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Newsbrief

The 'World Kidney Day-2025' is being observed today in the country and elsewhere across the globe, aiming to raise awareness about the importance of sound kidneys. This year's theme of the day is 'Are your kidney, ok? Detect early, protect kidney health'. On the day, Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus issued a message wishing the success of all the programs taken on the occasion of the 'World Kidney Day'. Bangladesh will observe the day with various programs, including rallies, discussions, and seminars on kidney diseases and their prevention methods.

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres is set to arrive in Dhaka today on a four-day official visit at the invitation of Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus. Upon arrival, he will be received by Foreign Affairs Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain before proceeding to his place of residence at the InterContinental Hotel.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus and United Nations (UN) Secretary-General Antonio Guterres will join an Iftar party with about one lakh Rohingyas in Cox's Bazar on Friday. On behalf of the Chief Adviser, the Iftar party is going to be arranged at Rohingya refugee camp, CA Deputy Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad Majumder told a media briefing at the Foreign Service Academy yesterday.

Gambian Foreign Minister Mamadou Tangara called on Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at the State Guest House Jamuna yesterday. The Gambian Foreign Minister apprised the Chief Adviser about the genocide case against Myanmar that his country instituted and was pursuing to bring justice for the much-persecuted Rohingya Muslims.

Foreign Affairs Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain said, Bangladesh is positively considering assisting an UN-led humanitarian assistance programme in Rakhine state in the face of impending famine, which may contribute to stability in the Myanmar's conflicting southwestern state. The Adviser made the remark while Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair on Myanmar Tan Sri Othman Hashim paid a courtesy call on him at the Foreign Ministry, according to a Mainistry's press release yesterday.

Law, Justice, and Parliamentary Affairs Adviser Dr. Asif Nazrul said that the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act is being made stricter to ensure that rape cases are not only tried speedily but also to ensure proper justice. The Adviser told reporters after a meeting with the leaders of Anti-Rape Platform at the Secretariat yesterday. The government has prepared the draft of the amended Women and Children Repression Prevention Act, reducing the trial and investigation time of the rape case by half, the Adviser added.

Information and Broadcasting Adviser Md Mahfuj Alam stressed on conducting a survey on listeners of Bangladesh Betar to make programmes of the state-run radio time-befitting in line with the listeners' demand. The Adviser made the remarks at a views exchange meeting with Bangladesh Betar officials at its Headquarters in the city's Agargaon area, according to a press release yesterday. Putting emphasis on preserving the old programmes of the radio, The Adviser said, old programs should be preserved in a digital catalog online.

Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam underlined the need for innovative social mobilization to refrain youth from smoking as observed raising tobacco prices alone is not enough to curb the menace. The Press Secretary said this while addressing a session of workshop jointly organized by Economic Reporters' Forum (ERF) and the Development Organization of the Rural Poor (DORP) at the ERF Auditorium yesterday. The workshop focused on increasing tobacco taxes in budgetary allocation for Fiscal 2025-26 to discourage smoking.

Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam said, the interim government continues its all-out diplomatic efforts to ensure safe and dignified return of forcibly displaced Rohingyas to their home of origin in Rakhine state of Myanmar. The Chief Adviser's Press Secretary spoke at a press briefing at the Foreign Service Academy in Dhaka yesterday. The interim government continues its all-out diplomatic efforts to ensure safe and dignified return of forcibly displaced Rohingyas to their home of origin in Rakhine state of Myanmar, the Chief Adviser's Press Secretary added.

The Cabinet Division formed a six-member committee Headed by Law Adviser Asif Nazrul to review the Bangladesh Bank reserve heist. A gazette notification was issued to this end yesterday. The Committee was tasked with evaluating the 2016 Bangladesh Bank reserve theft investigation's progress, reviewing government actions, identifying responsible parties and provide necessary recommendations.

The government of Saudi Arabia set 15 years as the minimum age for Hajj pilgrims this year. The decision was taken considering the safety and security of child pilgrims, according to a press release of Religious Affairs Ministry in Saudi Arabi. All stakeholders were asked to take necessary measures regarding the matter, the press release added.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus will inaugurate a project of Cox's Bazar Airport and a model mosque in Cox's Bazar on Friday. The Chief Adviser's Deputy Press Secretary told a press briefing at Foreign Service Academy in Dhaka yesterday.

Chief Adviser's Special Assistant for Post, Telecommunications and ICT Faiz Ahmad Taiyeb said, the formation of National Data Authority would not only result in job losses but also create new employment opportunities within the ICT sector. The Chief Adviser's special assistant for Post, Telecommunications and ICT told a press conference at ICT Bhaban at Agargaon in the capital yesterday.

Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), the DSEX, which is the primary index, increased by 16 points yesterday.

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