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Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus reaffirmed Bangladesh's strong commitment to deepening bilateral relations with the United States, particularly in trade, investment, energy and development cooperation. The Chief Adviser said this during a meeting with Assistant United States Trade Representative Brendan Lynch at the Chief Adviser's Office in Tejgaon in the capital yesterday. During the meeting, both sides discussed strategies to reduce the trade imbalance between the two countries, as well as Bangladesh's intention to expand imports of US agricultural products such as cotton and soybeans.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus called upon the youths to contribute to the development of the country with their talent, energy and creativity. The Chief Adviser said this while addressing the 'Youth Volunteer Award 2025' giving ceremony organized by the Ministry of Youth and Sports at Shapla Hall of his office in the capital yesterday. This year, 12 youths were conferred with the award for their outstanding voluntary service and inspirational contributions to society. The Chief Adviser also said, he believes that if the youths are active, no problem in this country can remain unresolved.

Hindu community leaders at a meeting with Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus informed that Durga Puja will be held in more 1,000 mandaps this year than the previous year. They said as the Chief Adviser wanted to know about the preparations of the largest religious festival of the country's Hindu community. Religious Affairs Adviser Dr AFM Khalid Hossain, Adviser on Primary and Mass Education Dr. Bidhan Ranjan Roy Podder, Vice chairman of Hindu Religious Welfare Trust Tapan Chandra Majumder and leaders of Puja Udjapan committees and heads of different temples were present in the meeting held at the State Guest House Jamuna in the capital yesterday.

Bangladesh has strongly condemned the recent Israeli attack on Qatar, terming it an affront to the dignity of the Muslim Ummah, and reiterated its steadfast support to Qatar and the cause of Palestine. Foreign Affairs Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain conveyed Bangladesh's position while attending the Emergency Arab-Islamic Summit held in Doha yesterday. The summit was convened in the aftermath of the September 9 Israeli strike on Qatar.

Fisheries and Livestock Adviser Farida Akhter laid emphasis on fish farming in water bodies across the country to meet domestic demands. The Adviser made the observation at a discussion at the Deputy Commissioner's conference room in Kurigram yesterday. The Adviser also said, as fish consumption is increasing in the country, it is urgent for production of different species of fish in rivers, canals, ponds, marshlands and other water bodies.

European Union (EU) Ambassador to Bangladesh Michael Miller said, EU remains committed to supporting the interim government to ensure a free, fair and participatory election in February. The EU Ambassador said this while addressing a views-exchange meeting at the Foreign Service Academy in the capital yesterday. The Envoy said that upcoming election marks a critical moment for Bangladesh's political transition. The interim government must complete its reform agenda swiftly based on political consensus, he added.

Environment, Forest and Climate Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan expressed deep shock and sorrow at the death of Rahatun Nesa, mother of the Ministry's Secretary Dr Farhina Ahmed. In a condolence message yesterday, the Adviser prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul and also expressed deep sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

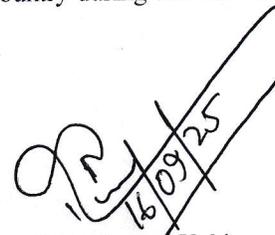
A business delegation from the United States (US) lauded the Bangladesh government for its tremendous progress in digital transformation. The delegation expressed hope to further strengthen mutual cooperation in the future. The remarks were made during a meeting with Chief Adviser's Special Assistant on Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology Faiz Ahmad Taiyeb at his Secretariat office in Dhaka, according to a press release yesterday.

To strengthen Bangladesh's ICT sector, enhance local production capacity and attract foreign investment, a strategic partnership agreement has been signed between the state-owned Telephone Shilpa Sangstha and leading technology company TiCON System Ltd at the conference room of the Department of Posts and Telecommunications in the capital yesterday. The event was attended with the presence of Faiz Ahmad Taiyeb, Special Assistant to the Chief Adviser as the chief guest.

The Bangladesh Embassy in Kuwait has called on expatriates to refrain from collecting donations or raising funds individually for repatriating the bodies of Bangladeshi nationals without Akama (valid residency permits). Instead, the Embassy has advised to submit written applications to seek financial assistance for the repatriation process. An official letter issued, at the Bangladesh Embassy in Kuwait yesterday.

The recruitment of 3,475 senior staff nurses has been finalized across the country, said Health Services Division Secretary Md. Saidur Rahman.

Three dengue patients died and 685 patients have been hospitalized in the country during the last 24 hours, according to a Directorate General of Health Services statement yesterday.



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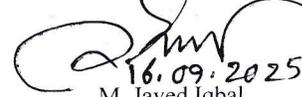


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