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Newsbrief

Former Serbian President Boris Tadić paid a courtesy call on Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at his office at Tejgaon area in Dhaka yesterday. The former Serbian President praised Prof. Yunus's leadership and the mass uprising of July and August. The Former Serbian President said that he would be keen to support Bangladesh. During the meeting, both leaders discussed geopolitical issues, challenges the interim government has been facing and the history of Serbia.

Bangladesh will pursue the extradition of ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina from India, Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus told The Hindu. His interview was released in online version of the Indian daily yesterday.

Austrian Companies are keen to invest in Bangladesh as the Western European nation seeks to cement economic ties with Bangladesh, Non-resident Ambassador of Austria Katharina Wieser said. The Non-resident Ambassador of Austria made the comments when she called on Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at his office at Tejgaon area in Dhaka yesterday. Her government would support the country's interim government in its move to carry out sweeping reforms in the country, the Envoy added.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus yesterday expressed condolences at the death of Zakaria Pintoo, captain of Swadhin Bangla Football Dal. In a message, the Chief Adviser said, he was shocked and saddened to learn that Zakaria Pintoo, a freedom fighter and the captain of historic Swadhin Bangla Football Dal, died on Monday morning.

Finance Adviser Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed stressed on reducing the rural-urban gap in a bid to reduce the tendency of people's movement towards cities and metropolis. The Finance Adviser said this while addressing the opening ceremony and startup workshop of Rural and Peri-Urban Housing Finance Project, 2nd Phase of the Bangladesh House Building Finance Corporation held at a hotel in the capital yesterday.

Assistant Secretary-General (ASG) of the Commonwealth Prof. Luis Gabriel Franceschi reiterated the Commonwealth's commitment to collaborating with Bangladesh's interim government to establish a "discrimination-free, inclusive, and prosperous" society. The promise was made when a High-Level Commonwealth delegation, led by Prof. Franceschi, met Foreign Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain at the Foreign Ministry on Sunday, according to a Ministry's press release yesterday.

Environment, Forests and Climate Change Syeda Rizwana Hasan said, timely and fair financial and technological support is need for Bangladesh's transition to renewable energy. The Adviser said adding in view of this the interim government is actively revisiting the present energy policies to ensure sustainability and sovereignty. The Adviser said this while addressing a sideline event title- "Road to Net Zero: Navigating the Energy Transition in South Asia" at the World Bank-IMF Pavilion during the World Climate Conference in Baku, Azerbaijan, according to a message received in Dhaka yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Adviser Md. Nahid Islam said, initiative would be taken to reform the media on the basis of the report of the Media Reform Commission. The Adviser said this in a meeting with a delegation of UNDP and UNESCO in his office at Posts and Telecommunications Division in Dhaka yesterday. Media is one of the pillars of democracy and that is why Media Reform Commission has been formed by the interim government to ensure media freedom; the Adviser added.

Adviser for Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuyain said, the interim government has taken responsibility of carrying out state reform in line with the aspiration of people of the country. The Adviser told this while Assistant Secretary-General Prof. Luis Gabriel Franceschi paid a courtesy call on him at his Ministry office yesterday.

Commerce Adviser Sk Bashir Uddin urged the Korean investors to boost their investment in Bangladesh since a favourable environment is prevailing in the country. The Commerce Adviser made the request when South Korean Ambassador to Bangladesh Park Young-sik made a courtesy call on the Adviser at his office at the Ministry of Commerce at the Secretariat yesterday.

A delegation comprising business leaders of various chambers and associations led by President of Bangladesh Chamber of Industries (BCI) Anwar-Ul-Alam Chowdhury, met Industries Adviser Adilur Rahman Khan at the Ministry conference room yesterday. During the meeting, the BCI President highlighted the law-and-order situation in the industrial belt, labour issue and other existing problems in the industrial sector.

Action is being taken against those involved in the incident of harassment of Law Adviser Dr Asif Nazrul in Geneva recently, Chief Adviser's Deputy Press Secretary Apurba Jahangir said yesterday. The Chief Adviser's Deputy Press Secretary told a press briefing, responding to a question.

BNP Acting Chairman Tarique Rahman said that various state institutions across the country would be named after the martyrs of July-August mass upsurge if his party is voted to power. The BNP Acting Chairman said this while addressing a discussion virtually organized by 'Amra BNP Paribar' at Jatiya Press Club in Dhaka yesterday.

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir put emphasize on holding election as soon as possible for betterment of the country. The BNP Secretary General said this while addressing a discussion marking the 48th death anniversary of Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani at Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) stated that if a sudden election is held without creating a legal and institutional framework, the core spirit and objectives of the student-public movement will remain at risk. TIB Executive Director Dr. Iftekharuzzaman said this at a press conference in Dhaka yesterday held for publishing a research report titled "New Bangladesh" Observations on the First 100 Days after the Fall of the Authoritarian Regime."

At least six patients died of dengue in the last 24 hours while 1083 were hospitalized till Sunday morning, according to the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.

The benchmark DSEX index decreased by 28 points, closing at 5,300 points. The shariah index fell by 12 points to 1,171, and the blue-chip DS30 index decreased by 14 points to 1,963. points yesterday.



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