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Newsbrief

US President Donald Trump doubled down on his outrage over USAID's spending, accusing the agency of funnelling \$29 million to prop up a "radical left communist" in Bangladesh. The US President said this while speaking at the Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington on Saturday.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus invited top US businessman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of SpaceX Elon Musk to visit Bangladesh and launch Starlink satellite service in the country. In a letter to Musk on February 19, the Chief Adviser told Musk that his visit to Bangladesh would allow him to meet Bangladeshi young men and women who will be among the main beneficiaries of this leading technology.

The United Nations (UN) Special Envoy on Myanmar, Julie Bishop said, the UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres would visit Bangladesh in mid-March and would meet the Rohingyas in camps in Cox's Bazar. The UN Envoy revealed this information when the UN Special Envoy called on Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at the State Guest House Jamuna in the capital yesterday. During the meeting, they discussed the Rohingya crisis and explored fresh ways to resolve it and mobilise new donors for humanitarian assistance for more than a million forcibly displaced Rohingyas living in the camps in Bangladesh's southeast.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus urged Sweden to consider investing in social business in Bangladesh instead of providing grants as development assistance. The Chief Adviser came up with the call when Jakob Granit, Director General of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, met him at the State Guest House Jamuna in the capital yesterday.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) AMM Nasir Uddin said, the Election Commission (EC) is moving ahead centering the two datelines given by the interim government for the national elections. The CEC said this while exchanging views with District Administration officials in Cox's Bazar yesterday.

Finance Adviser Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed stated that the government is closely monitoring the market situation to prevent price hikes of essential commodities ahead of the holy month of Ramadan. The Adviser told journalists yesterday after attending the 65th meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC) at Savar yesterday.

Home Affairs Adviser Lt Gen (ret'd) Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury blamed the Awami League and its cohorts for the ongoing volatile law-and-order situation in the country. The Home Affairs Adviser said this at an emergency briefing at his Bashundhara residence in the capital yesterday.

Primary and Mass Education Adviser Professor Dr. Bidhan Ranjan Roy Poddar said, his Ministry's main goal is to ensure proper education for primary school children as they can write, read and express their thoughts in their own language. The Adviser said this while exchanging views with the Officials of District Administration and primary education on ensuring quality primary education at the conference room of Deputy Commissioner Office in Chapainawabganj yesterday.

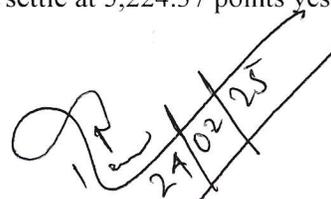
Charge d'Affaires of the United States Embassy in Dhaka Ambassador Tracey Ann Jacobson conveyed US Administration's commitment to the ongoing democratic transformation of Bangladesh. The Charge d'Affaires of the United States Embassy in Dhaka conveyed it when she called on Foreign Secretary Md. Jashim Uddin at Foreign Ministry in Dhaka yesterday.

The Chief Prosecutor of the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) Muhammad Tajul Islam said, then Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, during her visit to a hospital in late July, 2024, had ordered the authorities not to provide treatment to any victims of mass uprising and not to give anyone release. The ICT Chief Prosecutor said this at a press briefing held at his office yesterday.

Journalists were intimidated by Bangladesh's intelligence agencies, including DGFI and NSI agents, to refrain them from reporting on the July uprising, according to a recent report of the United Nations (UN) Rights Office.

The prime index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) increased 23.99 point to settle at 5,224.37 points yesterday.

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