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## Newsbrief

A special meeting of the Council of Advisers yesterday prayed for swift recovery of former Prime Minister and BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia. Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus chaired the meeting at his office in the capital's Tejgaon area. Religious Affairs Adviser AFM Khalid Hossain administered the doa, said Chief Adviser's Press Wing. The meeting also gave in principle and final to the draft of the Foreign Donations (Voluntary Activities) Regulation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025.

The 50th anniversary of Timor-Leste's Proclamation of Independence has been celebrated in Dhaka highlighting the significance of the milestone and underscoring prospects for expanded bilateral cooperation following Timor-Leste's recent accession to ASEAN as its 11th member. A reception marking the anniversary was held at a hotel in Dhaka on Friday hosted by Engr. Kutubuddin Ahmed, Honorary Consul of Timor-Leste to Bangladesh, said a press release yesterday. Adviser for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, and Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Dr. Asif Nazrul, attended as the Chief Guest. In his remarks, the Adviser praised the historic struggle and resilience of the Timorese people and lauded the country's democratic progress and growing engagement in South Asia.

Education Adviser Professor Dr CR Abrar said that teachers hold the highest dignity in society and this position must be further strengthened. The Adviser made the remarks while speaking at a views-exchange meeting during his visit to the 56-day training programme for newly-recruited secondary school and madrasa teachers. It was organised under the Learning Acceleration in Secondary Education Project of the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education at Faridpur Teachers' Training College.

Fisheries and Livestock Adviser Farida Akhtar laid importance on reducing expenses of education to allow the rural student to pursue their studies as they are the country's future. The Adviser said this while addressing the first convocation of the North Pacific International University of Bangladesh (NPIUB) at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital yesterday. The Adviser also said, the education system run by NPI University is enabling boys and girls from rural areas to pursue higher education at a low cost.

Commerce Adviser Sk. Bashir Uddin urged the wealthy individuals and philanthropists to come forward and contribute to enhancing child healthcare services in the country. The Adviser made the call while inaugurating the newly rebuilt and modernized Cardiac Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at Bangladesh Shishu Hospital and Institute in the capital, said a Commerce Ministry press release yesterday.

Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam yesterday said that the government has no restrictions or objections regarding BNP acting Chairman Tarique Rahman's return to the country. Asked about Tarique Rahman's statement that the opportunity to decide on his immediate return to the country is not entirely open or exclusively within his control, the Press Secretary added.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) A M M Nasir Uddin said, the schedules for the 13th National Parliamentary Election and referendum will be announced in the second week of December. The CEC told media after inspecting mock voting organized by the Election Commission at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Girls' High School in the capital yesterday.

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Retired Justice Moinul Islam Chowdhury, Chairman of the Commission of Inquiry on Enforced Disappearances (CIED), said, integrity, impartiality, courage and competence of judges are the strongest guarantees of justice. Justice Moinul made the remarks at a day-long workshop held at a hotel in Gulshan. The event was organized by the Commission of Inquiry on Enforced Disappearances in collaboration with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Dhaka yesterday.

Palestinian Ambassador to Bangladesh Yousef S. Y. Ramadan praised the 'amazing people of Bangladesh' for standing by his nation from the beginning and vowed that Palestinians would continue their struggle until get the freedom. The Ambassador said this in a symposium organized by the United Nations Association of Bangladesh (UNAB) at a city hotel in Gulshan to mark the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The Ambassador said that Palestinians drew strength from global support, particularly from Bangladesh.

BNP Acting Chairman Tarique Rahman yesterday expressed his heartfelt thanks to Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus for his concern over BNP Chairperson and former Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia's illness and for urging the nation to pray for her quick recovery. A press release signed by BNP Senior Joint Secretary General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi conveyed Tarique Rahman's gratitude.



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