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**Newsbrief**

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus said, Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's official visit to Dhaka last year provided a much needed morale boost to the nation as it was just emerging from political turmoil. The Chief Adviser reflected on Anwar's visit in an exclusive interview with Malaysian National News Agency Bernama the day before yesterday before concluding his official visit to Malaysia. The Chief Adviser was confident that the visit would further strengthen bilateral relations and expand cooperation in mutually beneficial areas, building on the strong ties established since diplomatic relations began in 1972.

The Council of Advisers approved the Governance Performance Monitoring System framework in light of the reform activities of the interim government. The approval came at the 38th meeting of the council with Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus in the chair. Cabinet Division issued a press release in this regard yesterday.

The United States Chargé d'Affaires in Dhaka Traci Ann Jacobson assured of extending all-out support in enhancing efficiency of judiciary and ensuring its independence. She gave the assurance when she made a courtesy call on Chief Justice Dr Syed Refaat Ahmed at the latter's office in the Supreme Court in Dhaka yesterday. During the meeting, they discussed issues relating to enhancing efficiency of judiciary in the country with especial focus on judicial cooperation, human rights protection and the rule of law.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Adviser Professor Dr Asif Nazrul said, the laws proposed by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Reform Commission will be formulated within the next one to two months. The Adviser told reporters after meeting with the commission's chairman Mohammad Abdul Momen at the ACC head office in Segunbagicha in the capital yesterday.

Education Minister Professor Dr. Chowdhury Rafiqul Abrar vowed to take action against negligence of concerned teachers in examining the answer scripts of the public examinations as a good number of unsuccessful students passed in the reexamination of their answer sheets of the recently published SSC and equivalent examinations. The Adviser said this at his Ministry Office yesterday.

Malaysia's Home Minister Saifuddin Nasution bin Ismail said, Bangladesh's Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus's just concluded Kuala Lumpur visit yielded positive developments in bilateral ties particularly in 'strengthening strategic and high-impact multi-sector cooperation'. In a Facebook post yesterday the Malaysia's Home Minister said, the Chief Adviser's official visit was 'not just a diplomatic event, but a turning point to a range of important initiatives'.

Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operatives Adviser Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuyain said that the government is committed to holding a free, fair and influence-free election. The Adviser made the remarks while speaking to journalists at his office of Ministry in the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

The first meeting of the National Committee, formed to determine the next steps to control and limit the use of pesticides in agriculture to protect fisheries and livestock in the Haor region, was held at the conference room of the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock at the Secretariat yesterday. The committee decided to prepare an action plan to control pesticide use in the haor area in the shortest possible time and implement it in a coordinated manner. Fisheries and Livestock Adviser Farida Akhter presided over the meeting.

The interim government has formed a committee to investigate the purchase of surveillance equipment during the regime of fallen Sheikh Hasina government. Faiz Ahmed Taiyeb, Special Assistant to the Chief Advisor on Posts, Telecommunications and ICT, has been made the head of the committee. Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam told a press briefing at the Foreign Service Academy in the capital yesterday. The Press Secretary also said, Bangladeshi workers will now get the same social security benefits in Malaysia that Malaysian workers get from their country.

Bangladesh has categorically rejected the latest Chair's Draft of the proposed Global Plastics Treaty, demanding stronger measures against plastic pollution, and stating that it falls far short of the mandate set by United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) Resolution 5/14 to establish an internationally legally binding instrument to end plastic pollution. The rejection was the day before yesterday announced during the second part of the fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution, held in Geneva, Switzerland, according to press release yesterday.

Election Commission (EC) Senior Secretary Akhtar Ahmed said, the EC will announce the election roadmap next week for the upcoming 13th national parliamentary elections. The EC Senior Secretary said this while talking to journalists at the Agargaon Election Commission Building in Dhaka yesterday.

Land Ministry Senior Secretary ASM Saleh Ahmed has revealed that 59.7 percent of the country's total land is currently classified as agricultural land. The Senior Secretary said this during a meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Working Committee tasked with finalizing the draft of the proposed 'Land Zoning and Agricultural Land Protection Ordinance, 2025,' held at the Land Ministry yesterday.



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