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### Newsbrief

President Mohammed Shahabuddin and Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus yesterday paid rich tributes to the champion of democracy and one of the greatest leaders of undivided India Hussain Shaheed Suhrawardy on the occasion of his 61st death anniversary, to be observed today. The President and the Chief Adviser said that Hussain Shaheed Suhrawardy is a shining star in the history of politics and democracy in the subcontinent. The President and the Chief Adviser said these in their separate messages on his death anniversary.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus said, nobody can snatch the national unity forged after the August 5 last and will not be able to make the nation deprived of freedom. The Chief Adviser told the concluding remarks in the meeting with political parties at the Foreign Service Academy in Dhaka yesterday. The Chief Adviser also said, there are differences of opinions among the country's people but no difference among them about the unity.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus said, the previous regime led by ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina destroyed everything, as he pledged to hold general elections only after ushering in constitutional and judicial reforms, including an electoral overhaul. The Chief Adviser said this in an exclusive interview with Japanese newspaper Nikkei Asia on Saturday last as the interview was published on its website on Monday.

Highlighting the commitment of the armed forces to safeguarding the nation, Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus said, Bangladesh Armed Forces symbolise resilience, patriotism and dedication to peace. The Chief Adviser said this while speaking at the graduation ceremony of the National Defense College in Dhaka yesterday. Global challenges do not belong to any particular nation alone but they need multinational efforts to overcome those, the Chief adviser added.

Chief Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed paid a courtesy call on Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday. It was the first one-to-one meeting between the Chief Adviser and the Chief Justice since the Interim Government took over. They spoke for about an hour, the Chief Adviser's press wing said yesterday.

Finance Adviser Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed said, there would be 'comfort' in the prices of essentials during the ensuing holy month of Ramadan. The Adviser said this while responding to the queries of reporters after chairing two separate meetings on the Advisers Council Committee on Economic Affairs and the Advisers Council Committee on Government Purchase held at the Cabinet Division Conference Room at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Civil Aviation and Tourism Adviser A F Hassan Arif urged more cooperation from Japan in further development of the country's aviation sector in the future. The Adviser made the call when Japanese Ambassador in Dhaka IWAMA Kiminori called on him at his Secretariat office yesterday. The Ambassador discussed the potential for enhancing tourism through improved air connectivity between Dhaka and Tokyo, as well as fostering cultural collaboration between the two countries.

Foreign Adviser Md. Touhid Hosain said, the scheduled Foreign Secretary-level Foreign Office Consultation between Bangladesh and India will take place in Dhaka on December 9 or 10. The Adviser told reporters at the Foreign Ministry yesterday.

Earlier, the Foreign Adviser urged British High Commissioner to Bangladesh Sarah Cooke to convey accurate information regarding the minority situation and the student-led July-August uprising in Bangladesh to the UK government. The Adviser told reporters following his meeting with the British Envoy at the Foreign Ministry in Dhaka yesterday.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Adviser Dr. Asif Nazrul said, political parties, in a meeting with Chief Adviser Prof. Muhammad Yunus, announced to stand united on the issues concerning the country's independence, sovereignty, existence and dignity. The Adviser told journalists after a meeting between Chief Adviser Prof. Muhammad Yunus and political parties at the Foreign Service Academy yesterday.

Posts, Telecommunications, and Information Technology Adviser Md. Nahid Islam urged Saudi Arabia to invest in Bangladesh's IT sector with a particular focus on high-tech parks. The Adviser said this in a meeting with Saudi Arabia's Ambassador to Bangladesh Essa Youssef Essa Al Duhailan at the Secretariat yesterday. The Ambassador assured that Saudi Arabia stands with Bangladesh and will continue to do so in the future offering support whenever needed.

Adviser Mahfuj Alam sought the support of the United Kingdom (UK) to bring the laundered money back to Bangladesh and run the economy that was left in a fragile condition by the past autocratic regime. The Adviser said this when British High Commissioner to Bangladesh Sarah Cooke called on him at his office in Tejgaon yesterday.

Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Yao Wen met BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday and presented a traditional Chinese wall banner to her. The meeting was held at Khaleda Zia's residence in the capital's Gulshan area, according to BNP media cell member Sayrul Kabir Khan.

BNP Acting Chairman Tarique Rahman asked his party leaders and activists to refrain from any activities that can erode people's trust. The next election would be very tough for the party, said the BNP Acting Chairman while addressing a workshop in Chattogram through a virtual platform. BNP Training Affair Committee organised the Chattogram Divisional workshop titled "31-point State Structure Reform Proposal and the Public Engagement" at Chattogram Engineers' Institute yesterday.

Five dengue patients died while 629 were admitted to different hospitals in the country during the past 24 hours, according to the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.

DSEX, the broad index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange, advanced by 12.3 points and settled at a 2-week high of 5,238 points as against 5,226 points yesterday.

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