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Newsbrief

World Diabetes Day is being observed today in the country with the globe aimed at building public awareness on the chronic metabolic disease. On the occasion of the day, President Mohammed Shahabuddin and Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus yesterday issued separate messages.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus suggested creating a new life-style based on 'zero waste and zero carbon' to protect the planet from climate catastrophes, presenting his longstanding dream of creating a new world of three zeroes. The Chief Adviser said this while speaking at the opening session of the World Leaders Climate Action Summit in COP29, held in Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan yesterday.

Earlier, the Chief Adviser called for redesigning the global healthcare system and pharmaceutical companies. The Chief Adviser made the call while speaking at a sidelines event on health services at the COP29 climate conference in Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan yesterday.

Later, the Chief Adviser said, the world needs a new economic framework in an effort to tackle the climate crisis and create a new civilisation that works for the earth and its people. The Chief Adviser said this while speaking at a LDC high-level meeting with UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres on the sidelines of the COP29 in the Azerbaijan capital of Baku yesterday.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus called for creating a South Asian grid to share the hydroelectricity generated by Nepal and Bhutan. In a meeting with the Social Business Group on the sidelines of the climate conference in Baku yesterday, the Chief Adviser said, much of the hydroelectricity potential of the Himalayan nations remain untapped due to a lack of electricity grids connecting Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Bhutan.

Finance Adviser Salehuddin Ahmed expressed dissatisfaction over the stubbornly high prices of essential commodities in the domestic market, even after reducing their import duties. The Adviser made the comments at a programme organized by the Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) at its office in Dhaka yesterday to celebrate the foundation's 34th founding anniversary.

Home Affairs Adviser Lt. Gen. Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury (Retd.) said, police have been working with full force after the July-August revolution. he said as the chief guest at a special welfare meeting after visiting the Armed Police Battalion (APBn) headquarters in Dhaka yesterday.

Health Adviser Nurjahan Begum and British High Commissioner to Bangladesh Sarah Cooke visited the injured victims of quota reform movement at the National Institute of Traumatology & Orthopaedic Rehabilitation (NITOR) hospital in the capital yesterday. They inquired about the conditions of the victims and Director of NITOR Prof. Dr. Kazi Shamim Uzzaman briefed them that a two-member team of doctors from the United Kingdom (UK) is providing treatment to 85 patients.

Shipping, Labour and Employment Adviser Brig. Gen. (ret'd) Dr. M Sakhawat Hussain laid emphasis on ensuring better working environment for the workers engaged in the country's shipbuilding industry as the Adviser visited Karnaphuli Shipyard in Narayanganj port yesterday. The Adviser asked the shipbuilding company owners to ensure accommodation facility for their workers, saying they should also consider the health risks and safety of the workers first. The Adviser also stressed the necessity of maintaining international standards in the shipyards, directing the authorities concerned to stop engaging child labor in the shipbuilding industry.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan said, the government is sincerely working to ensure the coexistence of wild elephants and humans. The Adviser made the remarks at a meeting held at the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. The progress on the activities of a specialist committee addressing elephant conservation and conflict resolution in the KEPZ and surrounding areas was reviewed.

Fisheries and Livestock Adviser Farida Akhter feared that contract farming would shatter the independent entity of farmers as it is usually operating by the big corporate houses instead of the farmers. The Adviser said this while addressing a roundtable titled 'Farm Labour of Bangladesh: Crisis and Solution' at a hotel in Dhaka yesterday.

Attorney General Md. Asaduzzaman at a hearing at the High Court said, the 15th amendment that scrapped the provision of caretaker government system, was the direct blow on the constitution. The Chief State Counsel came up with the comments while taking part in the hearing on a rule issued by the High Court yesterday, challenging legality of the 15th amendment.

Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pranay Verma said, national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam's works are a shared cultural heritage of India and Bangladesh that set a base to uphold closer people-to-people tie between the two neighbouring countries. The Envoy made the remarks while speaking at a musical evening of Shyama Sangeet by Kazi Nazrul Islam, organized by the Indian High Commission's Indira Gandhi Cultural Center (IGCC) at the Indian Cultural Center in Dhaka on Tuesday.

Foreign Secretary Md. Jashim Uddin sought support from the international community including the French government for realizing a sustainable resolution of the Rohingya issue focusing on the root causes of the crisis. The Foreign Secretary sought the support when French Special Envoy to Burma (Myanmar) Christian Lechervy met him at the Foreign Ministry yesterday.

Foreign Secretary Md. Jashim Uddin urge all nations to show firm commitment towards Geneva Convention and International Humanitarian Law (IHL) to make a better world on basis of respect, dignity and peace. The Foreign Secretary said this while speaking at an event marking the 75th anniversary of the Geneva Conventions. International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) arranged the event in the capital under the theme- "Preserving our shared Humanity: Making International Humanitarian Law (IHL) a National and International Priority."

Derek Loh, the Non-resident Singaporean High Commissioner to Bangladesh, paid a courtesy call on Chief of Army Staff General Waker-Uz-Zaman at the Army Headquarters in Dhaka. During the meeting, they discussed various aspects of bilateral relations and economic cooperation between the two countries, according to an ISPR press release yesterday.

A total of 161 stranded irregular Bangladeshi migrants returned home from Libya and Tunisia separately, according to a Foreign Ministry's press release yesterday.

Bangladesh received remittance of over US\$ 7 billion from expatriate citizens in the last three months, official data showed, according to a progress report on the works of different Ministries and Divisions yesterday.

At least five patients died of dengue in the last 24 hours while 1221 were hospitalized till Wednesday morning, according to the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.

The prime index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), went down by 35.06 points or 0.66 percent to 5298.36 points yesterday.

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