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Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus will travel directly from Doha to Rome, Italy on Friday, to attend the funeral of Roman Catholic pontiff Pope Francis. Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam told this yesterday. The Press Secretary also said, the Chief Adviser has no other meeting there apart from joining the funeral.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus called for deeper economic cooperation with Qatar, inviting Qatari investment across key sectors of Bangladesh. He offered an exclusive economic zone for the manufacturers of the kingdom, including defence equipment plants. During a high-level meeting and luncheon hosted by Qatar's Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Dr. Saoud bin Abdulrahman Al Thani in Qatar yesterday, the Chief Adviser emphasized on Bangladesh's readiness to facilitate Qatari industrial ventures through streamlining the investment opportunities and infrastructure support. He expressed gratitude for Qatar's decision to recruit 725 Bangladeshi troops and urged for more recruitment to strengthen the Qatari security forces. Later, at a separate meeting with Qatar's Commerce Minister Sheikh Faisal bin Al Thani in Lusail City, the Chief Adviser discussed expanding bilateral trade and investment.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus sought the support of Qatar Charity to introduce technology education for hundreds of thousands of madrasa students in Bangladesh. During a meeting with Qatar Charity's Acting Chief on Tuesday, Nawaf Abdullah Al Hammadi, on the sidelines of the Earthna Summit in Doha, Prof. Yunus praised the organisation's ongoing humanitarian efforts in Bangladesh, including its orphan sponsorship programs and LPG distribution for Rohingya refugees. He emphasized on the eagerness of madrasa students to learn emerging technologies such as computer programming, artificial intelligence and other tech-based skills. Qatar Charity could engage directly with Bangladeshi madrasas and support efforts to integrate technology into their curricula, he said.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus condemned the recent terrorist attack in India's Kashmir, killing at least 26 people. He also expressed deep condolences over the loss of lives in the attack. The Chief Adviser expressed this condolences in a message posted on his Facebook page yesterday. Armed men opened fire on a group of tourists in Indian-administered Kashmir, killing at least 26 people, according to Indian police.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus attended a fireside chat titled 'In Conversation with Professor Muhammad Yunus: Strengthening Youth Leadership in a Transforming World,' in Doha yesterday. The event was moderated by Hana Elshehaby, Research Assistant, Middle East Council on Global Affairs and Georgetown University in Qatar Alumna. Chief Adviser's Deputy Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad Majumder told this to BSS.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus said, attributing the crimes to Myanmar will be a crucial tool to build confidence of Rohingyas for their repatriation as genocide and crime against humanity should never go unpunished. He made the remarks while addressing a high-level roundtable titled 'Social and Environment Challenges Around Forcibly Displaced Populations-The Case of the Rohingya' at Mandarin Oriental Hotel on second day of his Qatar tour.

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Lauren Dreyer, Vice-President for Global Engagement at SpaceX, met Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus on the sidelines of the Earthna Summit in Doha yesterday. Their discussion centred on the final stages of the collaboration that is set to bring SpaceX satellite services to Bangladesh, Chief Adviser's Deputy Press Secretary Apurba Jahangir said. Dreyer, who has worked alongside Elon Musk for the past two decades, conveyed optimism about the partnership's progress. During the meeting, Chief Adviser expressed national excitement about the development.

Information and Broadcasting Adviser Md. Mahfuj Alam said, the government has undertaken a range of initiatives to strengthen the capacity of the Bangladesh Film Development Corporation (BFDC). The Adviser made the remarks while addressing a focus group discussion organised by BFDC at the meeting room of the Ministry yesterday. Referring to the country's large film market, he said that the potential of the film industry must be utilised. For this, people related to the film industry, including BFDC, must work, he added.

Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam said, the Rohingya crisis has brought back the global discourse due to the efforts taken by the Bangladesh interim government. He said this while briefing reporters at Earthna Summit in Doha, Qatar yesterday.



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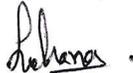
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