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Newsbrief

Russia sought the cooperation of Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus to continue the work of Russian state-owned Gazprom International in gas exploration in Bangladesh. Russian Ambassador to Bangladesh Alexander G. Khozin made the request when he called on the Chief Adviser at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday. Gazprom has been present in Bangladesh since 2012 and working as a partner in exploring gas reserves. In 2023, Gazprom International discovered five new wells for further exploration in Bhola.

Finance Adviser Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed expressed his optimism about bringing back a hefty amount of laundered money from abroad within this year. The Finance Adviser was responding to various queries of reporters after chairing a meeting on the Advisers Council Committee on Government Purchase held at the Cabinet Division Conference Room at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Information and Broadcast Adviser Md. Mahfuj Alam said, the interim government is not an 'apolitical' government rather it is a political government based on a political victory that defeated Awami League politically. The Information Adviser made these remarks while speaking to journalists, officials and employees of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha at its office yesterday after visiting the activities of the national news agency.

Earlier, Information and Broadcasting Adviser Md. Mahfuj Alam stressed on making the state run Bangladesh Television (BTV) time-worthy and popular by improving the quality of its programmes. The Adviser said this at a views exchange meeting with BTV Officials at BTV Headquarters in Rampura yesterday.

The interim government decided to launch a shortcode along with the police hotline service aiming to prevent violence against women. This is one of the four government initiatives to digitise the police services, according to a press release of Chief Adviser's Press Wing yesterday. Special Assistant to the Chief Adviser on Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology, Faiz Ahmad Taiyeb, said the government has undertaken the work of creating a Police Command App to properly conduct all types of police activities of the Bangladesh Police and ensure the security of the internal communication system.

British High Commissioner to Bangladesh Sarah Cooke paid a courtesy call on Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami Amir Dr. Shafiqur Rahman at the Jamaat central office in the capital, according to a press release issued by Jamaat yesterday. Apart from the present political situation of the country, establishment of democracy, upcoming elections, human rights situation, the condition of minorities in Bangladesh and the Rohingya issues dominated the discussion.

Bangladesh sought Japanese assistance for light metro train service in Narayanganj, which has been declared a sister city of Japan's Naruto. An official of the Bangladesh Embassy in Japan told The Daily Star yesterday. Japan provided financial and technical assistance for the development of the metro rail in Dhaka. The MRT-6 is now operational and more lines are in the pipeline.

This year's Independence Award recipients are Prof. Jamal Nazrul Islam (posthumous), Mir Abdus Shukur Al Mahmud (posthumous), Sculptor Novera Ahmed (posthumous), Abrar Fahad (posthumous), Badruddin Mohammad Umar, Sir Fazle Hasan Abed and Mohammad Mahbubul Haque Khan alias Azam Khan (posthumous). Bangladesh has been honouring individuals and institutions with the award every year ahead of Independence Day since 1977. The Interim Government initially considered posthumously awarding General MAG Osmani, the Commander-in-chief of the Bangladesh Mukti Bahini during the Liberation War, with the Independence Award this year but later dropped the idea due to a precedence issue. According to a statement issued by the Chief Adviser's press wing yesterday, MAG Osmani had already been honoured with the Independence Award in 1985. As no Bangladeshi has ever received the country's highest civilian award more than once, the proposal was ultimately withdrawn.

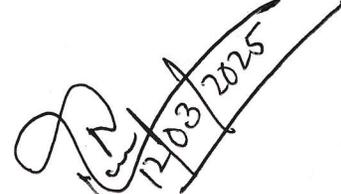
The Indian Border Security Force (BSF) yesterday returned the body of a Bangladeshi national, three days after he was shot dead by its personnel along Panchagarh's Bhitargarh border. The body of Al Amin, 36, was handed over following a company commander-level flag meeting between Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) and BSF at Banglabandha Zero Point in Tetulia upazila of Panchagarh.

Bangladesh Army expressed deep concern over the recent spate of baseless and unfounded reports published by certain Indian media outlets, including The Economic Times and India Today, alleging the possibility of a coup and a breakdown in the chain of command within the Bangladesh Army. The Army categorically affirms that the Bangladesh Army remains strong, united and fully committed to its constitutional duties under the capable leadership of the Chief of Army Staff. The chain of command is robust and all members of the Bangladesh Army, including senior Generals, are unwavering in their loyalty to the constitution, the chain of command and the people of Bangladesh,' read the ISPR release.

BNP Acting Chairman Tarique Rahman said, there may have different political ideologies but everyone is in agreement on the issue of re-establishing democracy and building a humane Bangladesh. The BNP Acting Chairman said this while addressing a pre-Iftar Mahfil event as the chief guest virtually. Nationalist Democratic Movement organized the Iftar party in honour of politicians and citizens at Gulshan Shooting Club in the capital yesterday.

The prime index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) increased by 8.36 points to settle at 5,199.30 points yesterday.

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