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## Newsbrief

The National Economic Council (NEC) approved an Annual Development Programme (ADP) outlay of Tk 2,30,000 crore for the next fiscal year (FY26) keeping highest allocation in the transport and communication sector. NEC Chairperson and Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus presided over the meeting held at the NEC conference room in the capital's Sher-e-Bangla Nagar area yesterday. After the meeting, Planning Adviser Dr Wahiduddin Mahmud said in the press briefing that the approved ADP is part of the new budget for FY26 which would be announced by Finance Adviser Dr Salehuddin Ahmed on June 2.

The interim government will form a new independent board to operate mobile financial service provider Nagad, Finance Adviser Salehuddin Ahmed said yesterday. The decision came from a high-level meeting of the interim government. The Finance Adviser, along with Bangladesh Bank Governor Ahsan H Mansur, Attorney General Md. Asaduzzaman and ICT Policy Adviser Faiz Ahmad Taiyeb, was present at the meeting held in Dhaka.

Home Adviser Lieutenant General (Retd.) Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury assured that the investigation into a Dhaka University (DU) student Shammo murder case will be shifted to the Detective Branch (DB) of police. He was given the assurance when a DU delegation led by its Vice-Chancellor Professor Niaz Ahmed Khan called on the Adviser at his office in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Labour and Employment Adviser Brigadier General (Retd) Dr M Sakhawat Hussain said, coordinated approach of all Ministries is required to curb child labour as it has been emerged as a major problem in the country. The Adviser made this comment while addressing as the chief guest at a workshop titled 'Elimination of Child Labour' in Srimangal of Sylhet the day before yesterday.

Commerce Adviser Sk Bashir Uddin said, the trade between Bangladesh and India will continue in the interest of the consumers and the businesses of both countries. The Adviser said this while talking to reporters at the Secretariat yesterday about India's decision on importing goods from Bangladesh. The Adviser also expressed optimism that the trade would continue, saying this is in the interest of consumers and production sectors on both sides.

National Consensus Commission Vice-chairman Professor Ali Riaz said, the commission wants to move towards a national charter by establishing a consensus as soon as possible. He said this at the beginning of the extended meeting with Jamaat-e-Islami led by its Nayeb-e-Ameer Dr. Syed Abdullah Mohammad Taher at the LD Hall of Jatiya Sangsad yesterday. Ali Riaz also said, the commission will conclude the initial stage of discussions with the political parties in a day or two and will soon start the second phase of discussions to create a national charter.

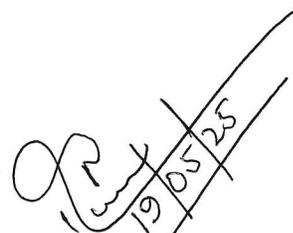
National Security Adviser Dr Khalilur Rahman said, he remains prepared to exercise his rights as a Bangladeshi citizen although a BNP leader Salahuddin Ahmed recently alleged that the Adviser is a foreign citizen. In response to the allegation, Dr Rahman told BSS that the burden of proof of the allegation rests on the individual, who made it and, if necessary, it would have to be proven before a court of law.

Chairman of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Dr Mohammad Abdul Momen said, rampant corruption at different level of the state machinery leads to establish a discriminatory society. The ACC Chairman was addressing a public hearing of the commission at Shilpakala-academy in the capital yesterday. The public hearing was organized in collaboration with the local administration and the corruption prevention committee. The hearing was arranged aimed at assessing the public perception about the ACC services in the district and curbing the spate of corruption in public offices to provide people hassle free services.

Canada has expressed interest in investing in Bangladesh's growing aviation sector, particularly in airport infrastructure development through soft loan facilities. The interest was conveyed during a courtesy call by Canadian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Ajit Singh on Chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) Air vice Marshal Md. Monjur Kabir Bhuiyan at the CAAB headquarters in the capital yesterday.

An inspection team from Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) inspected chemical units of Bangladesh throughout a long-week. Bangladesh National Authority for Chemical Weapons Convention (BNACWC) coordinated with the OPCW team during the whole visit, according to a press release from ISPR yesterday.

Bangladesh has officially launched the 'Umbrella Programme to Support Development of Biodiversity Finance Plans' marking a significant step toward sustainable financing for biodiversity conservation, according to a UNDP press release said yesterday. The event, held at the Department of Environment and co-organised by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and UNDP, underscored Bangladesh's commitment to mobilising resources for biodiversity protection in line with its obligations under the UN Convention on Biological Diversity. Environment Secretary Dr. Farhina Ahmed emphasised the urgency of integrated environmental governance at the event.



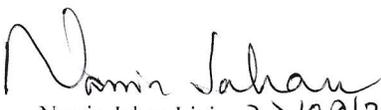
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