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Newsbrief

Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to Bangladesh Abdulla Ali Abdulla Khaseif AlHmoudi made a courtesy call on Civil Aviation and Tourism Adviser of the interim government A F Hassan Ariff at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. During the meeting, they discussed various aspects of taking the friendly relations between the two brotherly countries to a new height and expressed desire to increase cooperation in different fields in the coming days. The Ambassador hoped that the doors of new opportunities will be opened centering the third terminal of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport.

Home Advisor Lt. Gen. Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury (Retd.) said, retired members of various law enforcement agencies will be appointed in controlling traffic in the capital. The Adviser made the remarks while speaking to journalists after coming out of the 4th meeting of the Advisory Council Committee on Law and Order at the conference room of his Ministry at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Religious Affairs Adviser Dr AFM Khalid Hossain said, the interim government is firmly committed to safeguarding the best interests of Hajj pilgrims. The Adviser told the Saudi Arabian Ambassador to Bangladesh Issa bin Youssef Al-Duhailan as he paid a courtesy call on him at his Secretariat office yesterday.

Bangladesh sought Belgium's support through European Union to secure its bid for GSP+ benefits beyond 2029 and an additional six years of international support measures to aid the country's transition following its graduation from the Least Developed Countries category in 2026. Dhaka sought Brussels support at the Second Round of Political Consultations between Bangladesh and Belgium in Dhaka yesterday. During the meeting, the Belgian delegation assured Bangladesh of giving due consideration to these requests, said a press release.

Government will prepare a transparent policy so that none is harassed while departing airports and returning home, Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam said. The Chief Adviser's Press Secretary told this at a regular press briefing at Foreign Service Academy in Dhaka yesterday. The government will appeal to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court challenging the High Court's order that restricted the plying of battery-run rickshaws on the capital streets within three days, the Chief Adviser's Press Secretary added.

Bangladesh security forces have not sacked any of their officers and members on the basis of any recommendations of the 'Commission on Inquiry' into the cases of enforced disappearances in the country. Several TV stations are wrongly broadcasting news on this fabricated development. Chief Adviser's Press Wing said this in a statement yesterday. Justice Moyeenul Islam Chowdhury, the Head of the commission, confirmed that they did not make any such recommendation.

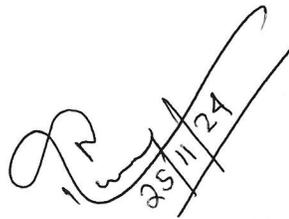
Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Iwama Kiminori reiterated Japan's unwavering commitment to its friendship with Bangladesh, emphasizing that Tokyo's stance remains unchanged during the country's interim government. The Ambassador told reporters during a media briefing at the Japanese Embassy in Dhaka yesterday.

The newly-appointed Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) AMM Nasir Uddin said, the new Election Commission (EC) is committed to hold a free and fair election and it is confident in this regard. The CEC said this while talking to newsmen at the Supreme Court (SC) yesterday after taking oath.

Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) observed that Universal Basic Income can potentially be a promising tool to reduce poverty, empower citizens and streamline social protection, even within the constraints of the current fiscal framework. The private think-tank made this observation at a dialogue on 'Assessing the Viability of Universal Basic Income (UBI) in Bangladesh' at a hotel in the capital yesterday.

Eleven dengue patients died while 1079 were admitted to different hospital in the country during the past 24 hours, according to the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.

DSEX, the prime index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), went down by 51.08 points or 0.98 percent to 5,146.50 points yesterday.



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