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Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus congratulated Donald Trump for his historic win in the US Presidential election. The Chief Adviser said this in a congratulatory message yesterday. Recalling the existing excellent relations between Bangladesh and the US, Prof. Yunus said, Bangladesh and the United States share a long history of friendship and collaboration across numerous areas of mutual interest. The relationship continued to grow in depth and breadth during Trump's previous term in the office, the Chief Adviser added.

Two brothers of Shaheed Abu Sayed met Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday. The brothers brought "Salam" and a message of good wishes from their parents, saying they were moved to tears when Professor Yunus spoke about the sacrifice of Abu Sayed and the other martyrs in his historic speech in the United Nations General Assembly in New York in September.

European Union is ready to support Bangladesh's Interim Government Headed by Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus in every possible way in its reform initiatives and fight against corruption. Paola Pampaloni, Director, Asia and Pacific, Department of European External Action Service expressed the readiness of the European countries to support Bangladesh when she called on the Chief Adviser at his office at Tejgaon in Dhaka yesterday. Michael Miller, the Ambassador and Head of Delegation of the European Union to Bangladesh, was present on the occasion.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus urged Brazil to work more closely with Bangladesh for increasing bilateral cooperation in different fields, including trade. The Chief Adviser made the call when Brazilian Ambassador to Bangladesh Paulo Feres called on him at his office in the capital's Tajgaon area yesterday.

Home Adviser Lt Gen (Retd) Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury reiterated that no criminals would be spared. The Adviser said this while speaking to journalists at Secretariat after coming out of a special meeting to review the law and order situation in Dhaka Metropolitan areas yesterday.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan asked all concerned to ensure proper utilization of climate fund and check any misuse. The Adviser said this while addressing a function in Tangail yesterday. The programme titled- "International Environment Conference 2024 was arranged under the auspices of "Sabuj Prithibi", a local organization working on environmental issue.

Earlier, the Environment Adviser unveiled the national air quality management action plan saying the government developed it for strategic actions to tackle the sources of air pollution, improve air monitoring, and enhance enforcement mechanisms. The Adviser said this while addressing the launching ceremony of 'Bangladesh National Air Quality Management Action Plan' at the Department of Environment in Dhaka yesterday.

Shipping, Textiles and Jute Adviser Brigadier General (Retired) M Sakhawat Hossain said, the Mongla port will be shifted to modern and international standards. The Adviser said this while addressing a meeting with the port's high officials at Mongla Port Authority conference room in Khulna yesterday.

Fisheries and Livestock Adviser Farida Akhter sought more support in livestock and fisheries, environment and agriculture sectors from the stakeholders including the United Nations (UN) to ensure Bangladesh's financial and sustainable development. The Adviser made the appeal when the UN Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh Gwyn Lewis paid a courtesy call on her at the latter's Secretariat office in Dhaka yesterday.

Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Adviser Supradip Chakma sought Australian government's support for the development of Bangladesh. sought the support when a 3-member delegation led by the Acting High Commissioner of Australia to Bangladesh Nardia Simpson paid a courtesy call on him at his Bangladesh Secretariat office yesterday.

Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam said, the newly elected US President Donald Trump was misinformed about the issue of attacks on minorities in Bangladesh. The Chief Adviser's Press Secretary told a press briefing at the Foreign Service Academy in Dhaka yesterday. The interim government hopes that the existing relations between Bangladesh and the USA will reach a new height during the tenure of newly elected US President Donald Trump, the Chief Adviser's Press Secretary added.

British High Commissioner to Bangladesh Sarah Cooke reaffirmed the UK's commitment to cooperate with Bangladesh in its democratic transition and strengthen bilateral relations. The British High Commissioner made the pledge while paying an introductory call on Foreign Secretary Md. Jashim Uddin at his office yesterday, according to a Foreign Ministry's press release.

Acting Australian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Nardia Simpson called on Religious Affairs Adviser AFM Khalid Hossain at the latter's office in Secretariat yesterday. The Adviser said that Australia is one of the development partners of Bangladesh and Australia has been supporting Bangladesh in infrastructure and socio-economic development.

Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) Acting Chairman Tarique Rahman congratulated Donald Trump for being elected as the President of the United States for the second term. The BNP Acting Chairman said this in a congratulatory message posted on his verified Facebook page yesterday. The people of Bangladesh are keen to move forward with free and fair elections with strengthening their commitment towards democratic values and fundamental freedoms, the BNP Acting Chairman added.

A total of 183 Bangladeshis stranded in conflict-ridden Lebanon returned home on Wednesday with the support of the Foreign Affairs and Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Ministries, Bangladesh Mission in Beirut and International Organization for Migration, according to a Foreign Ministry's press release yesterday.

Awami League Advisory Council Member and former Lawmaker Amir Hossain Amu was arrested from the capital's Pashchim Dhanmondi area yesterday. Muhammad Talebur Rahman, Deputy Commissioner of Media and Public Relations of the Detective Branch of Police of Dhaka Metropolitan Police confirmed the arrest in a brief message.

At least four patients died of dengue in the last 24 hours while 1109 were hospitalized till Tuesday morning, according to the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.

The benchmark index of the Dhaka bourse closed the day with 17.93 points down at 5,347.08 points yesterday.



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