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### Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus reiterated that a general election will be held in Bangladesh by June next year under any circumstances to carry forward the reform initiatives taken by the current interim government. The Chief Adviser renewed the vow when former Japanese Prime Minister and Japan-Bangladesh Parliamentary Friendship League President Taro Aso called on him at the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo in Japan yesterday four-day visit to Japan.

Yohei Sasakawa, the head of the Nippon Foundation, hosted a dinner in honour of the visiting Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo in Japan yesterday. The two leaders discussed the Rohingya crisis, the evolving situation in Myanmar and the sharp decline of grants and aid to humanitarian crises across the globe in recent months.

Finance Adviser Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed said, the government has remained very active in bringing back the laundered money from abroad although it would take time to recover such a huge amount siphoned off from the country for a long period of time. The Adviser told BSS during an interview at Bangladesh Secretariat in Dhaka yesterday.

Law Adviser Asif Nazrul said, the inter-ministerial committee has so far recommended the withdrawal of 11,448 politically motivated cases. The Adviser said this in a statement posted on his verified Facebook page yesterday.

Housing and Public Works Adviser Adilur Rahman Khan put emphasis on role of youth in shaping a humane and sustainable urban future. Speaking at the award distribution ceremony of the national competition 'Youth's Ideas in Sustainable Urban Planning-2025', the Adviser highlighted how the creativity and vision of young engineers and urban planners can significantly contribute to inclusive and people-centered urban development. The event was held at the Multipurpose Hall of the Department of Architecture in the capital yesterday.

Food Adviser Ali Imam Majumder said, there will be no need to import rice as the country's rice stock is currently at a satisfactory level. The Adviser said this while addressing a meeting on Boro procurement targets, storage and distribution at the Mymensingh Divisional Commissioner's conference room in Mymensingh yesterday.

Religious Affairs Adviser Dr. A F M Khalid Hossain credited the smooth and efficient Hajj management this year to the sincere efforts and strategic direction of Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus. The Adviser said this in an exclusive interview with BSS at Bangladesh Secretariat in Dhaka yesterday.

The holy Eid-ul-Azha will be celebrated in the country on June 7 as the moon of the holy month of Zilhaj of 1446 Hijri was sighted in the sky of Bangladesh yesterday. The decision came following a meeting of the National Moon Sighting Committee held at the Islamic Foundation's conference room at the Baitul Mukarram National Mosque in the capital yesterday.

Bangladesh yesterday launched its first-ever commercial mango export to China, a milestone that Commerce Adviser Sheikh Bashir Uddin described as a direct outcome of Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus's recent landmark visit to Beijing. Inaugurating the air shipment of the first consignment at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Bashir said the mangoes are entering the Chinese market duty-free under a new trade facilitation framework, helping address the bilateral trade imbalance and boosting agricultural exports. The Adviser said this at the Air Shipment Departure Ceremony for the consignment bound for Changsha, Hunan Province. At the same program, Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Yao Wen said, the entry of Bangladeshi mangoes into the Chinese market will not only help expand the bilateral trade volume but reflects the 'mutually beneficial and win-win essence of economic cooperation'.

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Bangladesh's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Ambassador Muhammad Salahuddin Noman Chowdhury said, Bangladesh urged the international community to enhance cooperation in combating illicit financial flows and ensure the return of stolen assets to developing countries, calling it a matter of justice, equity and trust in the international system. He made the remarks while addressing the general debate of the 22nd session of the High-Level Committee on South-South Cooperation held at the UN Headquarters in New York the day before yesterday.

The Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) and the Department of Immigration and Passports (DIP) laid emphasis on expanding e-gate facilities at major airports in the country. It was discussed at a meeting held between CAAB Chairman Air Vice-Marshal Md. Monjur Kabir Bhuiyan and DIP Director General Major General Md. Nurul Anwar at the CAAB headquarters in the capital yesterday.



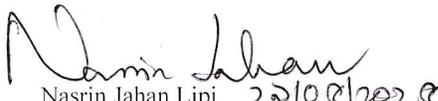
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