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Newsbrief

President Mohammed Shahabuddin sought cooperation of the Philippines government to bring back entire amount of stolen reserves of Bangladesh Bank to the country. The Head of the State told this as Nina Padilla Cainglet, the newly appointed Ambassador of the Philippines to Bangladesh, presented her credentials to him at Bangabhaban yesterday. Subsequently, President's Press Secretary Md. Sarwar Alam briefed newsmen.

President Mohammed Shahabuddin called upon the Russian Federation to recruit more manpower from Bangladesh and make visa procedures easier for Bangladeshi citizens. The President sought the cooperation of the Russian government as its Ambassador-designate to Bangladesh, Alexander G. Khozin, presented his credentials to him at Bangabhaban in Dhaka on December 30, 2024.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus yesterday extended his greetings to the countrymen and expatriate Bengalis as well as the people across the world on the occasion of the New Year-2025. On this auspicious occasion of the New Year, the incumbent interim government is committed to confronting all challenges and utilizing new possibilities to scale new heights to progress, the Chief Adviser added.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus paid rich tribute to former Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, who died last week. The Chief Adviser visited the Indian High Commission in Dhaka yesterday and placed a wreath at the portrait of the late Indian ex-Prime Minister. The Chief Adviser also wrote a message of mourning in the condolence book opened at the Indian Mission.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus directed the high-level body, which was formed to probe the Secretariat fire, to submit its recommendations within the next 10 days aiming to prevent fires in key installations like the Bangladesh Secretariat in the future. The probe committee submitted its initial report to the Chief Adviser at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday.

Later, the Chief Adviser paid a profound tribute to former United States President and fellow Nobel Laureate Jimmy Carter, who died on January 28. The Chief Adviser placed a wreath at the portrait of the late President and wrote a condolence message in the condolence book opened at the US Embassy in Dhaka yesterday. During his brief stay at the embassy, Prof Yunus recalled his long friendship with Jimmy Carter and told US Charge d' Affaires Megan Bouldin that he visited Carter's home in Georgia. The Chief Adviser said Carter was a global champion of human rights, democracy and peace.

Home Affairs Adviser Lt. Gen. Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury (retd.) said, Bangladesh's border with Myanmar is completely under the control of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB). The Adviser said this while speaking as the chief guest in a passing out parade and formal oath taking of 695 soldiers under 102nd batch at the Bir Uttam Mojibur Rahman Parade Ground of the Border Guard Training Center and College, in Baitul Izzet, Satkania, Chittagong yesterday.

Environment Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan said, a new law is being formulated to protect trees, which will include special provisions against using nails for advertisements. The Adviser emphasised the need for public cooperation to stop this harmful practice. The Adviser said this while inaugurating a tree protection campaign by removing nails from trees on the road adjacent to the south gate of Abahani ground in the capital yesterday.

Food Adviser Ali Imam Majumder said, safe food programmes will be enhanced more by equipping hygienic test facilities through the laboratories. The Adviser said this while inaugurating mini labs at the project of Strengthening the capacity of Bangladesh Food Safety Authority in the capital yesterday.

Pakistan High Commissioner Syed Ahmed Maruf paid a courtesy call on Food Adviser Ali Imam Majumder at his Secretariat office. During the meeting, the two sides discussed bilateral issues including importing food grains from Pakistan based on G2G, according to a press release yesterday.

Religious Affairs Adviser to the interim government Dr. AFM Khalid Hossain said, the next general elections will be held in broad daylight. The Adviser told a discussion at Nesarabad Kamil Madrasha in Jhalokati yesterday.

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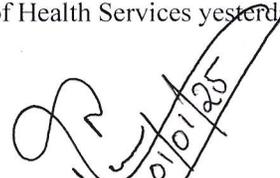
Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam assured that the government would issue more efficient accreditation cards for journalists. The Chief Adviser's Press Wing yesterday held a meeting with the leaders Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists, Dhaka Union of Journalists, Dhaka Reporters' Unity and Secretariat journalist association, according to a Facebook post of CA's press Secretary.

The Anti-Discrimination Student Movement, which led to the fall of the Awami League government amid a mass uprising, warned that no general election will be held in the country until the party is brought to book. Anti-Discrimination Student Movement Spokesperson Umama Fatema said this at the 'March for Unity' programme. The platform of students organised the event in the capital's Central Shaheed Minar yesterday.

Dhaka discussed the modalities and objectives of the upcoming International Conference on the Rohingya Crisis, to be convened by the UN in 2025 as per a UN General Assembly consensus resolution adopted this year. The discussion took place at a meeting between High Representative of the Chief Adviser on Rohingya Crisis and Priority Issues Dr. Khalilur Rahman and President of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Ambassador Philemon Yang in New York, according to a message yesterday. Dr. Khalilur Rahman also briefed the UNGA President on recent political developments in the region, highlighting Bangladesh's proactive efforts to engage all stakeholders in achieving the sustainable repatriation of the forcibly displaced Rohingya.

Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) Acting Chairman Tarique Rahman called upon the struggling countrymen to play a leading role in restoring the lost democracy and voting rights of the people. The Chief Adviser said this in a message given yesterday on the New Year-2025. The BNP Acting Chairman also wished that the nation would get rid of all sorts of injustice, oppression, and torture forever.

Two more dengue patients died and 84 patients were admitted to different hospitals in the country during the last 24 hours, according to a press release issued by the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.



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