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Newsbrief

Interim government formed a new Bangladesh Planning Commission. The Chairman of this Commission is Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus. Apart from this, Finance Adviser became the alternate Chairman Salehuddin Ahmed. A notification issued by the Cabinet Department in this regard yesterday.

Finance and Commerce Adviser Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed said, the interim government has started reforms that the future elected governments must continue. The Adviser said, the interim government is making clear the road to reforms, which will be made from a narrow place to a highway. The speed of reforms will increase in the next government. The Adviser said this while speaking as the chief guest at ERF-Nagad best reporting award ceremony, held at a hotel in the capital yesterday.

Norwegian Ambassador to Bangladesh Håkon Arald Gulbrandsen expressed his country's eagerness to work with Bangladesh in climate adaptation, crops diversification and fisheries sectors. The Envoy made this remarks while paying a call on Agriculture Adviser Lieutenant General (retd) Md. Jahangir Alam Chowhdury at his Ministry's office in Dhaka yesterday.

Family members of Shaheed Abu Sayeed yesterday met Information and Broadcasting Adviser Md. Nahid Islam at his Ministry's conference room in the Secretariat yesterday. During the meeting, the Adviser enquired about wellbeing of the family of Abu Sayeed and assured that the government will always remain beside the family. Abu Sayeed's family members sought support from the government to establish a foundation named "Shaheed Abu Sayeed Foundation". The Adviser assured them of extending all-out cooperation from the government in this regard.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan called for taking urgent actions to address lead and heavy metal poisoning, terming it a "silent crisis". Reaffirming the government's commitment to work with all stakeholders to eliminate lead poisoning by 2040 the Adviser said, a comprehensive action plan should be taken to identify and check the major sources of toxic metal exposure in Bangladesh. The Environment Adviser made the remarks while speaking as the Chief guest at a national workshop titled "Lead-Free Bangladesh: How Do We Get There?" at the BICC in the capital yesterday.

Algerian Ambassador to Bangladesh Abdelouahad Saidani called on Religious Affairs Adviser Dr. AFM Khalid Hossain at his Secretariat office in Dhaka yesterday. The Adviser urged the Ambassador to take madrasha students side by side with general students from Bangladesh to their prominent Universities with scholarships. The Adviser proposed that Algeria can send professors of its different famous Islamic Universities to Bangladesh for teaching the Arabic language and literature in Bangladeshi Universities and Madrashes. The Ambassador agreed to introduce stipends for the Bangladeshi students and exchange of scholars and resource persons.

Prothom Alo, a leading Bengali daily, published a front page news story on November 2 claiming that murders, muggings and banditry sharply increased in Dhaka in September and October was untrue and dangerously flawed, the Chief Adviser's press wing said this in a statement yesterday. The statement was posted on the verified Facebook page of CA press wing - CA Press Wing Facts.

Commission of Inquiry on Enforced Disappearance in its primary investigation has found the involvement of DGFI, RAB, DB, CTTC, CID and general police with the enforced disappearances and it is going to interrogate the security personnel concerned from November 7. Commission Chairman Justice Moyeenul Islam Chowdhury said this while speaking at a press briefing at its Commission's Auditorium in Dhaka yesterday.

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Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) Acting Chairman Tarique Rahman said, the country is now witnessing a political transitional period following the fleeing of autocrat through mass uprising. The BNP Acting Chairman said this while virtually addressing a memorial meeting of veteran BNP leader and former Minister Tariquul Islam at Town Hall ground in Jeshore yesterday.

The Economic Relations Division (ERD) of the Ministry of Finance signed a grant agreement with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) worth €2,970,297. Md. Shahriar Kader Siddiky, ERD Secretary and Fathima Nusrath Ghazzali, Acting Chief of Mission, IOM signed the agreement at a function at ERD in Dhaka on October 29, according to a press release yesterday.

Bangladesh and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), with support from the Global Environment Facility (GEF), partnered to drive locally-led climate adaptation initiatives across five of the country's most vulnerable agro-ecological zones (AEZs), strengthening Bangladesh's climate resilience.

Launched ahead of the UN Climate Change Conference (COP29), a signing ceremony for the project 'Integrating Climate Change Adaptation into Sustainable Development Pathways of Bangladesh' took place at the Economic Relations Division's conference room in Dhaka yesterday. The agreement was signed by Stefan Liller, Resident Representative of UNDP Bangladesh, and Md. Shahriar Kader Siddiky, Secretary of the Economic Relations Division, according to a UNDP press release.

A United Kingdom (UK) Emergency Medical Team (EMT), funded by the British government arrived in Bangladesh to provide specialized medical treatment to the students injured during the July-August 2024 uprising. This deployment is taking place in response to a formal request for assistance from the Bangladesh Interim Government, according to a press release issued by the British High Commission in Dhaka yesterday.

At least six patients died of dengue in the last 24 hours while 1370 were hospitalized till Tuesday morning, according to the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.

The prime index of the DSE, went up by 112.52 points or 2.14 per cent to settle at 5,365.02 points yesterday.

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