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## Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus has expressed deep condolences to Vietnam Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh over the loss of lives or missing and severe damage caused by the recent devastating floods in central Vietnam. The Chief Adviser wrote this to the Vietnam Prime Minister in a message yesterday.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus emphasised building the post uprising new Bangladesh with ensuring the participation of women, especially being imbued with the spirit of Begum Rokeya's struggle to establish the women rights. The Chief Adviser made remarks referring to the Begum Rokeya Padak 2025 winners after distributing the award among the recipients at a function at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital yesterday. The Chief Adviser distributed the Begum Rokeya Padak 2025 among four distinguished women in recognition of their contributions to women's education and rights, human rights and women's awakening.

Finance Adviser Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed stressed the need for ensuring transparency and accountability in every sphere of the society and having goodwill of the political leaders to combat corruption. The Adviser made the remarks while attending a discussion meeting at the National Theatre Auditorium of the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in Dhaka yesterday. Anti-Corruption Commission Chairman Dr Mohammad Abdul Momen presided over the discussion held marking the International Anti-Corruption Day 2025.

Finance Adviser Dr Salehuddin Ahmed said that the process in printing and distribution of textbooks would not significantly disrupt the start of the new academic year as the government has approved the proposals related to all pending textbooks—from Class-I up to IX. Talking to reporters after a meeting of the Advisers Council Committee on Government Purchase at the Cabinet Division Conference Room at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday, the Adviser said that some re-tendering was required for a portion of the textbooks, but the overall approval process has now been completed.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Adviser Dr Asif Nazrul said that the National Prevention Mechanism against torture will soon be constituted while the National Human Rights Commission Ordinance 2025 has been gazetted. The Adviser made the announcement a seminar on the 'Operationalization of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture in Bangladesh' at the BRAC University auditorium in Dhaka yesterday.

Foreign Affairs Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain stressed the need for establishing a UNODC Country Office in Dhaka to support the expanding scope of the UN agency's work and deepen its collaboration with Bangladesh. The Adviser made the remark while newly appointed Regional Representative of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) for South Asia Kristian Hölge presented his credentials to the Adviser at the Foreign Ministry in Dhaka yesterday.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan called for an engineering education system that meets international accreditation standards while remaining socially and environmentally responsible. The Adviser made the remarks while addressing the 4th International Symposium on 'Quality Assurance in Engineering Education through Accreditation' held at Hotel InterContinental Dhaka yesterday. The Adviser also said, real quality in engineering must reflect environmental justice, social equity and climate resilience, particularly in cities like Dhaka, where earthquake risks, river erosion and flooding threaten vulnerable communities

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Fisheries and Livestock Adviser Farida Akhtar said, although informal workers make up 85 percent of Bangladesh's labour force and most of them remain without recognition or protection. The Adviser made the remarks while speaking at the 'Informal & Marginalised Formal Women Workers Convention 2025 at the Aloki Convention Centre in capital's Tejgaon area yesterday, organized by Oxfam in Bangladesh and allied women workers' networks.

Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Adviser Muhammad Fouzul Kabir Khan said, the government expects to save around Taka 420 crore annually after approving a good number of solar power project tariff proposals at significantly lower tariffs through a fully open and competitive tendering process. The Adviser said this while speaking to reporters after a meeting of the Advisers Council Committee on Government Purchase at the Cabinet Division Conference Room at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) AMM Nasir Uddin said, the schedule for the 13th National Parliament elections and referendum will be announced this week. The CEC told this to reporters after a meeting with Chief Justice Dr Syed Refaat Ahmed at Supreme Court yesterday.

The interim government yesterday urged all to refrain from holding any illegal or unauthorized gatherings, rallies, or movements after the announcement of the schedule for the upcoming national elections. The Chief Adviser's Press Wing said this yesterday. It also said, the call was made from a meeting of the Home Affairs Ministry held at the instruction of Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus.

Bangladesh has earned global acclaim as UNESCO inscribed the country's traditional Tangail saree weaving craft on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, a recognition Dhaka hailed as a profound honour for the nation's centuries-old artisanal tradition. The decision was adopted unanimously at the ongoing 20th session of the Intergovernmental Committee of the UNESCO 2003 Convention in New Delhi, according to a press release said yesterday.

Chief Adviser's Special Assistant on Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges Sheik Moinuddin said that direct train service from Pabna to Dhaka will begin in March 2026. The Special Assistant revealed it while talking to journalists at the Pakshi Divisional Railway Office in Pabna yesterday.

Canadian High Commissioner Ajit Singh thanked Bangladesh's Armed Forces for their constructive role in maintaining stability and supporting a peaceful transition toward a democratically elected government, as he met the navy and air force chiefs. Canadian High Commission issued a statement in this regard yesterday.

Bangladesh and India completed the mutual repatriation of 32 Bangladeshi and 47 Indian fishermen detained for maritime boundary violations. The handover took place in the Bay of Bengal along the international maritime line, where the Bangladesh Coast Guard received 32 Bangladeshi fishermen from the Indian Coast Guard and formally returned 47 Indian fishermen, according to a Foreign Ministry's press release said yesterday.

Three more deaths were reported from dengue and 421 more patients were hospitalized in the past 24 hours till Monday morning, according to the Directorate General of Health Services said yesterday.



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