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Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus called upon all participating countries and institutions at the Dhaka International Trade Fair (DITF) to work together in a spirit of mutual cooperation and partnership. In a message issued on December 31 on the occasion of the 30th Dhaka International Trade Fair 2026, the Chief Adviser said, the interim government remains firmly committed to safeguarding economic stability and fostering desired growth. The fair was originally scheduled to start on January 1 but was rescheduled to Saturday following the death of former Prime Minister and BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia. In his message, the Chief Adviser extended sincere greetings and felicitations to all participants, including domestic and foreign entrepreneurs, investors, traders and buyers. Wishing the DITF 2026 every success, the Chief Adviser expressed his expectation that the fair would emerge as a vibrant, buyer-friendly and festive event through the meaningful engagement of all stakeholders.

The nation observed the three-day state mourning following the death of three-time former Prime Minister and BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia. Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus, in a televised address to the nation on Tuesday, declared the three-day state mourning starting from Wednesday as well as one-day general holiday on Wednesday.

Social Welfare and Women and Children Affairs Adviser Sharmeen S. Murshid on Thursday paid a courtesy call on BNP's Acting Chairman Tarique Rahman and expressed profound sorrow at the death of Begum Khaleda Zia. During the meeting, the Adviser conveyed her deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members. Later, the Adviser visited Bangladesh Nationalist Party's (BNP) Gulshan office and signed the condolence book to pay tribute to BNP Chairperson and three-time Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia.

Religious Affairs Adviser Dr. A. F. M. Khalid Hossain emphasized the interim government's dedication to fostering unity and harmony among all communities in the country, including Hindus, Muslims, Buddhists and Christians. The Adviser made the remarks during the 'National Anitya Sabha and Smriticharan' event, which honored the third highest religious guru of Buddhism, Sangharaja Dr. Gyanashree Mahasthavir, held at the parade ground in the Chattogram yesterday. The two-day program was hosted by the Bangladesh Buddhist Association. The Adviser also praised Dr Gyanshree Mahathero for his exemplary qualities as a humanitarian and welfare-oriented individual.

Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam said, the international community is expressing positive outlook about the upcoming 13th Jatiya Sangsad election. The Press Secretary came up with the remarks while speaking to journalists after visiting the Nanduali Nitai Gouro Gopal Sebashram in Magura town yesterday.

Following the launch of the National Equipment Identity Register (NEIR), citizens should not panic as illegal or cloned handsets will not be blocked automatically during the first 90 days, Faiz Ahmad Taiyeb, Special Assistant to the Chief Adviser on Posts, Telecommunications, and ICT, said. In post on his Facebook account yesterday, the Special Assistant stated that the authorities have received over three billion data sets from mobile operators, including historical records.

Nawaz Khan

The Embassy of Bangladesh in Tokyo yesterday opened a condolence book to pay tribute to former Prime Minister and Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia following her demise. Representatives of various foreign diplomatic missions based in Japan visited the embassy and signed the condolence book, expressing their sympathy and condolences over the passing of the veteran political leader, according an official handout. The condolence book will remain open for signing until January 6.



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