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Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus said, the Election Commission (EC) will be formed soon while an election roadmap will be announced after completing reforms in electoral system. The Chief Adviser said this while addressing the nation yesterday on the completion of 100 days of the interim government. The Chief Adviser said his interim government has been continuing its all-out efforts to ensure security of all citizens of the country including religious minorities. The interim government will seek extradition of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina who fled to India after the fall of the Awami League regime in the face of a student-led mass uprising on August 5, the Chief Adviser added.

United Kingdom (UK) Minister for the Indo-Pacific Catherine West said, her government would extend full support for Bangladesh, including in its efforts to bring back billions of dollars of laundered money. The UK Minister made the comments when she called on Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday.

Putting emphasis on making the people aware about the ongoing land digitization programme, Land Adviser A F Hassan Ariff urged the Divisional Commissioners to work sincerely in ensuring transparent, accountable and citizen-friendly land management at the field level. The Adviser made the call at a coordination meeting with Divisional Commissioners at his Ministry's meeting room yesterday.

Bangladesh interim government holds no political ambitions and is solely focused on establishing a healthy democratic environment in the country, Foreign Affairs Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain conveyed this to the UK Minister Catherine West. The Adviser told reporters at the Foreign Ministry yesterday.

Foreign Affairs Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain urged Austria to explore alternative measures for facilitating visas for Bangladeshi students and consider establishing a Resident Mission in Dhaka. The matter was discussed during a meeting between Non-resident Austrian Ambassador to Bangladesh Katharina West and the Foreign Affairs Adviser at the Foreign Ministry yesterday.

Adviser of Ministry of Industries Adilur Rahman Khan said, the government has been working to reopen the closed sugar mills of the district as early as possible. The Adviser said this while visiting the closed sugar mills in Panchagarh yesterday.

Disaster Management and Relief Adviser Faruk-E -Azam, Bir Protik received cheques amounting to TK 19, 50,000 from different institutions, individuals and organizations for recent devastating flood affected people. The Adviser received the cheques at his office at Relief and Disaster Ministry at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday on behalf of the Chief Adviser to the interim government Prof. Dr. Muhammad Yunus.

Fisheries and Livestock Adviser Farida Akthar said, the interim government is working to fulfill the people's aspiration. The Adviser told reporters after inaugurating the inter-school science fair at Shaheed Dhirendranath Datta Bhasha Chattar in Brahmanbaria yesterday. Bangladesh Freedom Foundation and ARD jointly organised the daylong fair.

Primary and Mass Education Adviser Dr. Bidhan Chandra Ray Poddar said, the government is taking preparation to distribute new textbooks among primary students in January next. The Adviser said this while exchanging views with the Division level officers at the Divisional Commissioner office of Sylhet yesterday.

Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam highlighted achievements of the interim government as it completed its 100-day period on November 15. In a recent statement posted on his verified Facebook account, Alam presented the key achievements of the interim government in its first 100 days in office.

The mutual cooperation between Bangladesh and India is multidimensional and cannot be restricted to a single issue, said Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pranay Kumar Verma. The Envoy made the remark while addressing the second session of the Bay of Bengal Conversation symposium, organised by the Centre for Governance Studies at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon in Dhaka yesterday.

At least eight patients died of dengue in the last 24 hours while 1389 were hospitalized till Saturday morning, according to the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.

DSEX, the broad index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange, fell by 27.0 points or 0.5 percent and settled at 5,328 points as against 5,355 points yesterday.

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