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## Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus is set to visit China on 26 March and his visit will take Bangladesh-China relations to a new height, Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam said. The Chief Adviser's Press Secretary told a press briefing at Foreign Service Academy in Dhaka yesterday. Chinese Ambassador in Dhaka Yao Wen called on Chief Adviser Prof. Yunus at the State Guest House Jamuna to discuss the upcoming China tour of the Chief Adviser. Longi, the largest solar panel manufacturer in the world, decided to set up an office and invest in solar panel manufacturing in Bangladesh, Chinese Ambassador added.

United Nations (UN) Secretary-General Antonio Guterres left Dhaka yesterday ending his successful four-day visit. Environment Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan and Chief Adviser's High Representative for Rohingya Crisis Khalilur Rahman saw him off at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport. Before his departure, the UN Secretary General spoke to Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus over phone and exchanged farewell greetings.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan called upon Bangladesh Forest Industries Development Corporation (BFIDC) to develop eco-friendly products using betel nut leaves, bamboo and canes as alternatives to single-use plastics. The Adviser said this in a meeting with BFIDC Officials at the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. The Adviser stressed the need for importing high-quality rubber tree clones to increase production. The government has taken initiatives to supply affordable, sustainable and modern-designed furniture, the Adviser added.

Primary and Mass Education Adviser Professor Dr. Bidhan Ranjan Roy Podder underscored the need for increasing the standard of primary education in the country. The Adviser said this in a meeting at Primary Teachers Training Institute (PTI) at Sagordi in Barishal district as the chief guest. In the meeting, the Adviser also exchanged views with stakeholders on improving the quality of primary education.

Religious Affairs Adviser Professor Dr. AFM Khalid Hossain said, Islamic literature used to provide guidelines for social reforms. In this connection, the Adviser mentioned the name of Egypt's Al Azhar University, one of the oldest universities in the world and said that the university was established based on a mosque. The Adviser said this while uncovering two books and attending an Ifter Mahfil organised by Saliha Publications at Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday.

Iranian Ambassador to Bangladesh Mansour Chavoshi met Commerce Adviser Sk. Bashir Uddin at his office at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. During the meeting, they discussed issues related to bilateral interests, improvement of bilateral relations and boosting trade and investment. The Commerce Adviser said that the bilateral trade volume is still less compared to the capacity while both the countries have huge export potentials, according to a Commerce Ministry press release.

Chief Adviser's Deputy Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad Majumder said, a name has been finalised for the new university comprising the seven government colleges in Dhaka. An interim administrator will be nominated from the Principals of the seven colleges. The Chief Adviser's Deputy Press Secretary said this at a press briefing at the Foreign Service Academy in Dhaka yesterday.

Home Secretary Nasimul Ghani said, there is no security threat ahead of Independence Day and the Eid-ul-Fitr, but there would be all out preparation to thwart any untoward incidents. The Home Secretary said this while replying to a question about any threat surrounding the two special days after coming out of a meeting on law and order at the Home Ministry in the Secretariat yesterday.

Attorney General Md. Asaduzzaman yesterday said, the High Court judgment in the case lodged over the brutal killing of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) student Abrar Fahad, established the concept for bringing discipline in the state and society and ensuring justice. The Attorney General said this while addressing the press after the judgment was pronounced by the High Court division bench of Justice AKM Asaduzzaman and Justice Syed Enayet Hossain.

Rokeya Khatun, mother of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) student Abrar Fahad, expressed satisfaction over the High Court order upholding the lower court verdict in her son Abrar Fahad murder case. Rokeya Khatun told BSS at her residence following the HC verdict. She expressed sympathy to the parents of the convicted students.

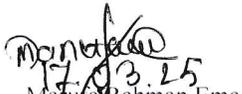
Chief of Air Staff of Bangladesh Air Force (BAF) Air Chief Marshal Hasan Mahmood Khan left Dhaka for the United States of America (USA) the day before yesterday, according to a press release of the Directorate of Inter-Services Public Relations yesterday.

DSEX, the key index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), finally settled the week nearly 22 points or 0.42 per cent higher at 5,226 points yesterday.



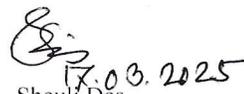
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