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Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Prof. Muhammad Yunus said, he considered himself a son of Rangpur as he was moved by the bravery and sacrifice of July uprising martyr Abu Sayed. The Chief Adviser said this while welcoming the family members of Abu Sayed at his office in Tajgaon, Dhaka yesterday. Then, the Chief Adviser handed over the certificate of the Shahid Abu Sayed Foundation to the family members of martyr Abu Sayed during a brief ceremony on the day.

Education Adviser Wahiduddin Mahmud gave a set of directives to all university administrations, which included encouraging students to be respectful to law and preventing them from creating tense situations on political issues. In a letter yesterday, the Education Adviser gave six directives to the Vice-chancellors of all public and private universities.

Adviser of Local Government Rural Development and Cooperatives Ministry Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuyain asked the government officers to remain cautious about corruption and ensure transparency and accountability in public works. The Adviser said this while speaking in a meeting held at Local Government Division at Secretariat in the capital yesterday.

Environment, Forest, Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan reiterated that the government would announce the date of national election immediately after completing the reforms works. The Adviser said this while speaking at a press briefing at Foreign Service Academy in Dhaka yesterday. No discussion was held to ban International Society for Krishna Consciousness (Iskcon) in Bangladesh, the Adviser added.

Earlier, Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser stressed the need for implementing an integrated plan to develop ecotourism and protect coastal region from natural calamities. The Adviser came up with the importance while speaking at a seminar titled "Formulating an Integrated Plan for Ecotourism in Payra Port City and Kuakata Coastal Region," at the conference hall of the Public Works Department at Segunbagicha yesterday.

Bangladesh and South Korea launched negotiations for signing an Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) between the two countries. Commerce Adviser Sk Bashir Uddin and Korean Minister for Trade Inkyo Cheong attended the first meeting of the negotiation in Seoul yesterday. MoU was also signed between the two countries as part of the initial step for signing the EPA on trade and investment and infrastructure development.

Australia reframed its commitment to maintaining duty-free and quota-free access for Bangladeshi products even after the country's graduation from the Least Developed Country status in 2026. It was stated at the third meeting of the Joint Working Group, established under the Trade and Investment Framework Arrangement (TIFA) signed between Bangladesh and Australia, held on Tuesday at Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs in Canberra, according to a press release yesterday. During the meeting, Bangladesh invited Australia to invest in its burgeoning information technology sector, while the Australian side showed a positive attitude towards importing summer fruits from Bangladesh.

Financial and technical agreements on development cooperation worth 180.807 million EUR were signed yesterday between Bangladesh and the Federal Republic of Germany. Md. Shahriar Kader Siddiky, Secretary, Economic Relations Division and Achim Tröster, Ambassador of Germany to Bangladesh signed the agreements on behalf of their respective governments, according to a press release.

Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) Acting Chairman Tarique Rahman underscored the need for enhancing cultural practice and sports side by side with study. The BNP Acting Chairman said this while addressing virtually a programme as the chief guest marking the final match of the Shaheed Zia Smriti Football Tournament at Shaheed Abul Kashem High School, Barobari playground in Lalmonirhat District yesterday.

Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said the defeated fascist forces are making evil attempts to create unrest in the country under an orchestrated plan. The BNP Secretary General said this while addressing a views exchange meeting titled "Role of writers and artistes in rebuilding the state" organized by Jatiya Kabita Parishad at the seminar room of the Jatiya Press Club in Dhaka yesterday.

Military Operations Directorate Colonel Staff Intekhab Haider Khan said, Bangladesh Army is working relentlessly to maintain overall law and order situation. The Military Operations Directorate Colonel Staff said this at a press briefing on the Army's activities on maintaining the country's law and order at Officers' Mess in Dhaka Cantonment yesterday.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) Commissioner Sheikh Md. Sazzatd Ali visited the National Orthopaedic Hospital and Rehabilitation Institute in Dhaka yesterday to see those injured in the anti-discrimination student movement. During the visit, the DMP Commissioner personally spoke to each of the injured in the student-people's uprising and inquired about their health and treatment.

Seven dengue patients died while 837 were admitted to different hospitals in the country during the past 24 hours, according to the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.

The benchmark index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange closed the day with 5.34 points down at 5,192.59 points yesterday.



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