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Newsbrief

Environment, Forest, and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan said, the demand for President Mohammed Shahabuddin's resignation is getting stronger but any decision on the matter would be reached through political consensus. The Adviser said this while speaking at a press briefing at Foreign Service Academy in Dhaka yesterday. None will be allowed to perform hajj with the government finance this year. The issues related to the President were discussed at the meeting of the Council of Advisers with Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus in the chair, the Adviser added.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan said, the government has decided to allow six months for the phase-out, old and unfit vehicles on the streets of Dhaka. The Adviser told journalists after a meeting on 'the necessity of removing old vehicles to control air pollution in Dhaka' held at Bidhyat Bhaban in Dhaka yesterday.

Earlier, the Environment Adviser stressed the need for involving local communities in dolphin conservation efforts. The Adviser called for increased public awareness and effective implementation of government initiatives to protect dolphins. Rizwana made these remarks while speaking as the chief guest at a discussion held at the Forest Department in Dhaka yesterday on the occasion of International Freshwater Dolphin Day 2024.

Home Adviser Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury said, they are committed to arrest the killers of July-August genocide and expose them to justice. The Adviser said this in a statement yesterday. Many individuals involved in the genocide have already arrested and drives of the law enforcement agencies are going on to round up others, the Adviser added.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Adviser Dr. Asif Nazrul urged all to be united for strengthening democratic process in the country. The Adviser said this while addressing a discussion titled 'Journey of democracy: upcoming challenge and the way to overcome'. BRAIN, a research organization, and Adarsho, a publication house, jointly organized the discussion at the auditorium of Bangla Academy in Dhaka yesterday.

Adviser to the interim government on the Ministries of Labour and Employment Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuyain said, the government would take tougher action to break syndicate aimed at keeping the commodities price stable. The Adviser said that the government was considering launching of agriculture market to prevent dominance of the syndicate in the commodity markets. The Adviser made the remarks while inaugurating the operations of truck sale by the state-run Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) at Dakhshin Begunbari (Dipikar Mor), Tejgaon Industrial Area in the capital yesterday.

Chief Adviser's Special Assistant Mahfuj Alam yesterday said, the interim government would not tolerate any attacks on the media and freedom of expression. At a media briefing at the Foreign Service Academy, Chief Adviser's Special Assistant clarified the government's position on media freedom, warning that legal steps would be taken against anyone trying to hurt media freedom. Earlier, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting issued a warning that necessary action will be taken if any media organization comes under attack. The interim government, reaffirming its commitment to safeguarding media freedom, strongly condemned the threats and any attempts to intimidate the press.

Chief of Army Staff General Waker-Uz-Zaman, currently on an official visit to Ottawa, held discussion with Canadian officials on strengthening defense cooperation and improving visa facilitation services for Bangladeshi nationals, particularly for students, according to a press release of Bangladesh Embassy in Ottawa yesterday. At their meeting, the two discussed enhancing bilateral ties, with an emphasis on resolving visa-related issues for Bangladeshi nationals, including students.

At least four patients died of dengue in the last 24 hours while 1,029 were hospitalized till Thursday morning, according to the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.

The benchmark index DSEX settled 55.20 points down at 5,114.60 points. Two other indices of the DSE also ended lower yesterday.



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