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Newsbrief

President Mohammed Shahabuddin urged all to strengthen the bond of communal harmony in establishing a non-discriminatory, corruption-free and justice-based state. The President made the remarks while exchanging greetings with members of the Christian community at a reception ceremony at Bangabhaban's Durbar Hall in Dhaka yesterday. The President and his wife Dr. Rebeka Sultana also hosted the reception marking the Christmas Day, the biggest religious festival of the Christian community.

Home Affairs Adviser Lt. Gen. Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury (Retd.) said, the government will soon unearth the motive of the seven murders on the MV Al Bakhera ship in Chandpur. The Home Adviser said this in response to the questions from journalists while visiting Christmas celebrations at St. Mary's Cathedral Church in Kakrail in the capital yesterday. One person was arrested in the Chandpur murder case, the Home Adviser added.

Commerce Adviser Sk Bashir Uddin urged businesses to adopt measures for national growth while honouring the sacrifice of the 2,000 martyrs of the July mass uprising. The Adviser said this while speaking at a seminar titled "Navigating Bangladesh's Evolving Economic Landscape" at a hotel in Chattogram yesterday.

LGRD and Cooperatives Adviser Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuyain said, defeated forces in July revolution continue waging widespread propaganda against Bangladesh and its people after the fall of the fascist regime. The Adviser came up with the remark at a function held at Atwari Model Pilot High School ground in Atwari upazila of Panchagarh district as the chief guest yesterday.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan condoled the death of Bangladesh Climate Change Trust (BCCT) Managing Director Md. Rafiqul Islam. In a condolence message the Adviser said, Rafiqul Islam was a good-natured, efficient and responsible officer, while he joined BCCT as the Managing Director in July this year and was performing his duties with dedication. The Adviser prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul and expressed deep sympathy to the bereaved family.

A delegation of journalists from Chattogram met with Information and Broadcasting Adviser Md. Nahid Islam at his Posts and Telecommunications Division office at the Secretariat on Tuesday. During the courtesy meeting, the journalist leaders invited the Adviser, also the Adviser of Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology, to visit Chattogram Press Club (CPC) at his convenient time, said a CPC press release.

The Christmas Day, commemorating the birthday of Jesus Christ, was celebrated yesterday with festivity across the country as elsewhere in the world. The Christians of different groups is celebrating the festival amid festivity and religious fervour by offering special prayers, illuminating churches, installing makeshift Christmas trees at homes and places of worship and Missions.

Labour Reform Commission Chief Syed Sultan Uddin Ahmed said, the commission will make recommendations to improve the living standards of daily contract basis workers in the government, semi-government and autonomous

organizations by eliminating irregularities, mismanagement and discrimination. The Labour Reform Commission made the remarks in a meeting held with the representatives of contractual workers from 66 organizations at the Sampriti Meeting Room of Shram Bhaban in Bijoy Nagar in Dhaka yesterday.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) A M M Nasir Uddin said, the Election Commission (EC) staff and officials are working with an aim to hold the 13th parliamentary election by December next year. The CEC said this in an interview with a private TV channel yesterday.

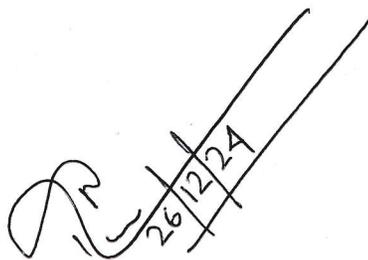
A fire that broke out early today in building number 7 of the Secretariat in the capital's Segunbagicha area has been brought under control after over six hours. At least 19 firefighting units were deployed at the scene and the fire was brought under control at 8:05am, said Shahjahan Shikder, Acting officer (Media Cell), of Fire Service and Civil Defence Headquarter.

The government announced a seven-member national independent investigation commission led by former Director General of BGB A L M Fazlur Rahman to re-investigate the BDR massacre at Pilkhana on February 25 and 26, 2009. The Cabinet Division published a gazette notification in this regard yesterday.

BNP Chairperson and former Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia is likely to be taken to London in the first week of January for better treatment. BNP Chairperson's personal physician and party's Standing Committee Member Professor AZM Zahid Hossain told BSS yesterday.

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir urged India to stop border killings, saying, BNP has always been making this demand. The BNP Secretary General told the reporters at Osmani Airport on his visit to Sylhet yesterday.

July Shaheed Smrity Foundation General Secretary Md. Sarjis Alam has said, wherever injustice, syndicates, and extortion are seen, those will be uprooted. The July Shaheed Smrity Foundation General Secretary said this at a winter clothes distribution programme and views-exchange meeting held at the Government Pilot Model High School ground in Tentulia upazila of Panchagarh district yesterday.



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