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## Newsbrief

Two major companies in the United Arab Emirates, 'Abu Dhabi Ports Group' and 'Masdar', rolled out plans to invest in port development, management and logistics and the renewable energy sectors in Bangladesh. Ahmad Ibrahim Al Mutawa, CEO of Abu Dhabi Ports Group and Fatima Almadhloum Alsuwaidi, Head of Development & Investment, Asia-Pacific Region, Masdar, came up with the investment proposals when they called on Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday.

Human Rights Watch (HRW) handed a report on the July Uprising to Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at the state guest house in Dhaka yesterday, saying that officers had told them the ousted Bangladesh Dictator, "Sheikh Hasina directly ordered enforced disappearances and killings". A HRW delegation, led by Elaine Pearson, Asia Director of the world's most respected human rights group, called on Professor Muhammad Yunus and praised the Interim Government for its reform initiatives and the efforts to improve the Rights situation in the country. The Chief Adviser lauded the efforts of HRW during Sheikh Hasina's Dictatorship, saying its reports during the past 16 years unveiled the widespread crimes committed by the regime.

Land Adviser Ali Imam Majumdar called upon all concerned to work with dedication to ensure a sustainable digitized land services across the country. The Adviser also suggested for proper use of the knowledge gained in 'training in public service' to sustain one's respective existence. The Land Adviser said this while speaking at the inaugural ceremony of the "Officers/Employees Orientation Training Programme on the 2nd version of newly created/improved software for people-friendly automated land services" at the conference room of the Bhumi Bhaban in the capital yesterday.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan warned that strict punitive measures would be taken against those involved in attack on a Director of the Department of Environment (DoE) during an anti-polythene drive. Condemning strongly the attack, the Adviser said six people have already been arrested based on video evidence, and efforts are underway to bring the remaining accused to justice. The Adviser visited the residence of the injured DoE Director Md. Shawkat Ali to inquire about his health.

Railways Adviser Muhammad Fouzul Kabir Khan said, the government's door is always open for talks on the demands of the railway staff. The common people are suffering more due to this strikes. The Adviser told media while visiting Kamalapur Railway Station in Dhaka yesterday.

Interim Government's Adviser Mahfuj Alam said that politics in this country must be conducted by acknowledging the bloody struggle of the people during the Liberation War and the birth of Bangladesh. The Adviser wrote this in a Facebook post yesterday.

A UAE enterprise yesterday expressed its desire to invest for infrastructural development of Mongla Port alongside the one in Chattogram as Shipping Adviser Brigadier General (ret'd) M Sakhawat Hossain said, the government planned to turn the south-western seaport into a regional trade hub. According to a Shipping Ministry statement, a delegation of UAE's AD Group, specialised in developing seaports, expressed their desire as the Adviser told them geographic location gave the Mongla Port a unique feature to be turned to be an inter country trade hub. The statement quoted him as telling Abu Dhabi (AD) Ports Group representatives at his Bangladesh Secretariat office in the capital yesterday.

Election Commissioner Brigadier General (Ret'd) Abul Fazal Md. Sanaullah said, the people will get an opportunity in the next election to cast votes for their chosen candidates as the commission is determined to restore its image. The Election Commissioner said this while addressing a view exchange meeting on the occasion of updating the voter lists at the Shilpakala Academy Auditorium in Dinajpur yesterday.

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The timeframe for sending selected workers to Malaysia's plantation sector was extended until March 31. The information was disclosed in a notification signed by Deputy Secretary of the Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Ministry, Gazi Md. Shahed Anowar yesterday. The notification instructed selected workers in the plantation sector to complete all procedures, including obtaining visas, by February 15.

Bangladesh Ambassador to Uzbekistan Dr. Mohammad Manirul Islam met First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan Bakhromjon Aloyev on Sunday. During the meeting, Manirul Islam highlighted the current status and progress of the bilateral relations and outlined possible activities to create the necessary momentum this year, said a press release yesterday. The Ambassador expressed optimism about the signing of several MoUs in various sectors, including medicine and tourism, along with the meeting of the joint commission on trade and investment in April this year. The Ambassador added that the signing of the Air Service Agreement will create a positive situation for the launch of direct flights between the two countries.

Acting Chairman of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) Tarique Rahman said that his party, if voted to power in next election, would form government taking those, who were oppressed during the last 17 years and ensure rights of people of different faiths. The BNP Acting Chairman made the remarks while addressing a workshop virtually on building the state structure in view of the 31-point demands at Tufan Convention Centre in Satkhira yesterday. BNP Central Training Affairs Committee organized the event. The 31-point of demands had been prepared in consultation with the BNP's political alliance comprising different parties, the BNP Acting Chairman added.

Media Reform Commission Chief Kamal Ahmed said, the dignity of journalists cannot be ensured without their financial security. The Media Reform Commission Chief said this while exchanging views with journalists at the Zila Shilpakala Academy Auditorium in Mymensingh yesterday.

Bangladesh Bank (BB) Governor Dr. Ahsan H Mansur assured depositors that they would get their money back from weak banks. The BB Governor said this while speaking as the chief guest at a workshop on microfinance at the CIRDAP Auditorium in the capital yesterday.

The prime index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) decreased by 3.64 points to settle at 5,126.42 points yesterday.



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