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Newsbrief

President of Timor-Leste José Ramos-Horta was accorded a red-carpet reception on his arrival in Dhaka yesterday on a four-day official visit. Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus received him amid gun salute and guard of honour.

The Commission of Inquiry on Enforced Disappearance submitted its first interim report to Chief Adviser to the interim government Professor Muhammad Yunus. The five-member Commission led by retired justice Mainul Islam Chowdhury handed over the report titled "Unfolding the Truth" to the Chief Adviser at the state guest house Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday. The Commission Chairman said, they had found the prima facie involvement of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and some high-ranking officials of security forces and her government, including her Defence Adviser, Major General (ret'd) Tarique Ahmed Siddique in the enforced disappearances.

Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam said, the media is enjoying optimum freedom during the interim government in Bangladesh as it believes in full freedom of journalism. The Chief Adviser's Press Secretary said this while speaking at a discussion in the capital yesterday. MASTUL Foundation, a non-profit charity organization, arranged the discussion titled "the Role of Media in Building New Bangladesh" at Dhaka Reporters Unity.

Foreign Adviser Touhid Hossain said, Bangladesh wants cordial relations with India based on mutual interests and respect, as it does with all other nations. The Adviser made the remarks during a meeting with government officials, freedom fighters, public representatives, politicians, journalists and civil society representatives in Belabo upazila of Narsingdi yesterday.

Law Adviser Dr. Asif Nazrul said, the fascist Awami League government had carried out brutal torture, oppression on students on university campuses and other people across the country by branding them as Chhatra Shibir or Jamaat leaders or activists. The Adviser said this while speaking at a discussion at the Auditorium of Bangladesh National Museum in capital's Shahbagh area yesterday. The 'Bongio Shahitto Sova', a cultural platform, organized the discussion on Dr Asif Nazrul's novel titled 'Ami Abu Bokor' centering the July-August Mass Uprising.

Sk. Bashir Uddin, Adviser, Ministry of Commerce and Ministry of Textiles & Jute, visited the office of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) to see for himself the activities of the Institute. Upon arrival of the Commerce Adviser at the ICAB office on Thursday, ICAB President Mohammed Forkan Uddin briefed the Adviser about the activities of ICAB including bringing discipline and ensuring transparency, accountability and good governance in the economy of the country, according to an ICAB press release yesterday.

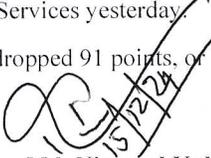
Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) Acting Chairman Tarique Rahman said, if BNP is voted to power, a separate directorate will be constituted for differently abled people for their welfare. Tarique Rahman said this in a virtual views-exchange meeting with differently abled people from London yesterday. BNP in coordination with Protibondhi Nagorik Shangathaner Parishad (PNSP) organized the event at LGED Bhaban Auditorium at Agargaon.

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir said, the 13th Jatiya Sangsad elections will be held soon and the people will have the opportunity to elect their representatives through a free, fair and neutral poll. The BNP Secretary General told journalists after paying homage to the martyred intellectuals at the Martyred Intellectuals Memorial at Mirpur yesterday.

The Martyred Intellectuals Day is being observed yesterday across the country. The nation recalls the mass killing of a large number of Bangladesh's top brains by the Pakistan army and their collaborators visibly sensing their defeat just two days ahead of the emergence of Dhaka as the free capital of free Bangladesh.

Three more dengue patients died and 316 patients were admitted to different hospitals in the country during the last 24 hours, according to a press release issued by the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.

The DSEX, the benchmark index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), dropped 91 points, or 1.76 percent yesterday.


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