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Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus left Dhaka for Davos, Switzerland, at early hours of today, on a four-day official visit to attend the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum, Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiu Alam told BSS yesterday.

The new Charge d'affaires of the US Embassy in Dhaka Tracey Ann Jacobson reiterated the support of her country for the Interim Government of Bangladesh on various issues, including development and counter-terrorism. The new Charge d'affaires of the US Embassy told Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus as she called on him at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday. The Chief Adviser spoke about the ongoing reform initiatives in Bangladesh, the government's efforts to build a political consensus on the July proclamation and the plan for the next general election. Regarding the July proclamation, the Chief Adviser said, he was expecting the political parties to reach a consensus by early February.

Chief Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed said, significant progress has been made in establishing the Supreme Court (SC) Secretariat. The Chief Justice said this while addressing a regional seminar titled 'Ensuring the Independence of the Judiciary and Improving the Efficiency of Judicial Service Delivery' jointly organized by the Bangladesh Supreme Court and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Bangladesh. After the announcement of the roadmap for judicial reform on September 21, 2024, a draft has already been approved to form the Judicial Appointment Council to ensure the independence of the judiciary, the Chief Justice added.

Home Affairs Adviser retired lieutenant general Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury said, Government decided to equip the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) with sound grenade and tear gas canisters as their Indian counterparts used identical weaponries by now. The Adviser told reporters in reply to a question after emerging from a meeting on law and order at his Secretariat office in Dhaka yesterday. The Adviser also said, the BGB currently were equipped with lethal or mortal weapons to be used if or when the situation would dictate.

The Home Adviser said, fire extinguishers should be installed by all, reiterating his call to increase awareness about the fire safety across the country. The fire extinguishers can be used by anyone to douse flame in their houses prior to spread the fire before reaching the fire engines, The Adviser said this while talking to journalists at the Secretariat in Dhaka yesterday after inaugurating the fire drill at the Home Ministry.

Foreign Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain departed for China on his first bilateral official trip, aiming to forge a new dimension of Dhaka-Beijing relations. The five-day official visit will focus on lowering interest rates on loans, exchanging hydrological information, advancing medical treatment cooperation, and encouraging greater Chinese involvement in resolving the Myanmar situation. Invited by Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, this visit-described as a "very important first bilateral visit" since the interim government led by Professor Muhammad Yunus assumed office in August last year-is viewed as a pivotal step in strengthening ties with Beijing. The Adviser is set to hold bilateral talks with his Chinese counterpart in Beijing today.

Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Adviser Muhammad Fouzul Kabir Khan said that Sandwip is an isolated island and even after 54 years of independence, there has been no development. The Adviser said this while inspecting the development activities of the Banshbaria Guptachara ferry terminal at Sitakunda in Chattogram yesterday.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan stressed the need for a unified approach to promote the multifaceted products of Cox's Bazar and the Chittagong Hill Tracts across the country. The Adviser highlighted bamboo, cane, handicrafts, honey and indigenous fruits as key products requiring targeted support. The Adviser underscored the importance of training and financial aid for local entrepreneurs, improving product quality, and establishing exhibition and marketing centers in major cities to facilitate market expansion. The Adviser said this while speaking as the Chief Guest at the National Launch of USAID's "Host and Impacted Community Resilience Activity" at a hotel in Dhaka yesterday.

Shipping Adviser Brigadier General (retd) M Sakhawat Hossain said that the interim government would provide all-out support to the families of martyrs of the July-August uprising. The Adviser on Sunday came up with the assurance as he visited the native home of martyr Riaz, who was killed during the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement, according a press release yesterday. During the visit, the Adviser met with the family members of Riaz and consoled them. The Adviser also handed over financial assistance to the family.

Principal Information Officer (PIO) Md. Nizamul Kabir urged the Public Relations Officers (PROs) of different Ministries and Departments to disseminate news giving priority on the matter of public importance. The PIO made the call at a day-long internal training on modern public relations strategies, concepts and development at the conference room of the Press Information Department (PID) at Bangladesh Secretariat, according to an official handout yesterday.

Bangladesh expressed confidence that border-related issues with India will be resolved through dialogue under the framework of the existing Land Boundary Agreement between the two neighboring nations, stated a message from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, shared with the media yesterday. The Foreign Ministry noted that it has sought a detailed report from the relevant Ministries and agencies regarding the recent developments at the Bangladesh-India border in Chapainawabganj.

The Armored Corps' 44th Annual Commandant Conference-2024 of Bangladesh Army was held at the Armored Corps Center and School (ACC&S) in Bogura Cantonment. Chief of Army Staff General Waker-Uz-Zaman was present as the chief guest on the occasion, said a release of the Directorate of Inter-Services of Public Relations (ISPR) yesterday.

International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) Prosecutor Barrister SM Moinul Karim yesterday said, the prosecution is working round the clock with an effort to begin the trial of Abu Sayeed murder case at the quickest possible time. The ICT Prosecutor made this statement while talking to journalists today after visiting the spot where Abu Sayeed, a brilliant student of English Department of Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur (BRUR), was shot dead by police during the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement on July 16.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) Commissioner SM Sazzat Ali asked the OCs of all police stations to strengthen patrol specially during the predawn hours to prevent muggings and robberies in the city. In a meeting with the OCs 50 police stations under DMP, the DMP Commissioner also urged them to build up good relations with the people to get information properly and timely about the activities of the criminals. High officials of police were present in the meeting held at the conference room of DMP Headquarters in Dhaka yesterday.

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