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Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus recommended Bhutan to take advantage of all available infrastructural facilities that Bangladesh offers, mentioning that significant opportunities remain for expanding bilateral collaboration. The Chief Adviser conveyed this to the newly appointed Ambassador of Bhutan to Bangladesh, Dasho Karma Hamu Dorjee, when she called on him at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday. Ambassador Dorjee conveyed the best wishes of the Prime Minister of Bhutan to the Chief Adviser.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus yesterday directed the law enforcing agencies to complete all preparations by December next for the upcoming parliamentary elections. The Chief Adviser gave the directives at a meeting on the preparations of the law enforcing agencies for the upcoming parliamentary polls held at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday. Later, Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam briefed reporters at the Foreign Service Academy in the capital.

Canadian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Ajit Singh met with National Consensus Commission Vice-Chairman Professor Ali Riaz in Dhaka yesterday to discuss the progress of the work of the Commission. He was accompanied by Marcus Davies, Political Counsellor, and Stephen Weaver, Counsellor and Head of Cooperation. Professor Riaz briefed the delegation on the dialogues with the political parties regarding building consensus and drafting the National Charter. During the meeting, the Canadian delegation expressed strong support for the Commission's objectives.

Finance Adviser Dr Salehuddin Ahmed urged auditors and chartered accountants to ensure more transparency and integrity in financial reporting and auditing to increase investment. The Adviser said this while speaking as the chief guest at the 'Accounting and Auditing Summit' at a hotel in the capital yesterday. The World Bank and Financial Reporting Council jointly organized the event with its theme 'FRC's Role in the Economic Governance of Bangladesh'.

Home Adviser Lieutenant General Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury (Retd.) requested a European country Belarus to open its Embassy in Dhaka. The Adviser made the appeal when non-resident Ambassador of Belarus to Bangladesh (based in New Delhi) Mikhail Kasko paid a courtesy call at his Ministry's office room at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. The Adviser also said that Bangladesh established diplomatic relations with Belarus in 1992.

Education Adviser Professor Dr Chowdhury Rafiqul Abrar said, real evaluation of the merits of students will be reflected in the SSC examination results, which will be published today. The Adviser made the comments in an exclusive interview with Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) at his office at the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. In the last 16 years, the results were published by increasing the marks of students to show the success of the government, the Adviser added.

Religious Affairs Adviser Dr AFM Khalid Hossain underscored the importance of restoring the past glory of madrasa education, asserting that this specialized system must not be allowed to ruin in the name of ultra-modern reforms. The Adviser said this while speaking as a chief guest at a seminar at Institution of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh in Dhaka yesterday. Bangladesh Madrasa Chhatra Kalyan Parishad organized the seminar titled 'Alia Madrasa Education System in Sustainable Development: Challenges and Ways Forward'.

UNESCO Representative to Bangladesh Sue Vize met with Information and Broadcasting Adviser Md. Mahfuj Alam at his office at Secretariat yesterday. During the meeting, the Adviser said that the government has already taken several initiatives to reform the media. The Adviser also hoped that it would be possible to implement some other media-related reform activities in the next few months.

The Election Commission (EC) has received approval to initiate the voter registration process and issue national identity cards in five countries including the United States. The other four countries are-Maldives, Jordan, South Africa and Oman. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs granted the approval through an official consent letter sent to the EC yesterday.

Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam said, the BBC Eye Investigations confirmed ousted premier Sheikh Hasina's direct role in state-sanctioned murder. The Press Secretary said this in a post shared on his verified Facebook account yesterday. The BBC Eye Investigations unit has now confirmed Sheikh Hasina's direct role in state-sanctioned murder, the Press Secretary added.

Bangladesh and Mexico have celebrated 50 years of diplomatic relations, marking the milestone with colourful illuminations of several iconic landmarks across Mexico City in the colours of Bangladesh's national flag. Bangladesh Ambassador to Mexico Mushfiqul Fazal Ansari inaugurated the illumination ceremony at the Revolution Monument in Mexico City the day before yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Ansari said that over the past five decades, Bangladesh-Mexico relations have expanded significantly in the fields of economy, culture, and education, but the most notable achievement has been the deepening friendship and cooperation between the peoples of the two nations.

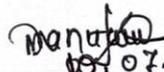
Referring to the US-imposed tariffs, Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Yao Wen said, Bangladesh and China need to work to safeguard the World Trade Organization rules and multilateral trade regime. The Ambassador also said that they support all the measures taken by Bangladesh to safeguard their legitimate interests. The Ambassador made the remarks while responding to a question after attending a seminar in Dhaka yesterday.

Bangladesh reported 406 new dengue cases and one death in the past 24 hours, pushing the official death toll to 52 for the year, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).



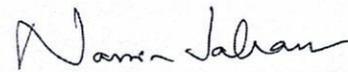
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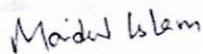
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