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Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus received the King Charles III Harmony Award at the St James's Palace in London. King Charles conferred the Harmony Award on Prof Yunus at a ceremony, Chief Adviser's Deputy Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad Majumder told newsmen yesterday.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus yesterday expressed deep shock over the tragic crash of a plane in India with 242 people on board. The Chief Adviser said this in a message sent to Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Chief Adviser said, their thoughts and prayers remain with the victims and their loved ones.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus held a private one-to-one meeting with King Charles III where the Bangladesh's reform agendas were discussed. Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam told a press briefing in London yesterday about the outcome of the meeting. The Press Secretary said, the Chief Adviser informed King Charles of the reform initiatives taken by his government in Bangladesh. Later, Catherine West, UK Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Indo-Pacific, called on Chief Adviser at his hotel in London. The Press Secretary also said, the main focus of Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus's tour to London is to recover the stolen assets.

The UK Secretary of State for Business and Trade and President of the Board of Trade, Jonathan Reynolds, met Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus in London the day before yesterday. The meeting focused on enhancing bilateral trade relations and fostering investment opportunities between the two friendly nations, Chief Adviser's Deputy Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad Majumder confirmed it. Reynolds reaffirmed the UK's support for Bangladesh's interim government's initiatives to recover misappropriated funds siphoned off to various countries.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus met Sir Lindsay Hoyle, Speaker of the UK House of Commons in Westminster yesterday. They discussed issues of mutual interest.

Home Adviser Lt Gen (retd) Jahangir Alam Chowdhury said that Tarique Rahman can return to the country whenever he desires as there is no barrier on his return. The Adviser said this while replying to a query on Tarique Rahman's return to the country during his visit to Salna Highway Police Station in Gazipur yesterday.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Adviser Prof Dr Asif Nazrul called upon the critics to know 'a little before condemning someone'. The Adviser said this in a facebook post titled 'Condemnation' on his verified Facebook page yesterday. He also said, a few days ago, a storm of criticism swept over the wrong news about the definition of freedom fighters.

Food Adviser Ali Imam Majumder said that the allocation of food would be increased for the flood affected areas of the region to meet the food deficit. The Adviser made the comment while talking to the journalists in Cumilla yesterday after a meeting with the Deputy Commissioner and officials of the food department.

Labour and Employment Adviser Brig Gen (ret'd) Dr M Sakhawat Hussain held meeting with the Labour Ministers of the Asia Pacific Group countries during the 113rd conference of the International Labour Organization in Geneva. According to an official release received in Geneva yesterday, the meeting discussed on various issues including sustainable development, labour rights, protection of expatriate workers and facing the effects of climate change.

Information and Broadcasting Secretary Mahbuba Farzana said that now it is time for self-purification following the July uprising and urged public officials to perform their duties with honesty and impartiality. The Secretary made these remarks during an exchange of views with officials at the conference room of Bangladesh Betar's Khulna center, following her visit in Khulna yesterday.

The Indian Border Security Force yesterday pushed 70 individuals into Bangladesh through separate border points in Sylhet and Sunamganj. Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) later detained them and handed over to concerned local police stations.

Amid rise of Covid-19 cases in the country, the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) decided to start testing at different public hospitals across the country in a limited scale, according to a Professor Dr. Halimur Rashid, Director of the Infectious Diseases Control Wing of the Health Directorate said yesterday.

The country reported 15 more Covid-19 cases out of 134 tests in the past 24 hours till the date, according to the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.



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