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## Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus expressed grave concern over the growing presence of harmful chemicals in food resulting in public health risks, urging all to work together to confront the crisis. The Chief Adviser made the remarks at a meeting at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday to take action to address the presence of various harmful chemicals in food, resulting in public health risks and to prevent food adulteration.

Non-resident Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Bangladesh, Elchin Huseynli said that efforts are underway to open an Azerbaijani embassy in Dhaka after the upcoming general election in Bangladesh. The Envoy made the remarks at a meeting when Leyla Aliyeva and Arzu Aliyeva, daughters of Azerbaijan President Ilham Aliyev, paid a call on Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday. The Chief Adviser also presented 'The Art of Triumph', a student- and youth-created graffiti art book on the July uprising, to Leyla Aliyeva and Arzu Aliyeva.

Planning Adviser Dr Wahiduddin Mahmud said, Bangladesh should prioritize an effective democratic transition, stronger accountability systems and a long-term roadmap for building a fair, discrimination-free society. The Adviser also said, those are very essential for establishing a functional democratic order to ensure long-term economic development and building a just society. The Planning Adviser was addressing at the Annual BIDS Conference on Development 2025: Democracy and Development organized by the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies held at the conference hall of the Parjatan Bhaban in the capital's Agargaon area yesterday.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Adviser Dr Asif Nazrul has announced that individuals holding recognized degrees from Qawmi Madrasas will now be eligible to serve as marriage registrars (Qazis). The Adviser said this in a post on his verified Facebook page yesterday.

Foreign Affairs Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain urged students to focus on acquiring real knowledge instead of studying just to pass, as there is no alternative to knowledge-based quality education to build a better future. The Adviser said this while addressing a view-exchange meeting with teachers, students and local elite at the Magura High School premises in Kishoreganj Upazila of Nilphamari yesterday.

Agriculture Adviser Lieutenant General (Retd) Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury warned that agriculture officers will be sacked if they are found involved in manipulating onion price. The Adviser issued the warning after an emergency meeting with all district agriculture officers at the Agriculture Ministry in the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. The meeting was convened following the sudden spike in onion prices.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan said, carbon trading mechanisms must function simultaneously as investment channels, technology transfer instruments and mitigation tools. The Adviser made the remarks while addressing a workshop titled 'Business Forum on Joint Crediting Mechanism Project Matchmaking and Advancing Article 6 Implementation in Bangladesh' at the Department of Environment in Dhaka yesterday, organized in collaboration with the Ministry of the Environment, Japan.

Primary and Mass Education Adviser Professor Bidhan Ranjan Roy Poddar said, 32,000 schools currently have vacant head teacher positions, but promotions for an equal number of assistant teachers remain stalled due to ongoing legal complications. The Adviser told reporters after visiting Koiyarbil Government Primary School in Kutubdia upazila in Cox's Bazar yesterday.

Religious Affairs Adviser Dr AFM Khalid Hossain said, the ongoing development work has been creating conducive religious atmosphere for prayers at the Baitul Mukarram National Mosque. The Adviser said this at a press conference at the Baitul Mukarram National Mosque in Dhaka yesterday. The Ministry of Religious Affairs organized the press conference to inform the countrymen about the overall 'development and renovation of Baitul Mukarram Mosque.'

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) AMM Nasir Uddin informed Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus that the Election Commission (EC) was fully prepared to hold the national polls and the referendum on the same day in the first half of February next year. The CEC said this while briefing the Chief Adviser on the preparations for the upcoming national election and the referendum. The CEC and other Election Commissioners met the Chief Adviser at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday and apprised him of the progress.

A delegation from the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration recently visited Bangladesh to reinforce long-standing cooperation in ensuring food safety in the country's dairy value chain. The visit provided comprehensive insight into the entire dairy value chain, from livestock management to milk processing and preservation, according to a press release issued by the Danish embassy said yesterday.

Bangladesh and the Maldives discussed the possibility of formulating a comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to deepen collaboration in youth empowerment, arts and information exchange. The discussion taken place when Bangladesh High Commissioner to Maldives Dr Md. Nazmul Islam called on Maldivian Youth, Information and Arts Minister Ibrahim Waheed in Male, according to a press release yesterday. During the meeting, the High Commissioner underscored that youth-focused cooperation is a highly promising area for future collaboration between the two friendly nations.

Disaster Management and Relief Adviser Faruk E Azam, Bir Protik, received a cheque of Taka 24 lakh from HDFC, Sinpower Ltd on behalf of the Chief Adviser to assist people affected by recent floods. The donation was handed over at the Adviser's office at the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief, according to a press release yesterday.

The Norwegian and Swiss Envoys in Dhaka yesterday observed that ensuring women's safety in digital spaces is crucial for protecting democratic participation, as online and gender-based violence continues to target women in politics. They made the remarks as the two Embassies in collaboration with UN Women hosted a high-level dialogue titled 'Power Without Fear: Ending Digital and Gender-Based Violence Against Women in Politics' at the Norwegian Residence in the capital.

Dhaka and Bangkok laid emphasis on further expanding the existing trade ties between the two countries and effectively utilizing maritime transport facilities. The views came when Ambassador of Thailand to Bangladesh Thitiporn Chirasawadi met Commerce Adviser Sk. Bashir Uddin at his office at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. During the meeting, both the sides discussed matters relating to expanding the existing bilateral trade ties between the two countries and effectively utilizing maritime transport facilities.

Two more deaths were reported from dengue and 516 more patients were hospitalized in the past 24 hours till Sunday morning, according to the Directorate General of Health Services said yesterday.



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