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Newsbrief

President Mohammed Shahabuddin and Chief Adviser Prof. Muhammad Yunus congratulated the Bangladesh national women's football team for winning the SAFF Championship in Nepal yesterday. In separate messages, the President and the Chief Adviser extended their heartfelt congratulations to the players, coaches and all those involved with the Bangladesh women's football team. They expressed optimism that this remarkable achievement will significantly contribute to the growth and development of football in Bangladesh. Note that, the Bangladesh national women's football team once again made the nation proud as they retained the prestigious SAFF Women's Championship title beating host Nepal by 2-1 goals in the entertaining final match held at Dasharath Rangasala Stadium in Kathmandu, Nepal yesterday. It was the second occasion Bangladesh won the SAFF title after making history by winning their maiden SAFF title beating the same opponent by 3-1 goals in the last edition held in 2022 at the same venue.

Chief Adviser Prof. Muhammad Yunus said, his interim government would not immediately seek the extradition of Sheikh Hasina from India. The Adviser also said, the government may take initiatives to bring her back to the country after getting a verdict in cases filed against her with the relevant courts. The Chief Adviser made the remarks in an interview with the Financial Times (FT) on Tuesday.

United Nations (UN) High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk said, the independent UN Fact Finding Mission, which is investigating atrocities committed during the July-August mass uprising in Bangladesh, would hopefully finalise its report by the first week of December. The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights made the remark when he called on Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at his office at Tejgaon in the capital yesterday.

Egypt invited Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus to attend the D-8 Summit to be held in its capital Cairo in December next. Egypt Ambassador in Dhaka Omar Fahmy handed over the invitation of Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi to the Chief Adviser at his office in Tejgaon yesterday.

Finance and Commerce Adviser Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed said, the government is working to provide some immediate solutions for overcoming existing crisis in the capital market and making it vibrant. The Adviser said this while meeting with officials of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission at its conference room in Dhaka yesterday.

Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operatives Adviser A. F. Hassan Ariff said, the tenure of the government in Bangladesh should be four years. The Adviser said this while exchanging views with Bangladesh Secretariat Reports' Forum (BSRF) in Secretariat yesterday. About the ongoing Dengue situation the Adviser said, two teams comprising relevant experts have already been formed in the two city corporations (in Dhaka). Apart from this, 10 special committees have been formed across the country, the Adviser added.

Education Adviser Wahiduddin Mahmud called upon the students of the seven colleges affiliated to Dhaka University to have patience and return to their institutions instead of creating public sufferings. The Adviser said this in a statement yesterday.

Foreign Affairs Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain said, the government is yet to decide regarding opening of an office of the United Nations Human Rights (UNHR) in Dhaka. The Adviser told reporters after holding a meeting with visiting UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk at the Foreign Ministry in the capital yesterday.

Information Adviser Md. Nahid Islam said, people of Bangladesh are calling for a new approach to journalism after the revolution. The Adviser made the remarks at a cheque handover ceremony for the fiscal year 2024-25 (1st phase), organised by the Bangladesh Journalists Welfare Trust at the Press Institute of Bangladesh Auditorium yesterday. The Bangladesh Journalists Welfare Trust is committed to supporting the families of martyred journalists and those injured during the anti-discrimination movement, the Adviser added.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan said, Bangladesh is dedicated to upholding Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora commitments and will continue to take proactive steps to support conservation and sustainable management of wildlife resources in the country. The Adviser said this during a consultation meeting held at her office in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

British High Commissioner to Bangladesh Sarah Cooke paid a courtesy call on Adviser for Labour and Employment Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuyain at his Secretariat office yesterday. During the meeting, they discussed issues relating to child labour, labour act, creating workers-friendly environment in garment sector. They also discussed the issues of ensuring safety and skill development of the workers, bilateral economic and political relations of the two countries.

Shipping Adviser Brig Gen (Retd) Dr. M Sakhawat Hussain said, the government would formulate "National Maritime Port Strategy (NMPS)" for an effective and sustainable port management to attract more domestic and foreign investments. The Adviser said this at a review meeting on the progress of the activities of Chittagong Port Authority, Mongla Port Authority, Payra Port Authority, Land Port Authority, BIWTC, BIWTA and Department of Shipping at his Ministry yesterday.

The government announced two separate cost-effective Hajj packages for the next year, reducing expenses in comparison with the previous year. Religious Affairs Adviser Dr. AFM Khalid Hossain announced the "Hajj Package 2025" at a press briefing at his Ministry yesterday.

The government sent a letter to the World Health Organization wishing to work directly with it as its Regional Director for South-East Asia Saima Wazed is dysfunctional right now. Chief Adviser's Deputy Press Secretary Apurba Jahangir told a press briefing at Foreign Service Academy in Dhaka yesterday.

Information and broadcasting Secretary Mahbuba Farjana said, news based on objective and correct information can prevent rumor and false news. The Secretary said this while addressing a workshop on 'Mass media in building discrimination free new Bangladesh: false information, rumor and fact checking' at the National Institute of Mass Communication in the capital yesterday. The Information Secretary also urged journalists to present correct information while publishing news in their media outlets.

United Nations (UN) High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk emphasized that the reforms envisioned by Bangladesh's interim government must be sustainable to prevent abuses of power reprised in the past decades. The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights stated this during a press briefing at Hotel Continental yesterday as he concluded his inaugural two-day official visit to Bangladesh.

High Court yesterday scrapped total 11 criminal cases filed against BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia. A High Court Division Bench of Justice AKM Asaduzzaman and Justice Syed Enayet Hossain passed the orders, allowing separate pleas filed for the former Prime Minister.

Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur (BRUR) is going to introduce the History of July Uprising 2024 in the curriculum for all Departments as a course titled 'Bangladesh Studies' from the next academic sessions. The decision was taken unanimously at the 49th academic council meeting held at the syndicate room of the University yesterday.

The Rangamati district administration lifted the restriction on tourism following the improvement in the law and order situation. Deputy Commissioner of Rangamati Mohammad Mosharraf Hossain Khan said this while speaking at a press briefing held at the district's conference room yesterday.

At least four patients died of dengue in the last 24 hours while 1154 were hospitalized till Wednesday morning, according to the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.

DSEX, the prime index of the DSE, went up by 147.51 points or 2.94 per cent to settle at 5164.84 points yesterday.

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