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Newsbrief

Foreign Affairs Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain said, Bangladesh has been in touch with New Delhi over reported border push-ins and recent restrictions on imports of Bangladeshi goods through Indian land ports. The Adviser told reporters when responding to a question at the Foreign Ministry yesterday.

Foreign Affairs Adviser Md Touhid Hossain laid emphasis on the importance to rethink the intra-IORA trade and investment dynamics and adopt an approach that would help open up the untapped potential of Indian Ocean region. The Adviser made the remarks when addressing the 24th Meeting of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Council of Ministers (COM) held virtually yesterday under the theme, 'Sustainable Indian Ocean for Future Generations'.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan highlighted the landmark achievements of the Sustainable Forests and Livelihoods Project, which is driving forest restoration, biodiversity conservation and improved community livelihoods across Bangladesh. The Adviser shared that 103,960 hectares of forestland have been restored, with notable improvements in the diversity of indigenous plant species across hill tracts, Sal forests, and coastal zones. Speaking at the wrap-up meeting of the World Bank Implementation Support Mission at the Ministry's conference room, the Environment Adviser focused on the successful rollout of the Site-Specific Planning tool using an ODK-based dashboard.

Later, the Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser said, the government is finalizing the policies to stop industries from extracting ground water without any charge. The Adviser said this at a conference at a hotel in Dhaka yesterday. The conference was jointly organized by World Bank's 2030 water resource group, Water resource planning organization and Water Resource Ministry.

LGRD Adviser Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuiyan said, the restrictions imposed by India on import of some commodities from Bangladesh through land ports would create new opportunities to become self-dependent. The Adviser made this comment while replying to a query of a journalist following a youth rally at National Youth Institute in Savar the day before yesterday, a Facebook post of the Adviser said yesterday.

Disaster Management Adviser Faruk E Azam said, Bangladesh's geological and geographic location exposed it to earthquake risks but planned urbanization could reduce the damages. The Adviser said this while speaking at a workshop on 'Strengthening Multi-Hazard Preparedness: Focus on Earthquake and Urban Resilience' at BIAM Foundation Multipurpose Hall in the capital yesterday. Disaster Management Department and UN development agency UNDP jointly organized the workshop.

Shipping Adviser Brig. Gen. (ret'd) Dr M. Sakhawat Hussain said, all sand-carrying bulkheads traffic will be strictly prohibited, both day and night, for three days before and seven days after the upcoming Eid-ul-Azha to ensure passengers safety on waterways. The Adviser told this at a press briefing after a meeting in the Secretariat yesterday. The Adviser also stated that any complaints about excessive fares or overcrowding on waterways during the Eid journey would be dealt strictly.

Commerce Adviser Sk. Bashir Uddin said that the government would extend support in preserving the rawhides of the sacrificial animals during the upcoming Holy Eid-ul-Azha until a fair price is ensured. The Commerce Adviser said this while briefing reporters after the first meeting on ensuring proper management on Qurbani related matters held at the Ministry's conference room at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

National Security Adviser Dr. Khalilur Rahman ruled out any possibility of allowing a corridor through Bangladesh for Myanmar, saying the government has neither discussed nor intends to discuss such a proposal with any party. The Adviser also said, no agreement was signed yet among the relevant parties for supply of aid to crisis-hit Rakhine state of Myanmar. Dr. Rahman said this at a media briefing held at the Foreign Service Academy yesterday.

Agriculture Secretary Dr Mohammad Emdad Ullah Mian said, Bangladesh is going to export mango to China for the first time on May 28 next. He revealed this information at a press briefing at the Foreign Service Academy yesterday. The government has also decided to take long term plan for sustainable and modern agricultural production to ensure safe and nutritious food for all by 2050.

The Election Commission (EC) gave in-principle approval, with several amendments, to the draft code of conduct for political parties and candidates, as well as the polling centre establishment and management policy for parliamentary elections and the corresponding policy for local government elections. The approval came at a meeting of the commission held at the Nirbachan Bhaban in the capital's Agargaon area yesterday. Election Commissioner Brigadier General (ret'd) Abul Fazal Md Sanauallah said this to reporters after the meeting. The Election Commissioner also said, the EC is discharging its responsibilities with utmost sincerity and impartiality.

South Korean Ambassador to Bangladesh Park Young-sik said, his country is keen to support education and research at Rajshahi University (RU). The Envoy said this while sharing views with RU Vice-chancellor Prof. Saleh Hassan Naquib at the latter's office in Rajshahi yesterday. The Korean Envoy also expressed his interests towards exchanging his country's language, education and cultural traditions with RU.

The narrative of abduction of Awami League leader Nirmalendu Das Rana, which was spreading on social media, is a baseless one, the Chief Adviser's Press Wing said the day before yesterday. The Press Wing said this in a statement posted on its verified Facebook account - CA Press Wing Facts.



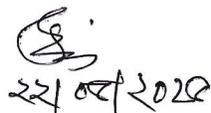
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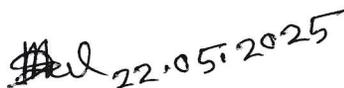
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