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Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus said, since election is approaching, pressure will mount on police but they should remain strong in performing their duties. The Chief Adviser said this while addressing a special meeting with senior police officers on law and order issues at his office in Tejgaon yesterday. The Chief Adviser asked police to perform their duties following the law so that the reign of darkness would never return to the country. The Chief Adviser also called on police personnel to remain alert against acts of defeated force of the July uprising to destabilise the country.

Chief Justice Dr. Syed Refaat Ahmed said, establishing an independent Secretariat under the Supreme Court is crucial to ensure institutional independence of the judiciary. The Chief Justice said this while addressing an Iftar programme organized by the Bangladesh Law Association at the Supreme Court Bar Association Auditorium yesterday.

Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) countries assured of helping expatriate Bangladeshis to cast votes in Bangladesh's next parliament elections as its Mission Chiefs met with Election Commissioners to discuss polls preparation at the Election Commission (EC) Headquarter in the capital's Agargaon area yesterday. Election Commissioner Brigadier General (Retd) Abul Fazl Md. Sanaullah told newsmen after the meeting.

Foreign Affairs Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain emphasized that Bangladesh's graduation from the least developed countries category should proceed as scheduled in 2026, without seeking any deadline extension. The Adviser said this while addressing a seminar at the Economic Reporters Forum (ERF) auditorium in the capital yesterday. The seminar titled 'Importance and Prospects of Cotton Cultivation in Bangladesh for Saving Foreign Currency' was jointly organized by Economic Reporters Forum, Bangladesh Cotton Association, Bangladesh Cotton Ginners Association and Bangladesh Sudan Cotton Ginning Industries at ERF auditorium in the capital yesterday.

The interim government decided in principal to amend the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act-2000 inserting a provision of establishing special tribunals to hold trial of children rape cases. Law Adviser Dr. Asif Nazrul made the announcement at a press briefing at the Foreign Service Academy after a special meeting of the Council of Advisers, held at the Chief Adviser's Office yesterday. The trial of Magura girl rape and murder case will be held speedily, the Adviser added.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan said, the interim government has decided to appoint judges through Special Judicial Service Commission. The Adviser told a press briefing at the Foreign Service Academy after a special meeting of the Council of Advisers held at the Chief Adviser's Office yesterday. The Adviser also said, there is only one DNA laboratory in the country and that is why the government decided to set up two DNA labs in Chattogram and Rajshahi to test the samples of rape cases.

Fisheries and Livestock Adviser Farida Akhter urged all concerned to bring Mobile Veterinary Clinic (MVC) services to the doorsteps of the rural poor people. The Adviser said this while distributing MVC to 115 upazila Livestock Departments at Livestock Research Centre (LRI) in capital's Mohakhali yesterday.

The interim government expressed concern over the remarks made by Director of National Intelligence of US Tulsi Gabbard on Bangladesh's situation. The statement is both misleading and damaging the image and reputation of Bangladesh, according to the Chief Adviser's press wing in a statement yesterday. In an interview with NDTV World, Gabbard said, 'The long-time unfortunate persecution, killing, and abuse of religious minorities—Hindus, Buddhists, Christians, Catholics, and others—have been a major area of concern for the US government, President Trump and his administration.

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The Charge d'Affaires of the US Embassy in Dhaka, Helen LaFave, paid a courtesy call on Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) Administrator Mohammad Ejaz at his office yesterday. During the meeting, they discussed collaborative efforts on waste management, waterlogging reduction, air pollution prevention, dengue control, establishment of a blue network and canal development within the DNCC's jurisdiction. Additionally, cooperation on reducing traffic congestion and improving communication infrastructure in Dhaka city.

The price of rice is at a tolerable level due to the government's efforts, including strict regular monitoring of the market. In a statement yesterday the Food Ministry said, there is no shortage of food, particularly rice in the country and price of the staple food item remains at tolerable level due to continuously monitoring by the government.

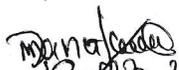
Bangladesh Bank Governor Ahsan H Mansur sought help from the UK's All Party Parliamentary Group on Anti-Corruption in getting sanctions on stolen assets parked in Britain. During a meeting at Portcullis House in London yesterday, the Governor told the British MPs that a handful of business magnates directly syphoned \$20–25 billion out of Bangladesh's banking system.

The prime index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) fell 16.50 points to settle at 5,205 points yesterday.



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