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Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus yesterday conveyed his profound grief and deep condolences to the Prime Minister of India and the President of Indian National Congress on the passing of former Indian Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh who was a close friend of the Chief Adviser. In his messages, the Chief Adviser described Dr. Manmohan Singh as a person of great humility, a visionary leader and a statesman, who was known for his unwavering commitment to ensuring the welfare of the people of India. The Chief Adviser also stated that Dr Singh's leadership not only shaped the future of India but also contributed to strengthening the bond of friendship and mutually beneficial cooperation between Bangladesh and India.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus suggested that the minimum voter age should stand at 17 years. The Chief Adviser said this in a video message played in an election dialogue in Dhaka yesterday. Forum for Bangladesh Studies (FBS) arranged the dialogue at Krishibid Institution Bangladesh. In his video message the Chief Adviser said, different countries have various age criteria for their nationals to make them voter. The Chief Adviser also expressed his hope that the Election Reform Commission will surely recommend such an age.

Foreign Affairs Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain yesterday underscored the importance of establishing seamless connectivity between Bangladesh and China through Myanmar, highlighting the mutual benefits that can be reaped through such an initiative. The Adviser said, emphasizing the necessity of a stable Myanmar and the sustainable repatriation of Rohingya refugees to the Rakhine State.

Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology Adviser Md. Nahid Islam said, stern actions will be taken against the bureaucrats who violate service rules in the name of protests as well as corrupt bureaucrats of the previous regime. The Adviser said this while addressing the closing session of the first day of National Dialogue 2024 titled "Unity, Reform, and Elections" organised by the Forum for Bangladesh Studies at the Krishibid Institute in Dhaka's Khamarbari area yesterday.

Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said, BNP is never against reforms but it has been seeking a specific roadmap for elections following necessary reforms within the shortest possible time. The BNP Secretary General said this while addressing a two-day national dialogue titled 'Unity in which path' organized by the Forum for Bangladesh Studies at Krishibid Institution Bangladesh (KIB) Auditorium in the capital's Khamarbari yesterday.

Attorney General Md. Asaduzzaman said, the martyrs of student-led July mass uprising will live forever as the superheroes of history. The Attorney General said these while addressing a shadow Parliament organized by Debate for Democracy at the FDC in the capital yesterday.

Muhammad Jahed Kamal, Director General of the Fire Service and Civil Defence said, the cause of the devastating fire at Building No. 7 of the Bangladesh Secretariat still remains unknown. The DG of Fire Service made this statement in response to questions from reporters after visiting the site yesterday. The Fire Service DG is also a member of the committee formed under the leadership of the Senior Secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs in response to the Secretariat fire incident.

Fact-checking body Rumor Scanner in an investigation found that a video being circulated claiming an attack on a shop in Noakhali is not recent, rather it is from 2023 and any Hindu person does not involve with this incident. In a report published on its website on Thursday, the fact-checking organization said, a video was being circulated on social media claiming an attack on Gangchil Asa Bazar in Char Elahi Union No. 8 of Companiganj, Noakhali. The hashtag “Saving Bangladeshi Hindus” has also been used in the caption of some posts claiming the same. The posts claiming the recent incident also criticized the current government, mentioning that the incident happened during the time of the interim government.

No more dengue patient died and 53 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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