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Newsbrief

Expressing his heartfelt condolences over the passing away of Nobel Laureate and former US President Jimmy Carter, Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus said, President Carter was a true friend of Bangladesh. The Chief Adviser said this yesterday in a condolence message sent to US President Joseph R. Biden. During Presidential tenure of Carter and beyond, the Chief Adviser said, the Bangladesh-US relationship was strengthened and broadened in a multifarious context. The Chief Adviser said, President Carter was not only an iconic figure in the United States and global politics but also a cherished friend of Bangladesh. On behalf of the Government and the people of Bangladesh, the Chief Adviser expresses his deepest condolences to the people of the United States and particularly to the bereaved family of President Carter. The Chief Adviser also pray for the salvation of his departed soul.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus instructed field-level officials to work diligently to keep the prices of essentials at a tolerable level and ensure their smooth supply during the upcoming Ramadan. The Chief Adviser came up with the directives during a videoconference at the Chief Adviser's Office in Dhaka yesterday with officials from 31 Districts in four Divisions.

Family members of the martyred Army Officers demanded a fair reinvestigation into the Pilkhana carnage took place on February 25 and 26, 2009. They made the demand during a meeting with Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday. Family members of the slain army officers also demanded declaring February 25 as the Martyred Army Day. While talking to the Chief Advisor, they described their suffering and how the fallen autocratic Sheikh Hasina regime had mentally tortured and harassed them.

A three-member Chinese delegation led by Ambassador Yao Wen paid a courtesy call on Chief Justice (CJ) Syed Refaat Ahmed. While exchanging greetings, they discussed the long-standing bilateral historical relations between Bangladesh and China at the meeting. At the time, the Chinese Envoy praised the various initiatives taken by the Chief Justice of Bangladesh regarding the institutionalization of the country's judiciary. The Ambassador Yao Wen hoped that the strong leadership of the current CJ will play an important role in establishing good governance and ensuring justice in the country in the coming days.

Foreign Affairs Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain said, Dhaka awaits Malaysia's roadmap to address the plight of the Bangladeshi workers who could not enter the Southeast Asian country by May 31 deadline this year. The Adviser said this when the newly appointed Malaysian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Mohd Shuhada Othman paid a courtesy call on him at the Foreign Ministry in Dhaka yesterday.

Home Adviser Lt. Gen. (retd) Jahangir Alam Chowdhury said, Dhaka is maintaining contact with both the Myanmar government and the Arakan Army -- the rebel group that is now controlling the border with Bangladesh -- to protect national interests. The Adviser said this in response to a journalist's question at the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority's jetty at Damdamia on the banks of Naf River in Teknaf yesterday.

Teletalk Bangladesh Limited launched two special data packages named 'Tarunyo' and 'Adammyo' marking the BPL 2025. Post, Telecommunication and Information Technology and Information and Broadcasting Adviser Md. Nahid Islam formally inaugurated the packages from his residence, according to a press release yesterday.

Underscoring the need to put an end to workers' rights violations, Adviser to the Fisheries and Livestock Ministry Farida Akhter said, violation of workers' rights is equal to violation of human rights. The Adviser said this while speaking as the chief guest at the national dialogue on "Inclusion of Global-Standard Labor Laws and Legal Recognition of Agricultural and Informal Economy Workers" organized by the Bangladesh Agricultural Farm Workers' Federation at the CIRDAP Auditorium in Dhaka yesterday.

Adviser to the Ministry of Religious Affairs Dr. AFM Khalid Hossain said, the government has taken initiative to create a salary scale for Imams and Muezzins. A gazette will be published after getting approval from the Chief Adviser soon so that they can improve their livelihood and they can perform their duties with dedication. The Adviser said this during a views exchange meeting with teachers of mosque-based child and mass education programme and Khatibs, Imams, and Muezzins at Patuakhali Islamic Foundation Auditorium in Patuakhali, according to a PID handout yesterday.

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The interim government has taken an initiative to prepare a proclamation of the July uprising based on national consensus. This proclamation will be adopted to consolidate the unity of the people, the anti-fascist consciousness and the desire for state reform that was built through the July uprising, according to a statement issued by the Chief Adviser's press wing yesterday.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) AMM Nasir Uddin said that the Awami League may participate in elections unless the government or the judiciary issues a ban against the party. The CEC said this during a meeting with election officials at the Chattogram Circuit House yesterday.

Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) Acting Chairman Tarique Rahman urged all to remain careful so that any difference of opinion among political parties and individuals cannot lead to such a situation that can harm the country and its people. The BNP Acting Chairman said this while addressing virtually a BNP rally organized by Amra BNP Paribar at Dubachhuri Dimukhi Dakhil Madrasha in Nilphamari yesterday. The rally was organized on the occasion of handover a newly built house to family of slain BNP leader Golam Rabbani who was allegedly killed in RAB crossfire on January 18, 2014.

The US Embassy in Dhaka introduced a new scheduling mechanism to accommodate more interviews of the visa applicants. The changes began on December 15 while the full-scale schedule change will start from January 2, 2025, according to a Foreign Ministry's press release yesterday.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) Additional Police Commissioner Md. Masud Karim stressed the need for changing behaviour of police and extending desired services to the people to gain their trust. The DMP Additional Police Commissioner made the remarks at a view-exchange meeting, organized by the police, students, public and respected citizens under Hatirjheel police station area at a local community center yesterday.

Two more dengue patients died and 572 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.

DSEX, the broad index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange, gained 11.7 points or 0.2% to settle at 5,216 points, as against 5,205 points yesterday.

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