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### Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus emphasised strengthening relations with Pakistan to boost mutual cooperation and explore trade and business potentials. He also said, he always preferred closer ties with neighboring countries, including Pakistan, in the framework of SAARC. The Chief Adviser made the emphasis when Pakistani Foreign Secretary Amna Baloch met him at the State Guest Jamuna yesterday. Acknowledging past issues, Baloch said Bangladesh and Pakistan must find ways to 'harness the potential between the two countries.' She also said, there is the need for regular business-to-business (B2B) interactions between the private sectors of two countries and exchanging visits at all levels.

A visiting US delegation led by Deputy Assistant Secretaries of State Nicole A. Chulick and Andrew Herrup called on Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at the State Guest House Jamuna yesterday. They expressed support for the reform agenda of the Interim Government and discussed regional issues involving peace, security and development. The Chief Adviser underlined the excellent bilateral relations between the two countries and reaffirmed the commitment of the interim government to work closely with the Trump administration on the entire range of bilateral relations.

Bangladesh decided to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention) 1992. The Council of Advisers took this decision at its meeting held at the Chief Adviser's office in Dhaka yesterday with Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus in the chair. Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan briefed reporters about the outcomes of the meeting at the Foreign Service Academy in Dhaka.

Four national female athletes of Bangladesh, footballers Afida Khandaker and Shaheda Akhter Ripa and cricketers Sumaiya Akhter and Sharmin Sultana will accompany Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus during his upcoming visit to Qatar. The players called on the Chief Adviser at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday. Qatar Foundation has invited these female athletes to accompany Chief Adviser Prof Yunus to Qatar.

The visiting high-level delegation from the United States (US) held talks with the top brass of the Bangladesh's interim government focusing on the country's ongoing reform initiatives, the upcoming national election and the protracted Rohingya crisis. The discussion took place at the Foreign Ministry in Dhaka yesterday when US Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs Nicole Ann Chulick and Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs Andrew R. Herrup met Foreign Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain and Foreign Secretary Md. Jashim Uddin. The Foreign Secretary told this to BSS after the meeting.

A visiting US delegation led by Deputy Assistant Secretaries of State Nicole A. Chulick and Andrew Herrup met National Security Adviser Dr. Khalilur Rahman at his office in Dhaka yesterday. They discussed major regional issues of peace and security and key aspects of bilateral relations between Bangladesh and US. They also discussed the Rohingya issue and the situation in Myanmar at length.

Fisheries and Livestock Adviser Farida Akhter said, the export of fish and its quality has been improved in recent years but 20 to 25 percent of catching fishes are damaged in lack of preservation, transportation and processing facilities. The Adviser said this while inaugurating the fish landing centre improvement work in Cox's Bazar yesterday. The Adviser also said, it's a timely and important step to expand new opportunities for the people engaged in fish production and fishery businesses.

Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam said, the interim government strongly protested India's attempts to involve Bangladesh in communal violence in Murshidabad, West Bengal and urged the neighboring country to take steps to 'fully protect' the minority Muslim population there. The Chief Adviser's Press Secretary told this to BSS on the sidelines of a press briefing at Foreign Service Academy yesterday.

Chief Adviser's Special Assistant for the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Professor Dr. Md. Sayedur Rahman said that the government is working to eliminate all kinds of discrimination in the health sector. He said this while speaking as the chief guest at the opening ceremony of the three-day Dhaka International Diagnostic Medical Equipment Expo-2025 at the Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Center in the capital yesterday.

Foreign Secretary Md. Jashim Uddin said, Bangladesh urged Pakistan to take a 'strong forward-looking approach' for bilateral ties by addressing unresolved historical issues, including a formal apology for the 1971 Liberation War genocide and due payments for pre-independence common assets. The Foreign Secretary told newsmen after a foreign office consultation with his visiting Pakistan counterpart Amna Baloch at his office in Dhaka yesterday.

Secretary of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting Mahbuba Farzana said that every government official and employee must have knowledge about case management. The Secretary also said that the main objective of this workshop is to protect government property and expedite the process of case settlement. She said this while virtually inaugurating a workshop on 'Laws and Strategies to Assist in Case Management' held at Dinajpur Circuit House conference room yesterday. The day-long workshop was arranged under the initiative of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

Bangladesh government's emergency rescue, relief and medical assistance to earthquake-hit Myanmar will undoubtedly play a special role in building trust between the two countries and developing bilateral relations, said Col. Md. Shafiqul Islam, colonel staff of the Directorate of Military Operations at the Army Headquarters. He said this at a press briefing at the Officers' Mess of Dhaka Cantonment yesterday on the activities of the army to maintain law and order in the country.

Sweden has provided 12.7 million US Dollars that approximately Taka 155.4 crore of vital humanitarian assistance through eight partners in Bangladesh, according to a press release issued by the Swedish embassy in Dhaka yesterday.



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