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### Newsbrief

Bhutan Ambassador in Dhaka Rinchen Kuentzyl paid a farewell call on Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday. The Ambassador said, during his four-year-long stay in Dhaka, the relationship between the two countries deepened with both nations exploring new avenues to boost ties. The Ambassador also said, the work on the exclusive Special Economic Zone (SEZ) for Bhutanese investors in the northern district of Kurigram was progressing fast and would create jobs for thousands of people.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus will inaugurate the 7th National Comdeca 2025 to be held at the hard point of Sirajganj town protection embankment on February 19-25. The Chief Adviser will open the 7-day Comdeca virtually from Dhaka today. Chief Adviser's Deputy Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad Majumder told BSS yesterday.

Chief Election Commissioner AMM Nasir Uddin yesterday sought the active involvement of Deputy Commissioners in the electoral process and urged them to raise public awareness regarding polls. The Chief Election Commissioner said this while speaking at a session on the final day of the Deputy Commissioners Conference-2025 at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium in Dhaka yesterday.

Local Government, Rural Development Adviser Asif Mahmud Sajib Bhuiyan said, the decision regarding holding local government elections prior to national polls is expected to be made soon. The Adviser said this while speaking to journalists after the sixth session of the third and final day of the DC Conference at Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital yesterday. The Adviser also said, the issue of not having elected representatives in local government institutions is a daily problem.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan said, Deputy Commissioners (DCs) will be able to perform their duties independently and impartially and without any political interference during the interim government's period. The Adviser made the remarks while talking to media after the sixth session of the third and final day of the DC Conference at Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital yesterday. Responding to a query, the Adviser said, Deputy Commissioners have been asked to provide a list of hills in their respective areas.

Advisor to the Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology Md. Nahid Islam said, the Deputy Commissioners (DCs) should work to provide services to citizens digitally. The Adviser said this while addressing the DC's Conference at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium in Dhaka yesterday. The Adviser said, preventing rumors is a big challenge in this era of free flow of information. A large number of rumors are being spread on sensitive issues, the Adviser added.

Liberation War Affairs Adviser Faruk E Azam said, the martyrs of the mass uprising will be recognized as 'July Martyrs' and the injured as 'July Fighters'. The Adviser said this while talking to journalists after attending the third session of the second day of the DC conference at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium in Dhaka yesterday.

Advisor to the Interim Government Mahfuj Alam expressed the hope that the youth of the country will lead in building democratic mindset and the future state for all. The Adviser said this while speaking as the chief guest at a documentary

and photo exhibition programme organized by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting at the Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) Auditorium in the capital yesterday, marking the Youth Festival-2025.

Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam said, the main aim of the interim government is to repatriate Sheikh Hasina from India and put her on trial. Citing the recent fact-finding report of the UN Human Rights office, the Chief Adviser's Press Secretary said, the report revealed that Sheikh Hasina committed crimes against humanity during her tenure. The Chief Adviser's Press Secretary told a press briefing at the Foreign Service Academy in Dhaka yesterday. The interim government continues talks with the United Arab Emirates to lift the UAE's visa restrictions on Bangladeshi citizens aiming to send more Bangladeshi migrant workers to the Arab country, the Chief Adviser's Press Secretary added.

BNP Acting Chairman Tarique Rahman yesterday said, if BNP comes to power, it will go to the United Nations to get the fair share of Teesta water and will implement the Teesta Master Plan. The BNP Acting Chairman said this while virtually addressing the closing ceremony of a 48-hour continuous public rally of Teesta River Protection Movement demanding the implementation of the Teesta Master Plan.

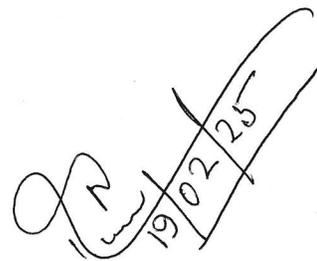
Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said, collaborators and allies of the fascists are everywhere, even after fleeing of Sheikh Hasina, and they are hindering the efforts to curb the rising prices of essential commodities. The BNP Secretary General made the remarks while speaking as the chief guest at a rally organized by Jashore District BNP at the Town Hall ground in Jeshore yesterday.

The government extended time of submitting report of the Media Reform Commission till March 31, according to a Cabinet Division notification yesterday. The government recommended formation of an 11-member Media Reform Commission on November 18 Headed by Senior Journalist Kamal Ahmed.

The ousted government started mobilising militarised forces even before the July-August 2024 protests turned violent, said the UN Rights Office (OHCHR) in its fact finding report on right violation and abuses last year in Bangladesh. The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) released on February 12 the report titled "Human Rights Violations and Abuses related to the Protests of July and August 2024 in Bangladesh".

The prime index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), went up by more than 16 points or 0.31 per cent to 5,227 points yesterday.

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