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## Newsbrief

Japan pledged to continue its trade and development cooperation with Bangladesh and support the Interim Government of Professor Muhammad Yunus in its efforts to key transitions. Newly-appointed Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh, Saida Shinichi made the pledge when he called on Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at the state guest house Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday. The Chief Adviser said, Japan is a very important strategic partner for Bangladesh and his government looks to develop the relationship further.

Top US businessman Gentry Beach called on Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at the state guest house Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday and expressed his desire to invest in Bangladesh. Gentry Beach, who is the CEO and founder of High ground Holdings, said his company has already acquired multiple assets in Bangladesh and would like to invest more in the country's energy, finance and a number of other sectors. The Chief Adviser said, the interim government was carrying out reforms to attract more foreign direct investment in Bangladesh.

The Secondary and Higher Education Division was instructed to present a summary with opinions or recommendations on the application of the 5% freedom-fighter quota for admissions to public-private medical colleges to the Advisory Council meeting. The decision came from a meeting of Advisory Council held regarding the admission of students under the five percent quota reserved for children of freedom fighters, martyred freedom fighters and Biranganas in government and private medical colleges, dental colleges and affiliated units for the academic year 2024-25. Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus chaired the meeting at his office yesterday.

Education and Planning Adviser Professor Wahiduddin Mahmud handed over the report of a taskforce on "Re-strategising the Economy and Mobilising Resources for Equitable and Sustainable Development" to Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus. The Adviser handed over the report to the Chief Adviser at the Chief Adviser's Office in Tejgaon in Dhaka yesterday.

Expatriates Welfare and Overseas Employment Adviser Dr. Asif Nazrul, currently on an official visit to Saudia Arabia, focused on strengthening bilateral ties, addressing labour market challenges and ensuring better protection for Bangladeshi workers in the oil-rich nation. The Adviser highlighted the issues when held separate meeting with Saudi Vice Minister of Human Resources and Social Development (HRSD) Dr. Abdullah Abuthnain and the Vice Minister for Interior Dr. Nasser bin Abdulaziz Al Dawood in Riyadh yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Adviser Md. Nahid Islam said, they wanted to lay the foundation of drastic reform in the state structure to eliminate the fascism from the country forever. The Adviser said this while addressing a function of handing over cheques of donation among the families of the journalists martyred and injured during July uprising, sick and insolvent media personnel and cheques of stipends for their children. Bangladesh Sanbadik Kallayan Trust organized the programme at its Circuit House Road office in Dhaka yesterday.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan expressed concern over the slow and inadequate flow of climate finance, saying even the developed nations, which are responsible to global warming, are

giving loans to climate vulnerable countries instead of grants. The Adviser said this while addressing as the chief guest at a workshop on 'Catalyzing Climate Adaptation Actions at Scale and Mobilising Investments' at The Westin, Dhaka yesterday.

A news item on Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus's meeting with President of Open Society Foundations Alex Soros, carried by Indian weekly The Organiser, is false, CA Press Wing said yesterday. The Organiser's latest canard is that the meeting between Bangladesh's Chief Adviser Mohammad Yunus and Alex Soros, President of the Open Society Foundations, constituted a challenge to US President Donald Trump. The Interim Government has complete confidence that President Trump and his team will see through this transparent effort to create friction between Bangladesh and the United States.

The interim government yesterday warned of stern actions against any attempt to discriminate against or oppress any group of citizens, accordingly to a statement issued by the Chief Adviser's Press Wing yesterday.

Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) Acting Chairman Tarique Rahman stressed the need for implementation of the 31-point reform charter of his party to rebuild the country destroyed over the last 15 years. The BNP Acting Chairman virtually addressing a training workshop from London on the party's 31-point reform agenda organized by the BNP Central Training Committee at the Magura Auditorium in Magura yesterday.

A delegation of European Partnership for Democracy (EPD), a global network of non-profit organizations to support democracy, called upon Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir at the party Chairperson's Gulshan political office in Dhaka yesterday. The delegation included EPD delegates Michael Lidauer and Matt Backen, according to BNP media cell member Shairul Kabir Khan.

Religious Affairs Ministry condemned a Facebook post of a female journalist in which she claimed that female journalists were barred from covering the programme of its Adviser at Bangladesh-China International Friendship Convention Centre yesterday. A press release of the Ministry said, the post was given with an ulterior motive and the guest of the programme cannot be held responsible for any such incident if it's happened in a programme. The release said, a Facebook post in the wall of a female journalist came to the notice of the ministry which was shared by many people later on the social media platforms in many ways.

A delegation from the British High Commission in Bangladesh met the Commission of inquiry on enforced disappearance at the Commission's office in Gulshan in the capital yesterday. The Commission Chairman Justice Moyeenul Islam Chowdhury welcomed the delegation and briefed them on the Commission activities, according to a press release. The delegation highly praised the Commission's efforts and assured their full cooperation and support, added the release.

Saudia Airlines plans to expand its fleet by 118 new aircrafts will enhance connectivity between Saudi Arabia and Bangladesh, offering more flight options and supporting growing travel demand, according to a press release issued by the airlines in Dhaka yesterday.

The first phase of the 58th Bishwa Ijtema, a large congregation of the Muslims, begins on the bank of the Turag River at Tongi, on the outskirts of the capital, today. This year, the Ijtema will be held in three phases. Starting from today, the first phase will continue till February 2 while the second phase will be held from February 3 to 5 and the third phase from February 14 to 16. The government has taken adequate security measures ahead of the first phase of the Biswa Ijtema. Stringent security measures have been taken in and around the Biswa Ijtema ground spanning 160 acres of land, said Inspector General of Police (IGP) Baharul Alam after inspecting the security arrangements at the Ijtema ground at Tongi on Wednesday.



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