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Newsbrief

President Mohammed Shahabuddin and Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus yesterday greeted members of the Armed Forces on the occasion of the Armed Forces Day to be celebrated in the country today. In a message the President recalled the memories of the 1971 martyrs, particularly the seven recipients of the highest gallantry awards "Bir Shreshtha" and three million martyrs, who sacrificed their lives in the great war of liberation for the motherland. Greeting the members of Army, Navy and Air Force on the occasion of Armed Forces Day-2024, the Chief Adviser in his message paid homage to the martyrs of the Armed Forces along with other martyrs, those who sacrificed their lives for Bangladesh's independence.

President Mohammed Shahabuddin called upon the international community, including Canada to take pragmatic measures to solve the long-standing Rohingya crisis. The President made this call when the newly appointed Canadian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Ajit Singh presented his credentials to him at Bangabhaban in Dhaka yesterday.

Council of Advisers in principle approved the draft of the Bangladesh Law Officers (Amendment) Ordinance, 2024 aimed at ensuring the existing attorney service stronger. The approval was given at a meeting of the Council of Advisers at Bangladesh Secretariat in Dhaka with Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus in the chair, according to a press release of the Cabinet Division yesterday.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus said, the country's education system must foster creativity to create a generation of entrepreneurs in the country. The Chief Adviser made the comment when he visited the office of the Education Ministry at the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

The Chief Adviser urged top Republican Party leaders to visit Bangladesh to witness the Interim Government's efforts to restore democracy in the country. The Chief Adviser made the call when senior officials of the International Republican Institute (IRI) called on him at the State Guest House Jamuna in the capital yesterday. IRI, the think tank tied with the Republican Party, promotes democracy worldwide. Led by Steve Cima, the institute's Regional Chief, the IRI officials have been meeting with Politicians, student groups and civil society officials during their ongoing visit.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Adviser Dr. Asif Nazrul said, the government approved the draft of 'International Crimes (Tribunals) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2024' to hold fair trials. The Adviser told a press briefing at Foreign Service Academy in the capital yesterday.

Land Adviser AF Hassan Ariff said, people's expectation over state reforms is very high as the country has never been run in line with the aspirations of 1971 Liberation War. The Adviser said this while addressing the award giving ceremony of '5th Inter-Religious Harmony Debate Festival' at the RC Majumder auditorium on Dhaka University campus yesterday.

Civil Aviation and Tourism Adviser AF Hassan Ariff directed Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) to maintain highest standards passenger services, cleanliness and to upgrade other services to international standards at airports. The Adviser made the directives while visiting CAAB Headquarters and the newly built third terminal of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka yesterday.

Indian Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri is scheduled to visit Dhaka in mid December to lead the Indian delegation at the next round of Bangladesh-India Foreign Office Consultation, signaling efforts to normalize bilateral relations between the two neighboring nations. Foreign Affairs Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain told BSS at the Foreign Ministry yesterday. The Adviser also expressed optimism that Dhaka and New Delhi could move forward pragmatically and realistically to restore ties to a completely normal state.

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The Foreign Affairs Adviser urged the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to facilitate safe and regular migration for skilled human resources. The Adviser made this call when the new Chief of Mission of IOM to Bangladesh, Lance Bonneau, submitted his Letter of Credence at the Foreign Ministry in Dhaka yesterday.

Acting Russian Ambassador to Bangladesh Ekaterina Semenova expressed her country's interest to work intensively in Bangladesh's agriculture sector, especially on the export of fertilizers. The Acting Russian Ambassador made the expression when she called on Agriculture Adviser Lt Gen Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury (retd) at his Secretariat office yesterday.

Environment Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan underscored the need for adequate and quality climate financing under the New Collective Quantified Goal. The Adviser said this while speaking at the Bangladesh Press Conference at COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan yesterday.

Adviser for Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuyain urged the students of seven colleges affiliated with Dhaka University not to pay heed to any instigation but play civic role in maintaining law and order. The Adviser made the call at a press briefing at Foreign Service Academy yesterday.

Fisheries and Livestock Adviser Farida Akhter said, Bangladesh Fisheries Research Institute (BFRI) should further strengthen research on the production of ready-to-cook fish products to make fish attractive to the new generations. The Adviser said this while speaking at a workshop on "Annual Research Progress (2023-24) Review and Formulating Plan (2024-25)" organized by BFRI at Sech Bhaban in the capital yesterday.

The state-run Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) started selling potatoes at Tk 40 per kg alongside its regular commodities in an effort to control the market prices. Commerce Adviser Sk Bashir Uddin inaugurated the programme for selling of potatoes alongside other commodities by TCB through trucks outside the TCB's office in the capital's Karwan Bazar area yesterday.

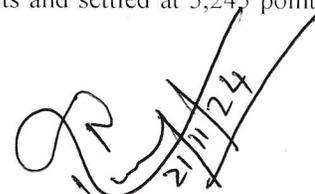
Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir demanded quick polls after clearing the garbage created by the past Awami League regime. The BNP Secretary General said this while addressing an educational material and corrugated iron sheet distribution ceremony for flood victims at Fulgazi upazila in Feni yesterday.

Consulate General of Bangladesh in New York introduced a new option for payment of all consular fees via credit card, enhancing service transparency, accountability and user-friendliness, according to a press release yesterday.

At least five patients died of dengue in the last 24 hours while 1034 were hospitalized till Wednesday morning, according to the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.

DSEX, the broad index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange, edged up by 2.6 points and settled at 5,245 points as against 5,243 points yesterday.

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