sovereign will of its people in matters relating to elections. He told newsmen while responding to a question. Asked about his reaction to India's comments on banning the Bangladesh Awami League, the Chief Adviser's Press Secretary said, they have witnessed how the Awami League completely destroyed the country's democratic fabric, severely squeezed the political space and compromised sovereignty during its 15-year long tyrannical and kleptocratic rule.

National Consensus Commission Vice-Chairman Professor Ali Riaz highlighted the commission's commitment to establishing equal rights for all citizens by building a democratic and accountable state, while also developing a framework to safeguard those rights. He made the remarks during a discussion between the commission and leaders of the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB), led by its President Mohammad Shah Alam and General Secretary Ruhin Hossain Prince, held at the LD Hall of the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban, according to a PID handout yesterday.

The Carter Center's Senior Associate Director Jonathan Stonestreet met National Consensus Commission Vice-Chairman Professor Ali Riaz at the Commission's office in the capital's Parliament building yesterday. During the meeting, Professor Riaz outlined the Commission's progress and objectives. He also emphasized the Commission's goal of creating a national charter through broad consensus, outlining the future direction of Bangladesh.

Chief Prosecutor of the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) Muhammad Tajul Islam said, mass murder had taken place, not genocide, during the July uprising, calling for not spreading confusions over this. The Chief Prosecutor of ICT said this in a post made on his Facebook account yesterday.

The notification issued the day before yesterday banning the activities of Awami League and its affiliated bodies will not hamper the freedom of expression of other political parties or individuals, the interim government said yesterday. The Ministry of Home Affairs on May 12 also issued a notification regarding the ban on the activities of the Awami League. This notification was issued under the Anti-Terrorism Act, said a statement issued by the Chief Adviser's Press Wing.

The National Board of Revenue (NBR) was split to improve efficiency and broaden the country's tax base, the interim government said. The Chief Adviser's Press Wing issued a statement in this regard yesterday.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) will give decision on providing the next two tranches of its US\$4.7 billion loan package for Bangladesh amounting to \$1.3 billion today. Bangladesh Bank Spokesperson Arif Hossain Khan said this yesterday.

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Baharul Alam said, police can't be a killer force and they can only have shotguns to maintain law and order. The IGP said this while distributing prizes among the winners of the IGP Cup Cricket Championship 2024-25 at the Police Cricket Club ground at the Police Staff College in Mirpur yesterday.

At the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), the benchmark index DSEX fell by 46 points. The Shariah-based DSES declined by 12 points, while the blue-chip index DS30 dropped by 16 points yesterday.



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