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### Newsbrief

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President Mohammed Shahabuddin yesterday urged all concerned to contribute more from their respective positions to build a corruption and exploitation free country as well as implement the Liberation War goals being imbued with the spirit and values of the anti-discriminatory on movement in 2024. The President said this in a message issued on the Great Victory Day to be celebrated today.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus vowed to work together to build a developed, prosperous and well-governed Bangladesh as the interim government had been formed through the mass uprising of the students, workers and people. The Chief Adviser said this in a message issued on the Victory Day that falls today. Recalling the supreme sacrifices of the brave martyrs of the freedom struggle with due respect, the Chief Adviser added.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus vowed that the relationship between Bangladesh and Timor-Leste will continue to grow and expand. The Chief Adviser made the comments while speaking at a joint press conference at Chief Adviser's office in Dhaka yesterday. The Chief Adviser also said, Timor-Leste President Jose Ramos-Horta has already invited all Bangladeshi investors to come in his country with investment and encouraged the relations that created between the two nations to make bigger.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus released a commemorative postage stamp of Taka 10 on the occasion of the Great Victory Day. The Adviser also released an opening day cover of Taka 10 and a data card worth Taka 5 at a ceremony at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday.

Finance Adviser Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed laid emphasis on narrowing gap between production costs and consumer expenses to provide relief to the people struggling with soaring prices of essentials. The Adviser said this while speaking at the annual conference of the International Business Forum of Bangladesh at Gulshan Club in the capital yesterday. There are legitimate middlemen who facilitate the supply of products, but extortionists are entirely different, the Adviser added.

Home Affairs Adviser Lt. Gen. (retd.) M Jahangir Alam Chowdhury asked the police forces to intensify their patrolling to check all sorts of criminal activities especially robbery in the capital. The Adviser told journalists at his Ministry's office in the Secretariat yesterday. The Adviser said this emerging from the 5th meeting of the Advisory Council committee on 'the law and order' at the conference room of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Food Adviser Ali Imam Majumdar said that the present interim government is working persistently to ensure food security for all the people in the country. The Food Adviser said about one lakh tonnes of paddy have already been collected across the country. The Adviser said these while briefing journalists after a view-sharing meeting on 'Targets and Achievements of the Aman Procurement during the Current Season' at the Circuit House in Nilphamari yesterday.

Environment Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan warned that strict action would be taken against river and forest grabbers. The Adviser came up with the warning while virtually speaking as the chief guest at the inauguration of the "Eco Leaders Youth Empowering Initiative on Environment, Climate and Renewable Energy for Bangladesh, held at Bangladesh Military Museum in Dhaka yesterday.

Shipping and Labour and Employment Adviser Brig. Gen. (ret'd) Dr. M Sakhawat Hussain said, foreigners have been showing more interest to invest in the country's shipping, maritime and port infrastructure development sectors. The Adviser said this while speaking at a view-exchange with a delegation of the Shipping Reporters' Forum at his Ministry in the capital yesterday.

British High Commissioner to Bangladesh Sarah Cooke called on Chief Adviser's Special Envoy for International Affairs Lutfey Siddiqi at his office in the capital yesterday. During the meeting, they discussed different areas of cooperation between the two countries.

Bangladesh unequivocally condemns the illegal act of aggression by Israel during this moment of critical transition in Syria. Bangladesh Foreign Ministry said this in statement yesterday. Bangladesh reiterates its principal position on the territorial integrity and sovereignty in Syria, said the statement adding that it is imperative that all external actions respect Syria's sovereignty and territorial integrity. Bangladesh also urged all Syrian parties to maintain calm and peace in the Middle Eastern country while Dhaka is closely monitoring the recent evolving developments in Syria.

A three-member BNP delegation led by BNP International Affairs Secretary Barrister Nasir Uddin Ahmed Ashim made a courtesy call on the President of Timor-Leste José Ramos -Horta. During the meeting at Hotel Sonargaon, they discussed various issues of mutual interest between Bangladesh and East Timor, according to a BNP media cell member Sayrul Kabir Khan.

Bangladesh Bank (BB) Governor Dr. Ahsan H Mansur laid emphasis on establishing a legal framework for data processing, which would enable efficient sharing of data locally and across borders. The BB governor said this at a workshop titled "Cross-Border Data Flow: A Bangladesh Perspective," jointly organized by the Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh and the World Bank at a hotel in the capital yesterday.

No more dengue patient died and 373 patients were admitted to different hospitals in the country during the last 24 hours, according to a press release issued by the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.

DSEX, the broad index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange, advanced by 73.4 points and settled at 5,179 points as against 5,105 points yesterday.



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