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Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus urged the World Trade Organization (WTO) to provide its full support to ensure a smooth transition for Bangladesh as it prepares to graduate from Least Developed Country (LDC) status. The Chief Adviser raised the issue during a meeting with WTO Director-General Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala on the sidelines of the 80th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) at the UN Headquarters in the USA yesterday. The Chief Adviser requested DG WTO's role in the upcoming WTO Ministerial Conference for a meaningful outcome to assist countries on the path to LDC graduation. DG WTO also assured of her all-out support.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus attended the inaugural session of the United Nations General Assembly at the UN Headquarters in the USA yesterday. The Chief Adviser was accompanied by Energy Adviser Fouzul Kabir Khan, Foreign Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain and Law Adviser Dr Asif Nazrul. Prior to the session, the Chief Adviser met with Uruguayan Foreign Minister Mario Lubetkin, former Chilean President Michelle Bachelet, who also served as the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights from 2018 to 2022, and President of the World Bank Ajay Banga.

Finance Adviser Dr Salehuddin Ahmed defended Bangladesh Bank's recent move to mop up nearly \$2.0 billion from the market, saying the central bank was right to keep the exchange rate stable even as demand for the US dollar has temporarily eased. Speaking to reporters after meetings of the Advisors Council Committee on Government Purchase and the Advisors Council Committee on Economic Affairs, the Adviser acknowledged concerns that importers, particularly those bringing in raw materials and capital machinery, might feel pressured by the central bank's stance.

Home Adviser Lt Gen (ret'd) Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury said, a doctor from Singapore has come here to decide the protocol for the treatment of the firemen injured in the chemical warehouse explosion at Tongi on Monday. The Adviser made the remarks while speaking to journalists yesterday after attending the namaj-e-janaja of firefighter Shamim Ahmed (42) at the Fire Service and Civil Defence Headquarters. The Home Adviser also said, the National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery is an international standard health facility to provide the best possible treatment of the burn injured.

Religious Affairs Adviser Dr A F M Khalid Hossain has stressed studying the life and teachings of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is essential to address the moral and social challenges facing humanity today. Despite scientific and technological advancements, the modern world is grappling with growing moral decline, family breakdown, social inequality, terrorism and religious conflict, Dr Khalid Hossain said as the chief guest at the prize-giving ceremony of the Sirat Olympiad 2025, held at the IDEB auditorium in Kakrail yesterday.

Susan Vize, Head of Office and UNESCO Representative to Bangladesh, paid a courtesy call on Information and Broadcasting Adviser Md. Mahfuz Alam at the Ministry yesterday. During the meeting, the Adviser said, the Information and Broadcasting Ministry is working to formulate the Journalism Rights Protection Ordinance based on the recommendations of the Media Reform Commission. Commenting on the upcoming national parliamentary election, the Adviser said, the government would extend all-out cooperation to ensure that the media can function independently.

The interim government has expressed its deep regret over the troubling incident that occurred in the USA on Monday targeting the political leaders and vowed to meet the incident with appropriate legal and diplomatic responses. The Chief Adviser's Press Wing issued a statement in this regard yesterday.

The Election Commission (EC) said that the National Citizen Party (NCP) will not be able to use the electoral symbol 'Shapla' in the parliamentary elections slated for February 2026. Senior Secretary of the EC Akhtar Ahmed told this to reporters yesterday.

Director General (DG) of the Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) Additional IGP AKM Shahidur Rahman said that the force has already taken special security measures at the risky puja mandaps across the country for peaceful celebrations of the Durga Puja. The RAB Chief said this while talking to journalists after visiting Rangpur city's Karunamoyee Kalibari Temple yesterday.



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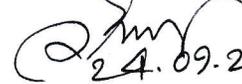


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