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Newsbrief

Azerbaijan President Ilham Aliyev said, his country is keen to deepen ties with Bangladesh and take bilateral relationship to a new height. The Azerbaijan President expressed the interest as he met Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus on the sidelines of the COP29 global climate conference in Azerbaijan capital Baku yesterday.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus returned home yesterday wrapping up his Baku tour to attend the global climate meet titled "Conference of Parties-29 (COP29)", CA's Deputy Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad Majumder said. Later, the Chief Adviser inaugurated a comfortable waiting lounge for the expatriate workers and their relatives at the multilevel car parking area of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka.

Earlier, the Chief Adviser said, his government would carry out vital labour reforms in an effort to attract more foreign investment in the country's manufacturing sector. The Chief Adviser made the comments during a meeting with former British Prime Minister Theresa May on the sidelines of the COP-29 global climate conference in Azerbaijan's capital, Baku yesterday.

Lu Alckmin, wife of vice president of Brazil Geraldo Alckmin, yesterday called on Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at the venue of the COP-29 global climate summit in Baku, Azerbaijan. During the meeting they discussed issues of mutual interests.

Home Adviser Lt. Gen. Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury (ret'd) said, that now is the time for police to prove their sincerity through providing services to the people as the present interim government is not a political one. The Adviser made the remarks while addressing a view-exchange meeting with the Divisional level officials of armed forces, various units of police, Rapid Action Battalion, Coast Guard, Ansar and VDP, Department of Prisons, Department of Fire Service and Civil Defense and Department of Narcotics Control at the Gratitude Hall of Barisal Police Lines yesterday.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Adviser Dr. Asif Nazrul urged all to remain alert against militancy so that no domestic or foreign enemy can disrupt the prospects and progress of Bangladesh taking advantage of the menace. The Adviser said this while addressing a memorial meeting on judges Shaheed Shohel Ahmed and Jagannath Pare, who were killed in a bomb attack carried out by JMB in 2005 in Jhalakathi district, at the Judicial Administration Training Institute (JATI) in Dhaka yesterday.

Sounding a strong resentment over India's excessive fellow-feeling towards minority communities in Bangladesh, Nahid Islam, Adviser for the Posts, Telecommunications, and Information Technology, categorically said, the neighbouring country has no right to interfere in the matter. The Adviser said this during an interview with BBC Hindi yesterday.

Food Adviser Ali Imam Majumdar said, rice prices will likely decline in the coming weeks with new Aman supplies set to hit the markets. The Adviser said this while briefing reporters after a meeting at the Directorate General of Food office in Dhaka yesterday.

Fisheries and Livestock Adviser Farida Akhtar said, the government is very cordial to ensure rehabilitation of the persons who were injured in July-August mass uprising. The Adviser told reporters after exchanging views with scientists and officials of Bangladesh Livestock Research Institute in the capital yesterday.

Foreign Ministry's Spokesperson Toufique Hasan said, Bangladesh expressed strong dissatisfaction over ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's frequent political statements from India and urged the Indian government to prevent such actions. The Foreign Ministry's spokesperson said this at a weekly briefing at the Ministry yesterday.

Chief of Army Staff General Waker-Uz-Zaman asked the members of the Army Service Corps (ASC) to remain prepared to face the challenges of the 21st century through modern and comprehensive training. The Army Chief said this while addressing the 43rd Annual Commanders Conference of the ASC as the chief guest at Jahanabad Cantonment in Khulna yesterday.

Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) Acting Chairman Tarique Rahman said, if BNP is voted to power, it will ensure the people's empowerment and partnership in politics. The BNP Acting Chairman made the remarks while virtually addressing a discussion titled "An outline for reformation of state structure: reforms in light of the 31 points" as the chief guest at a hotel in the capital yesterday.

At least five patients died of dengue in the last 24 hours while 1107 were hospitalized till Thursday morning, according to the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.

The DSEX, the prime index of the DSE, went up by 39.31 points or 0.74 per cent to settle at 5,355.33 points yesterday.



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