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Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus said that the initiative of collecting DNA samples to confirm identities of those, who were buried as unclaimed individuals during the July Uprising (2024), is a significant progress toward justice for families of those people. The Chief Adviser made the remarks after receiving a report on the overall activity of collection of DNA samples from the remains of 114 unidentified individuals, who were buried as unclaimed bodies at Rayerbazar Graveyard in Dhaka during the 2024 July Uprising, at the State Guest House Jamuna in the capital yesterday. Criminal Investigation Department of Bangladesh Police collected the DNA samples.

Negotiations on Comprehensive Partnership Agreement (CPA) between European Union (EU) and Bangladesh will be finalized soon, said the visiting Acting Managing Director for Asia-Pacific at the European External Action Service (EEAS) Paola Pampaloni. Pampaloni revealed the matter when she paid a courtesy call on Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday, said the Chief Adviser's Press Wing.

Youth and Sports Adviser Asif Nazrul reaffirmed that the country will stand firm on its decision not to participate in the T20 World Cup in India due to ongoing security concerns. The adviser expressed confidence that they would be able to present a strong case to the International Cricket Council (ICC), stating that the primary principle of their stance is the safety of Bangladesh's cricketers. The statement came after a meeting at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday, attended by Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) President Aminul Islam Bulbul.

Social Welfare and Women and Children Affairs Adviser Sharmeen S Murshid stressed on developing talent and merit in children through sports. The Adviser said this while addressing the closing ceremony of Dhaka Divisional Annual Sports and Cultural Competition-2026. Dhaka Divisional Social Services Office, under the Department of Social Services organized the competition on Mohammadpur Government Physical Education College ground in the capital yesterday.

Postal ballots have so far been sent to 677,233 expatriate voters living in different countries across the world to cast their votes in the 13th Jatiya Sangsad election and referendum. Team Leader of the Out of Country Voting System and Implementation (OCV-SDI) project on expatriate voter registration, Salim Ahmad Khan revealed this yesterday while saying that they are working to send postal ballots to expatriates by January 10.

Election Commissioner Brigadier General (ret'd) Abul Fazal Md. Sanaullah yesterday said, the Election Commission (EC) is committed to bringing the country's election system to the right direction through continuous reforms, and it's tirelessly working to achieve its goal. He made the remarks while inaugurating the 'Citizen Observation for Inclusive and Accountable Elections in Bangladesh: National Elections, 2026' project taken by the Alliance for Fair Elections and Democracy (AFED), a platform of 27 civil society organisations.

UN Secretary General António Guterres has expressed profound shock and sorrow at the death of three-time former Prime Minister of Bangladesh and BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia. The UN Secretary General wrote this to Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus in a message dated on January 2. The Chief Adviser's Press Wing released the message yesterday.

A total of 593,500 blankets have been allocated from the Chief Advisor's Relief Fund to distribute among cold-stricken and distressed people across the country. Besides, Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief has allocated Taka 29.70 crore in the first phase and Taka 21.31 crore in the second phase for the purchase and distribution of blankets, said a Ministry press release yesterday.

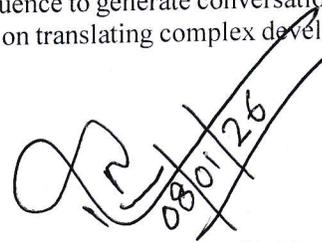
Bangladesh and Uruguay signed a Memorandum of Understanding to institutionalise regular and structured bilateral political consultations, marking a significant step toward deepening diplomatic engagement between the two countries. The MoU was signed after the first-ever bilateral political consultations between the two countries, established diplomatic relations in 1972. Foreign Secretary Asad Alam Siam and Uruguay's non-resident Ambassador to Bangladesh Alberto Antonio Guani Amarilla signed the MoU and led their respective delegations at the consultations held at the State Guest House Padma yesterday.

The government has promulgated a new amended ordinance to ensure legal protection and inheritance rights for families of persons subjected to enforced disappearance. The notification was issued yesterday by the Printing and Publication Wing of the Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division under the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs. A gazette notification has also been published in this regard.

The US Embassy in Dhaka welcomed the arrival of the first shipment of United States (US) corn to Bangladesh since 2018 at Chittagong Port. The shipment consists of 57,855 metric tons of yellow corn harvested in North and South Dakota and Minnesota during the 2025-26 crop year and shipped from Vancouver of Washington, said a media note issued by the US Embassy in Dhaka yesterday.

The government has decided to deploy Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) personnel in 489 upazilas across the country, including the capital city, to ensure the forthcoming 13th national election is held in a free, fair, impartial, peaceful and festive manner, according to a Home Ministry circular issued yesterday.

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Bangladesh has launched Season 2 of SDG Socialisers, bringing together a new group of content creators who will use their creativity and influence to generate conversations and inspire action on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The initiative focuses on translating complex development issues into simple, engaging content. UNDP said this in a press release yesterday.



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