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Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus directed authorities concerned to introduce e-learning at least 100 schools in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) within this year by resolving all crises immediately. The Chief Adviser gave the directives at a meeting at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus urged the United Nations (UN) to develop an effective mechanism to fight disinformation and support media maintaining ethical standards. The Chief Adviser made the call when Susan Vize, Head of Office and UNESCO Representative to Bangladesh, and Mehdi Benchelah, Senior Project Officer, Freedom of Expression and Safety of Journalists Section, UNESCO, called on him at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday.

Japan is to provide US\$4.8 million as grant to Bangladesh's Election Commission for its 'ballot project' to sensitize voters and enhance the transparency in electoral process. The Japanese authorities signed an agreement with the EC at the Nirbachan Bhaban at Agargaon yesterday in a function joined by Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) AMM Nasir Uddin. Japanese Ambassador Saida Shinichi, UNDP resident representative Stifan Liller and Japanese Foreign Ministry's International Cooperation Bureau director-general Ishiizuki Hideo.

Finance Adviser Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed said, there will be no austerity when it comes to budgetary allocations for the upcoming national parliamentary elections. Speaking to journalists yesterday after a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Government Purchase, the Adviser made the remarks in response to questions regarding election-related expenditures.

Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Adviser Professor Dr Asif Nazrul said, there is huge demand of skilled workers in Japan. The Adviser made the remark while speaking as chief guest at a seminar titled 'Japanese labour market: possibility and challenge' at International Mother Language Institute in Dhaka yesterday.

Shipping Adviser M Sakhawat Hossain said, no agreement compromising national interests will be signed with any foreign entity. The Adviser said, the government has recommended Bangladesh Navy to operate Chittagong Port New Mooring Container Terminal (NCT) for the next six months. The Adviser said this while talking to reporters after a meeting on Chittagong Port management at the Ministry of Shipping yesterday.

Youth and Sports Adviser Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuyain held a high-level meeting with Director-General of the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) Dr Salim M. AlMalik at the organisation's headquarters in Rabat of Morocco yesterday. The Adviser highlighted that the Government of Bangladesh places the highest priority on youth in its development agenda. The Adviser shared details of several national projects aimed at enhancing youth skills and capacity and sought ICESCO's active collaboration in these efforts.

The government is moving to formally recognize Rohingya youth Noor Mostafa for his role in the July 2024 uprising. Information Adviser Mahfuj Alam revealed the move in a Facebook post yesterday.

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National Consensus Commission Vice-Chairman Professor Ali Riaz said, every political party in Bangladesh shares a unified stance on restoring the caretaker government system. He made the statement in a press briefing held at the Doel Hall of the Foreign Service Academy in the capital yesterday, marking the conclusion of the eighth day of the second phase of talks between political parties and the National Consensus Commission.

The United States reiterated its strong support for the ongoing reform initiatives led by the interim government of Bangladesh under the leadership of Professor Muhammad Yunus during the celebration of US Independence Day in Dhaka yesterday. Speaking at the event, US Chargé d'Affaires Tracey Ann Jacobson paid tribute to the courage and sacrifice of those involved in the student-led popular uprising of July-August last year, calling it a 'foundation for the historic work we are witnessing now to rebuild the state and to restore democracy.

The government has declared August 5 a nationwide public holiday in honour of those who sacrificed their lives and July 16 as 'July Martyrs Day' during the July uprising in 2024. Cabinet Division issued a gazette notification yesterday.

The International Crimes Tribunal (ICT)-1 yesterday convicted and sentenced ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to six months in jail in a contempt of court case. The first tribunal also convicted and sentenced banned Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) leader Shakil Akand Bulbul to two months' imprisonment. The three-member ICT-1, led by Justice Md. Golam Mortuza Mozumder, pronounced the judgment yesterday.

One Corona patient died and 27 were affected all over the country during the last 24 hours, according to a press release issued by the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.

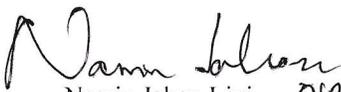


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