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Newsbrief

BNP Chairperson and former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia passed away today, while undergoing treatment at the Evercare Hospital in Dhaka, confirmed the party's Media Cell in a facebook post. At the time of her death, she was 80 years old. The schedule of her funeral prayers will be announced at a later time, said the BNP Chief's press wing member Shamsuddin Didar in a statement.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus has expressed deep sorrow at the death of Begum Khaleda Zia, three-time former Prime Minister, symbol of the democratic movement and Chairperson of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP). In a condolence message today, the Chief Adviser said that with the passing of Begum Khaleda Zia, the nation has lost a great guardian. The Chief Adviser said that Khaleda Zia was not merely the leader of a political party; she was an important chapter in the history of Bangladesh. Considering her contributions, her long political struggle, and the deep public sentiment toward her, the government declared her a Very Important Person (VIP) of the state earlier this month. The Chief Adviser also called upon the people of the country to remain calm and patient and requested everyone to pray from their respective positions for eternal peace of her departed soul.

Ambassador Tracey Ann Jacobson, the Chargé d' Affaires of the United States to Bangladesh, appreciated the leadership of Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus over the past 17 months and reiterated the support of his country for the February elections in Bangladesh. The Ambassador came up with the appreciation and affirmation of the US government support for Bangladesh's polls slated for February 12, 2026 when she paid a farewell call on the Chief Adviser at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday, according to the Chief Adviser's Press Wing.

Home Adviser Lieutenant General (Retd) Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury said that the overall security situation remains stable and under control, saying there is no security threat centering the 13th parliamentary elections slated for February 12. The Adviser also said that the upcoming election would be held peacefully although the fascist elements are trying to create obstacles to disrupt the election process. The Home Adviser made the remarks while briefing journalists after attending a programme marking BGB Day 2025 at the Pilkhana Headquarters in the capital yesterday.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan said, courageous and responsible institutions working for the welfare of nature and people are what the country needs most. The Adviser noted that the government alone cannot reach every corner of society and such institutions are the government's strongest partners. The Adviser also emphasised that institutions delivering doorstep services at the grassroots level in areas such as healthcare, environmental conservation and the protection of culture and heritage must work in close coordination with all government agencies. The Adviser made these remarks while speaking as the chief guest at a programme jointly organized by Prokriti O Jibon Foundation and Channel i at Chetana Chattar of Channel i in the capital yesterday.

Chief Adviser's Special Assistant for the Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology Faiz Ahmad Taiyeb urged relevant organizations to work together for ensuring uninterrupted and better telecommunications services. The Special Assistant made the call while inspecting the activities of the Third Submarine Cable Laying (2nd revised) Project and the associated landing station of Bangladesh Submarine Cables PLC to expand Bangladesh's international telecommunications system.

A total of 2,582 nomination papers have been submitted to returning and assistant returning officers across 300 constituencies ahead of the upcoming 13th national parliamentary elections. Meanwhile, 3,407 nomination papers were collected by prospective candidates, according to the Election Commission yesterday.

The deadline for submission of the nomination papers in the upcoming 13th national elections will not be extended. Senior Secretary of Election Commission (EC) Secretariat Akhtar Ahmed said this to journalists at Nirbachan bhaban in the capital yesterday.

Inspector General of Police (IGP) of Bangladesh Baharul Alam has instructed police officers across the country to give the highest priority to the upcoming national elections and to maintain law and order at any cost. The directive was issued while the IGP was addressing the monthly crime review meeting at the Police Headquarters in Dhaka, said a press release of the Police Headquarters yesterday.



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