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Newsbrief

Government decided to repeal the controversial Cyber Security Act-2023 enacted by the ousted Awami League regime. The Council of Advisers at its meeting approved in principal the draft of the Cyber Security Act (Repeal) Ordinance - 2024. The meeting was held at Chief Adviser's Office in Dhaka's Tejgaon yesterday with Chief Adviser Prof. Muhammad Yunus in the chair.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus asked students and teachers to come forward in contributing to advancement of science and knowledge. The Chief Adviser said this while speaking at the inaugural ceremony of the 'Centennial Celebration of the Bose-Einstein Statistics: A legacy of Dhaka' at an Auditorium in Dhaka University yesterday.

Foreign Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain expressed confidence that there would not be a significant shift in the United States policy towards Bangladesh under Donald Trump's administration compared to the current Biden's government. The Adviser told reporters at his office in Dhaka yesterday.

The Center on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) urged Bangladesh and its other member states to collaborate for observing July 6 as World Rural Development Day. The urged was made while newly appointed CIRDAP's Director General presented his credentials to Foreign Affairs Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain at the Foreign Ministry yesterday.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan said, 45 percent corals of the Saint Martin's Island have been bleached and the rest are likely to be damaged by 2045 if economic activities cannot be controlled. The adviser told a seminar of Jatiya Nagorik Committee titled "Environment, Climate and Politics in New Bangladesh" at Pani Bhaban in the capital yesterday.

Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology and Information and Broadcasting Adviser Md. Nahid Islam said, the rickshaw, which carried the body of Ghulam Nafiz, a martyr in the anti-discrimination movement, will be kept as a memorial at the July Uprising Memorial Museum in Ganabhaban in Dhaka yesterday. The Adviser Md. Nahid Islam said this while the rickshaw was handed over to the museum at the Ganabhaban yesterday.

Advisor to the Ministry of Shipping Brigadier General (retd) Dr. M Sakhawat Hussain urged local and foreign investors to invest in the country's maritime and offshore industry to tap huge opportunities of the sector. The Adviser made the call while inaugurating the 6th edition of International Exhibition titled "Bangladesh International Marine and Offshore Expo (BIMOX 2024)" incorporating "Ship Building" at International Convention City Bashundhara in the capital yesterday.

Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam said, any attack on media freedom will not be tolerated as the government believes in freedom of press. The Chief Adviser's Press Secretary told reporters at a press briefing at Foreign Service Academy in Dhaka yesterday.

Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said, if election is held within a logical timeframe, it will be possible to deal with the existing challenges of the country. The BNP Secretary General told journalists after paying tributes to BNP founder Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman by placing wreaths at his mazar in the capital's Sher-e-Bangla Nagar yesterday.

A delegation led by Deputy Commander of the US Indo-Pacific Command Lt. Gen. Joshua M Rudd paid a courtesy call on Chief of Army Staff General Waqar-Uz-Zaman at Army Headquarters in Dhaka. During the meeting, they discussed the existing good relations between the two countries and various issues of cooperation for future progress, according to an ISPR press release yesterday.

Bangladesh and the European Union (EU) observed that a Comprehensive Partnership Agreement would elevate the existing ties from a development-centric to a broad-based political partnership. The observation was made at the closing session of the two-day first introductory meeting on the negotiations on a Comprehensive Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between Bangladesh and the EU on November 5 and 6 in the capital, according to a Foreign Ministry's press release yesterday.

At least four patients died of dengue in the last 24 hours while 1209 were hospitalized till Thursday morning, according to the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.

The prime index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), went down by 30.75 points or 0.57 percent to 5,316.33 points yesterday.



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