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Newsbrief

The interim government decided to declare three-time former Prime Minister, wife of a former President and BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia a VVIP considering her smooth treatment in the hospital, security, travel privileges and high status. The decision came at a special meeting of the Council of Advisers at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday with Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus in the chair.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus has expressed deep condolences to Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto over the loss of lives and widespread destruction caused by recent floods in Aceh, North and West Sumatra provinces of that country. The Chief Adviser wrote this to the Indonesian President in a message on Monday. The Chief Adviser's Press Wing released the message yesterday.

The Advisers Council Committee on Government Purchase approved two major proposals for purchasing 1.50 crore litres of edible oil to strengthen the domestic supply chain and maintain market stability. The approval came from the 48th meeting of the Advisers Council Committee on Government Purchase in this year held virtually with Finance Adviser Dr Salehuddin Ahmed in the chair yesterday.

Foreign Affairs Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain said, the government will take necessary steps to send BNP Chairperson and former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia abroad for treatment if her family or party formally decides on the matter. The Adviser told this to reporters while responding questions from journalists at his Ministry yesterday.

Home Adviser Lieutenant General (Retd) Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury said, there is no security risk for anyone as the government is committed to keeping everyone protected. The Adviser made the remarks while responding to a question about the security risks of BNP Acting Chairperson Tarique Rahman upon his return to Bangladesh. The Adviser spoke at the Home Ministry in the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday after emerging from the Core Committee meeting on law and order.

The 28th anniversary of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Peace Accord was observed in the capital yesterday, with CHT Affairs Adviser Supradip Chakma extending greetings and congratulations to the people of the region. Speaking as chief guest at a seminar titled 'The Chittagong Hill Tracts Accord: Transforming Harmony into Prosperity' at the CHT Complex Auditorium on Bailey Road in Dhaka, the Adviser said, the accord is not merely a political understanding but a commitment rooted in peace, coexistence and justice under the country's constitution.

French Ambassador to Bangladesh Jean-Marc Séré-Charlet said, the European Union sees strong potential for Bangladesh to attract significantly higher volumes of European investment and capital. The Ambassador stressed the need to maintain ongoing reforms to improve the business climate. Speaking at a high-level dialogue on Business Climate, jointly organized by the European Union (EU) and the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) on December 1 in Dhaka, the Ambassador reaffirmed Europe's readiness to scale up economic engagement with Bangladesh.

European Union (EU) Ambassador Michael Miller voiced optimism on holding a free and fair election in Bangladesh, saying it is the time for Dhaka to demonstrate that it can reverse the global trend of democratic backsliding. Emerging from a meeting with the Chief Election Commissioner AMM Nasir Uddin at the Election Commission in the capital's Agargaon area yesterday, the Ambassador was sharing his views with the newsmen on the upcoming 13th National Parliamentary Election scheduled for next year.

The forthcoming general election and the national referendum are expected to be held any day between February 8 and February 12 next year, Election Commissioner Md. Anwarul Islam Sarkar said. The Commissioner said this while speaking to reporters at the Election Commission headquarters in Dhaka yesterday. The Commissioner also said that the election schedule could be announced in a couple of days after the commission meeting, expected to be held on December 7.

Two Additional Specialist medical teams from the United Kingdom and China are scheduled to arrive today to assist the medical board overseeing the treatment of BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia at Evercare Hospital in the capital. BNP media cell member Shayrul Kabir Khan confirmed the development to BSS yesterday, citing the party chairperson's personal physician and BNP standing committee member Dr AZM Zahid Hossain.

The Chiefs of the three Services visited former Prime Minister and BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia, who is undergoing treatment at Evercare Hospital in the capital yesterday. The Service Chiefs are Chief of Army Staff General Waker-Uz-Zaman, Chief of Naval Staff Admiral M Nazmul Hassan and Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal Hasan Mahmood Khan. The Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) confirmed the visit in a brief message issued.

Chief of Army Staff General Waker-Uz-Zaman has reiterated his deep determination to develop the Army as a trained, disciplined and professional force equipped with modern weapons. The Chief of Army Staff came up with this call while speaking at the 'Presidential Parade' marking the commissioning of the officer cadets of the Bangladesh Military Academy Long-Term Course and the 60th Special Course on the BMA Parade Ground at Bhatiari in Chattogram yesterday.

Two more deaths were reported from dengue and 636 more patients were hospitalized in the past 24 hours till Tuesday morning, according to the Directorate General of Health Services said yesterday.



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