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## Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus directed the authorities concerned to enhance efforts to bring back the laundered money to the country. The Adviser came up with the directives at a meeting on prevention of money laundering at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday. The Chief Adviser Chaired in the meeting.

Home Adviser Lieutenant General (Retd) Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury voiced warning of stern action against criminals saying no criminals involved in mob violence, rape, mugging and other offensive activities, would be spared. The Home Adviser made the remarks after visiting four police stations -Tejgaon, Dhanmondi, Shahbagh and New Market- in the capital yesterday. The Home Adviser also said, his inspection intends to see whether the police stations were functioning properly during the holy month of Ramadan.

The Security Services Division of the Ministry of Home Affairs donated Tk 5 lakh more to the parents of firefighter Md. Swanur Zaman Nayan (24), who died in a hospital after being hit by a truck while dousing fire at the Secretariat. Home Affairs Adviser Lieutenant General Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury (retd.) handed over a cheque for Tk 5 lakh to Nayan's parents in his office at the Bangladesh Secretariat in Dhaka yesterday.

When Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus flew back to Bangladesh in August, he was greeted by bleak scenes. Hasina's reign was dominated by allegations of tyranny, violence and corruption. It culminated in a bloody few weeks over July and August, when more than 1,400 people were killed in protests against her repressive rule, a violent crackdown by police that could amount to a "crime against humanity", according to the UN. She has denied all use of excessive force. reported UK-based The Guardian yesterday.

National Consensus Commission Vice-Chairman and Constitutional Reform Commission Chief Professor Dr. Ali Riaz expressed his optimism that more specific steps will be taken regarding the elections very soon. Dr. Ali Riaz told a press conference. The National Consensus Commission organized the press conference at the LD Hall of the National Parliament in Dhaka yesterday. There is no conflict between the election and the reform process, Ali Riaz added.

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) approved charge sheet in six cases against ousted Prime Minister and Awami League Chief Sheikh Hasina, her sister Sheikh Rehana and their four family members on charge of misusing power to obtain six 10-katha plots at Purbachal New Town Project. The charge sheets were approved by the three-member Commission Headed by ACC Chairman Dr. Abdul Momen at its Headquarters, Director General (DG) Prevention Md. Akhter Hossain told the journalists yesterday.

Chief Adviser's Deputy Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad Majumdar said, about 97 per cent of textbooks have been distributed and the remaining textbooks will be distributed by mid-March. The Chief Adviser's Deputy Press Secretary said this while speaking at a media briefing at the Foreign Service Academy in Dhaka yesterday. The Chief Adviser's Deputy Press Secretary said, this year the distribution of textbooks has been slightly delayed. About 39.6 crore textbooks were supposed to be distributed at various levels.

The Election Commission (EC) issued a public notice inviting applications for registration of new political parties ahead of the upcoming 13th National Parliament elections. The EC issued the public notice yesterday, inviting applications for registration from new political parties wishing to participate in the elections. Political parties can apply for registration until April 20 and new party can apply for registration according to the previous law, the EC Public notice added.

Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam said, assets of deposed Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her family members were found in five countries including the United Kingdom (UK) and the United States (US). The Chief Adviser's Press Secretary said this at a press briefing at the Foreign Service Academy in Dhaka yesterday. Shafiqul Alam said, the existence of Russian slush fund (a reserve of money used for illicit purposes, especially political bribery) was also found in a bank of Malaysia.

Chief Adviser of the Interim Government appointed Dr. Anisuzzaman Chowdhury as his Special Assistant with the rank of a State Minister. According to a gazette notification yesterday of the Cabinet Division Dr. Anisuzzaman was entrusted with the Executive Power of the Ministry of Finance to assist the Chief Adviser under the Rules of Business, 1996.

DSEX, the broad index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange, recovered 16.5 points to settle at 5,191 points, as against 5,174 points yesterday.

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