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**Newsbrief**

The interim government has launched second phase of its work with an aim to present a free, fair and acceptable election. Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam stated this at a press conference following a meeting of the Advisory Council at the Secretariat yesterday. He said, Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus made this remark in his opening speech at the meeting. A letter was sent to the Election Commission to conduct the national parliamentary election before Ramadan begins in February.

Foreign Affairs Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain said, Bangladesh pursued a balanced and pragmatic foreign policy over the past year, prioritising national interest and reciprocity, maintaining constructive engagement with all major global and regional players. The Adviser told this to BSS in an exclusive interview recently.

Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Adviser Dr Muhammad Fouzul Kabir Khan said, the interim government has repaid an amount of Tk. 18,631 crore as outstanding foreign power bill against electricity imports. The Adviser told this to reporters yesterday.

Health and Family Welfare Adviser Nurjahan Begum said, the government is continuing various programmes for bringing positive changes in the country's health sector as benefits will be seen in the coming days. The Adviser said this at a press conference on the achievements of the interim government in the health sector in the past one year and future reform plans at the Shaheed Abu Sayeed International Convention Center in Dhaka yesterday.

The country witnessed a series of groundbreaking initiatives in the areas of conserving forests, wildlife and biodiversity and strengthening environmental protection and climate resilience in the past one year. The success has been achieved under the leadership of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan, according to a Ministry press release yesterday.

Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Limited (BGFCL) yesterday signed a deal with a Chinese company Chuanqing Drilling Engineering Company Ltd for drilling two deep gas wells of Titas and Bakhrabad fields. BGFCL Company Secretary Md. Mozahar Ali and Chief Executive Officer of Chuanqing Drilling Engineering Company Ltd Li Xiaoming signed the agreement on behalf of their respective sides.

Wang Jiankun, Deputy Director of the Health Commission of Yunnan Province said, promised all possible cooperation to ensure quality healthcare services for Bangladeshi citizens seeking treatment in the country. He made the assurance when a group of Bangladeshi journalists visited the First Affiliated Hospital of Kunming Medical University in China yesterday and exchanged views with provincial health officials and chiefs of local public hospitals.

A Biman Bangladesh Airlines flight en route to London from Sylhet made an emergency landing in Istanbul yesterday after a passenger fell seriously ill mid-air. During the flight, a passenger identified as Shah Shamsun Nehar Rahman became critically unwell, prompting the flight crew to take immediate action. Biman Bangladesh said this in a press release.

Bangladesh's foreign exchange reserves have stood at US\$30.08 billion, according to the latest data of the Bangladesh Bank yesterday.



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