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Newsbrief

The six-member 'Search Committee' formed to constitute a new Election Commission will pay a courtesy call on President Mohammed Shahabuddin at Bangabhaban today, President's Press Secretary Md. Joynal Abedin told BSS yesterday.

Bangladesh will pursue the extradition of ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina from India; Chief Advisor Professor Muhammad Yunus told The Hindu. The Chief Advisor admitted however that he had no objection to her party the Awami League contesting in elections. In an exclusive interview with the Hindu at his residence in Dhaka, Yunus spelt out his vision for ties with India and plans for reform. The Chief Advisor's interview was released in online version of the Indian daily yesterday.

Finance Adviser Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed said, no bank would be shut down in the country as some banks are recovering well and others may continue to struggle. The Adviser said this while addressing at a press conference at his Ministry at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. The Artha Rin Adalat would be activated more to expedite the pace for realizing classified loans or Non-Performing Loans. One of the primary goals of the interim government is to stabilise the banking sector and restore the lost trust while ensuring the protection of depositors, the Adviser added.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Adviser Dr. Asif Nazrul said, the leaders and activists of Awami League should question Sheikh Hasina - why she abandoned them and fled the country. The Adviser said this while talking to newsmen at a briefing on the first 100 days of the present interim government at his Ministry's office at the Secretariat yesterday.

Highlighting the reputation of the country's media, Home and Agriculture Affairs Adviser Lt. Gen. (retd.) Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury called upon the country's media outlets to produce authentic news to counter a section of foreign media's false reports about Bangladesh. The Adviser came up with the comments while talking to journalists after exchanging views with law enforcement agencies at Chattogram Metropolitan Police Media Center yesterday.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan called for prioritising public funding for climate adaptation. The Adviser made the call while speaking at a High-Level Ministerial Dialogue on Adaptation Finance at COP-29 in Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan, according to a message received in Dhaka yesterday.

Primary and Mass Education Adviser Bidhan Ranjan Roy Poddar said, the government is trying to put in its best efforts to correct errors in the textbooks, as huge mistakes were found in the textbooks during the previous regime led by the Awami League. The Adviser made these comments while talking to journalists after visiting Government Jublee High School under Sunamganj municipality in Sunamganj yesterday.

Fisheries and Livestock Adviser Farida Akhter called for not using antibiotics in human body frequently. The Adviser came up with the call while speaking as the chief guest at a seminar on the occasion of the 'World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week-2024' at Hotel Pan Pacific Sonargaon yesterday.

Commerce Adviser Sk Bashir Uddin said, the government wants to increase business engagement with different countries for ensuring supply of daily commodities ahead of Ramadan. The Adviser said this during a meeting with Pakistan High Commissioner in Dhaka Syed Ahmed Maroof at the Ministry of Commerce in the capital yesterday.

Finance Secretary Dr. Md. Khairuzzaman Mozumder said, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the World Bank would provide \$600 million and \$500 million loan assistance respectively to Bangladesh by December 2024. The Secretary disclosed this at a press conference at the Finance Ministry yesterday.

Foreign Secretary Md. Jashim Uddin asked Heads of Bangladesh Missions in South Asian country to strengthen diplomatic engagement at the bilateral level to foster peace, stability and economic development in this region. The Secretary made the directive at a virtual meeting with the High Commissioners/Ambassadors of Bangladesh to the South Asian countries yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Secretary Mahbuba Farjana said, the government employees should work to fulfill the people's aspiration. The Secretary said this while exchanging views with the officials and employees of Mass Communication Department at Tathya Bhaban in the capital yesterday. People have many expectations from government employees. So, every government employee should work with sincerity and honesty to fulfill people's expectations, the Secretary added.

Japan Ambassador to Bangladesh Iwama Kiminori laid emphasis on collaboration with Dhaka in climate change and disaster management. Highlighting the shared challenges of natural disasters in Japan and Bangladesh, the Envoy underlines the importance of effective people-oriented preparedness. The Ambassador made these remarks while speaking at the International Symposium on Climate Change and Emergency Management Challenges for Asia Pacific at the Samson H Chowdhury Centre of Dhaka Club in the capital yesterday.

Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) Acting Chairman Tarique Rahman underscored the need for bringing back people's voting rights at any cost. The BNP Acting Chairman said this while addressing virtually a workshop as the chief guest at Institution of Diploma Engineers in the capital Kakrail yesterday.

Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir said, if BNP goes to power, it will form a national government with the coordination of all who fought movement with the party. The BNP Secretary General said this while addressing as the chief guest at a discussion organized on the occasion of 'National Revolution and Solidarity Day' at Jatiya Press Club in Dhaka yesterday. Bangladesh Sammilita Peshajibi Parishad (BSPP) organized it.

At least one patient died of dengue in the last 24 hours while 1052 were hospitalized till Sunday morning, according to the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.

DSEX, the broad index of the DSE, plunged by 57.4 points or 1.1 percent and settled at 5,243 points as against 5,300 points yesterday.

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