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**Newsbrief**

Chief Adviser Professor Dr. Muhammad Yunus asked the authorities concerned to set up a replica of Aynagar (Mirror House) at Gonobhaban, which is set to turn into a museum to preserve the memories of July-August mass uprising. Chief Adviser's Deputy Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad Majumder told a press briefing at Foreign Service Academy in Dhaka yesterday. The Chief Adviser's Deputy Press Secretary said, Chief Adviser Prof. Yunus visited Gonobhaban for the first time since his assumption in the office on August 8. Advisers Adilur Rahman Khan, Nahid Islam and Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuiyan accompanied the Chief Adviser during the visit, the Chief Adviser's Deputy Press Secretary added.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus said, BIMSTEC should focus more on youth, environment and climate crisis issues. The Chief Adviser made the remark when Secretary General of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Ambassador Indra Mani Pandey called on him at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday. Prof. Yunus highlighted the achievements of the Bangladeshi young people who led a successful revolution in July-August.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus urged Saudi Arabia to invest more in Bangladesh as he sought enhanced energy and economic cooperation to boost ties between the two friendly nations. The Chief Adviser made the call when Saudi Ambassador to Bangladesh Essa Youssef Essa Al Duhailan paid a courtesy call on him at his office in Dhaka yesterday. Prof. Yunus told the Saudi Envoy, terming the relationship between the two countries 'unique' and 'separate' than other countries.

Earlier, the Chief Adviser inspired the countrymen to submit e-return and pay income tax online. The Chief Adviser said this in a video message released from his press wing yesterday. From now on, the Chief Adviser said, there is no need to stand in long queues at the banks to pay income tax or go to tax offices to submit income tax return. The Chief Adviser encouraged competition among organisations and firms in submitting online e-return of their officials at zila and city levels for winning the state awards. The Chief Adviser also urged all to teach their relatives, neighbours and friends on how they can submit their income tax online.

Home Adviser Lieutenant General (Retd) Jahangir Alam Chowdhury said, initiative would be taken soon to build fire service stations in 32 upazilas across the country. The Adviser told journalists after visiting the Fire Service and Civil Defence (FSCD) Headquarters in the capital's Fulbaria yesterday. The Adviser said, a place has already been allotted at Gazaria in Munshiganj district for building a training academy, but it is yet to be ready for conducting training, adding that they would soon make it suitable for imparting training activities.

Agriculture Adviser Lt. Gen. Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury (Retd.) stressed the need for bringing back the past glory of jute. The Adviser said this while talking to journalists after exchanging views with the scientists and officials of the Bangladesh Jute Research Institute (BJRI) at Manik Mia Avenue in Dhaka yesterday. The Adviser said, once upon a time Bangladesh had earned huge foreign exchange by exporting jute abroad, adding that the golden days had gone away.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan stressed the need for global unity in addressing climate change. The Adviser urged all developed countries to follow through on their commitments to climate finance and technological support for nations at the forefront of climate vulnerability. The Environment Advisor said this while speaking as the chief guest at the COP29 reception hosted by the European Union in Gulshan, Dhaka yesterday. The European Union's COP29 reception was arranged to foster collaboration between nations and stakeholders ahead of the upcoming COP29.

Textiles and Jute Adviser Brigadier General (Retd) Dr. M Sakhawat Hossain urged the South Korean investors to invest in Bangladesh's textile and jute sectors for the mutual benefits of the two countries. The Adviser came up with the call as a delegation of South Korea paid a courtesy call on him at his Bangladesh Secretariat office yesterday.

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Swedish Ambassador to Bangladesh Nicolas Weeks met Industries Adviser Adilur Rahman Khan at his office in the capital yesterday. During the meeting, the Ambassador said a total of 170 Swedish firms had invested in Bangladesh over the years and urged the Adviser to extend his all-out support to these enterprises. The Envoy informed that Sweden signed an agreement with the Bangladesh Bank for extending financial support to the women entrepreneurs as well as small and cottage industries, according to a Ministry press release yesterday.

Nepalese Ambassador to Bangladesh Ghanshyam Bhandari called on Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir at BNP Chairperson's Gulshan political office in the capital yesterday. During the meeting, they discussed issues relating to strengthening relations between Bangladesh and Nepal, human rights, good governance, bilateral and regional interests. After the meeting, BNP Standing Committee Member Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury told reporters that the meeting discussed making South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) as an effective regional organization.

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Md. Mainul Islam asked all the police unit Chiefs to strengthen the ongoing special drive against various criminal acts that include terrorism, extortion, drug, teen gangs and traffic management. The IGP told the Chiefs of all the police units in a special statement issued yesterday.

At least three patients died of dengue in the last 24 hours while 1197 were hospitalized till Monday morning, according to the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.

The benchmark index DSEX settled 149.20 points down at 4,965.39 points yesterday.

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