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### Newsbrief

Visiting President of Timor-Leste José Ramos-Horta said, youths need to have leadership to face the current challenges and crisis both domestically and internationally. The President made the remark while attending a Town Hall meeting with students and youth leaders in the capital yesterday. The President shared his personal journey towards freedom and equality, and insights from his experiences of overcoming adversities.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus will leave Dhaka for Egypt last night on a two-day state visit to attend D-8 Summit scheduled to be held on December 19. The Chief Adviser will deliver a speech at Al-Azhar University in Cairo on the same day. Chief Adviser's Deputy Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad Majumder told BSS yesterday.

Foreign Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain called for robust cooperation through continuous dialogue among Asian countries on compassion and solidarity to bring peace, stability and collective security in the pan-Asian region and beyond. The Adviser made the call while addressing the virtual 7th Ministerial Council Meeting of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA) hosted by Azerbaijan. Referring to war, conflict, climate change and natural disasters as threat to human survival, the Foreign Adviser urged the leaders to explore meaningful means to address these challenges.

Home Adviser Lt Gen. (retd) Jahangir Alam Chowdhury said, a probe committee would be formed within five working days to ensure justice of BDR carnage. Speaking at a press conference at his secretariat office here this morning, the Adviser said, the committee would comprise retired judges and retired officials from the civil administration, police force and armed forces. The interim government is determined to re-investigating the BDR killings and ensuring justice, the Adviser added.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan sought financial and technical support of Nordic countries for establishing a wildlife sanctuary for captive elephants in Bangladesh. The Adviser made the request when Swedish Ambassador to Bangladesh Nicolas Weeks, Norwegian Ambassador Hakon Arald Gulbrandsen and Deputy Head of Mission of Denmark Anders Karlsen called on her at her Secretariat office in Dhaka yesterday. During the meeting, they discussed issues relating to wildlife, environmental pollution caused by single use of plastic bags, conservation of bio-diversity and renewable energy.

Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam said, the next general elections will be held by June 30, 2026 as per the roadmap announced by the Chief Adviser. The Chief Adviser's Press Secretary told a press briefing, held at Foreign Service Academy yesterday. At the press briefing, the Press Secretary reiterated that those whose hands were stained with blood during the July-August movement would be brought to justice.

Leaders of different political parties, professional bodies, student leaders and civil society members today welcomed the much talked about probable election roadmap announced yesterday by Chief Adviser Prof. Muhammad Yunus. They however, viewed that crucial reforms at different sectors in line with the recommendations of concern committees are prerequisite for marching forwards the election process.

Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) Acting Chairman Tarique Rahman said, conspiracy against the independence and sovereignty of Bangladesh has not stopped, it continues. The BNP Acting Chairman said this while virtually addressing three workshops on 31-points for repairing the state structure in Gazipur, Dhaka and Naryanganj yesterday.

Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Yao Wen met Anwar Hossain, administrator of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA), at the BGMEA Complex in the capital yesterday. At the meeting, they focused on strengthening bilateral ties and exploring opportunities for further collaboration between China and Bangladesh, particularly in the apparel and textile sectors, according to a BGMEA press release.

Foreign Secretary Ambassador Md. Jashim Uddin laid emphasized on conclusion of signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on contract farming with Botswana. The Foreign Secretary made the remarks while Nonresident Botswana High Commissioner to Bangladesh Gilbert Shimane Mangole paid a courtesy call on him at Foreign Ministry in Dhaka yesterday. During the meeting, both sides reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening the friendly relations between Bangladesh and Botswana and praised the role of the young generation in driving recent positive political changes in their respective countries.

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) decided to probe into allegations of TK 80,000 crore embezzlement by ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her family members from nine projects including Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant. Apart from Sheikh Hasina, the allegations were made against her sister Sheikh Rehana, her son Sajeeb Ahmed Wazed and her niece Tulip Siddiq, according to ACC Deputy Director Akhtarul Islam yesterday.

The new Director General of the Center on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) Dr. P Chandra Shekhara called on Foreign Secretary Md. Jashim Uddin at the Foreign Ministry in the capital yesterday. During the meeting, the CIRDAP Director General highlighted the activities of CIRDAP in rural development in the member states.

Two more dengue patients died and 311 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.

DSEX, the broad index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), advanced by 45.7 points and settled at 5,225 points as against 5,179 points yesterday.



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