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**Newsbrief**

Liberation War Affairs Adviser Farooq-e-Azam, Bir Pratik said that sports are not just entertainment but the lifeblood of a nation. The Adviser stressed the need for organizing various sports events with the participation of youths to keep them away from drugs, terrorism and anti-social activities. The Adviser made the remarks as the chief guest at a view-exchange meeting with the Chattogram Metropolitan Sports Association at the Circuit House yesterday.

Social Welfare Adviser Sharmin S Murshid said, the country will be built afresh through remembering all the kids who had sacrificed their lives like Farhan Faiyaz. The Adviser said this as the chief guest while attending a football match and doa mahfil marking the 18th birth anniversary of Martyred Farhan Faiyaz at Shahid Farhan Faiyaz playground in Dhaka yesterday.

Commerce Adviser Sk. Bashir Uddin expressed optimism that the 2nd China-Bangladesh Exhibition will further strengthen bilateral collaboration and significantly boost Chinese investment in Bangladesh. Speaking as the chief guest at the inauguration of the two-day event at the International Convention City Bashundhara yesterday, the Adviser said that Chinese investment in Bangladesh has surged by nearly 300 percent over the past year. Jointly organized by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Bangladesh and the Chinese Enterprises Association in Bangladesh, the exhibition serves as a platform to enhance trade, investment and industrial cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative.

Bangladesh Election Commission (EC) has formally introduced voter registration and smart National Identity (NID) card services for Bangladeshi expatriates living in Canada, marking a major step to include non-resident citizens in the country's democratic process. Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) AMM Nasir Uddin inaugurated the services at a ceremony at the Bangladesh High Commission in Ottawa the day before yesterday, where he also handed over smart NID cards to several registered expatriates, symbolizing the official launch. The CEC said, reiterating his call to make voting rights more accessible for Bangladeshis abroad. The CEC stressed that expatriates, who contribute significantly to the country through remittances, investment and knowledge transfer, must also have a direct say in shaping Bangladesh's future.

Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam reaffirmed that the upcoming Jatiya Sangsad elections will be held by February 15, 2026, as per the schedule set by the interim government, despite differing views among political parties. Speaking during a visit to the ancestral home of renowned poet Farruk Ahmed, widely known as the 'Poet of the Muslim Renaissance', in Sreepur Upazila of Magura yesterday, the Press Secretary said that political diversity is a natural aspect of a democratic system.

Bangladesh Ambassador to Belgium Khandker Masudul Alam has presented his Letters of Credence as Head of Mission to the European Union to President of the European Council Ant nio Costa and President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen. The presentation ceremony took place at the Berlaymont, headquarters of the European Commission in Brussels the day before yesterday, the Bangladesh Embassy said in a press release yesterday.

Tracey Ann Jacobson, Charge d'affaires of the US Embassy in Dhaka paid a courtesy call on Chief Adviser's Special Assistant on Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology Faiz Ahmad Taiyeb at latter's office in the ICT Tower in Dhaka the day before yesterday. During the meeting, the Chief Adviser's Special Assistant invited international investors, including US companies, to explore opportunities in Bangladesh's growing data centers, cloud services and digital infrastructure sectors.

*Nasir Uddin*

Ambassador and Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Bangladesh, Michael Miller, visited the water treatment plant established under the Local Government Initiative on Climate Change project at Lakshikhola in Pankhali Union under Dakop Upazila in Khulna yesterday. Later, the Ambassador attended a views-exchange meeting with beneficiaries of the project at the Shri Shri Nitai Gaur Sebashram.

Bangladesh High Commission in New Delhi hosted a reception the day before yesterday to seek support from the member states of International Maritime Organization for Bangladesh's re-election to the council. Senior Secretary of Shipping Ministry Mohammed Yousuf addressed the gathering and highlighted Bangladesh's expanding maritime transport sector and the increasing role of its ports in facilitating international trade, according to a press release yesterday.

Vatican Ambassador to Bangladesh Archbishop Kevin S. Randell said, the Vatican has expressed hope for free, fair, just and transparent elections in Bangladesh, while making it clear that it does not wish for any particular outcome. The Ambassador said this while addressing a ceremony marking Pope Day at the Vatican Embassy in Dhaka the day before yesterday, which also coincided with the visit of Cardinal George Jacob Koovkad, Prefect of the Dicastery for Inter-religious Dialogue. The Cardinal, who began his visit on September 6, has led a series of dialogues, including visits to the National Mosque, meetings with Islamic scholars, and stops at a Hindu temple and a pagoda in Dhaka.



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