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### Newsbrief

Chief Advisor Professor Muhammad Yunus assured British Parliamentarian Rupa Huq that the next general election in Bangladesh would be completely free and fair. The Chief Adviser told Huq as she called on him at the state guest house Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday. The British Parliamentarian enquired about the tentative date for the next general election, the reform initiatives undertaken by the Interim Government of Bangladesh and the participation process of political parties.

Chief Adviser's Special Envoy Lutfe Siddiqi urged the British entrepreneurs including Bangladesh origin businesspersons in UK to invest in Bangladesh, saying the Interim Government has undertaken massive reforms to attract foreign direct investment. The Special Envoy made the call during a meeting with a delegation of UKBCCI at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday. UKBCCI Chairman Iqbal Ahmed OBE and UKBCCI President M G Moula Mia led the delegation which is currently in Bangladesh on a three-day visit.

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change took decision to intensify anti-polythene drive across the country to eliminate production, marketing and use of the environmental hazard. As part of the drive, monitoring teams of the Ministry are visiting markets and shopping malls in the capital and districts. A team of the Ministry headed by Tapan Kumar Biswas, an Additional Secretary and Chief of the monitoring committee, visited Hatirpool and Palashi markets in the capital yesterday.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) Additional Police Commissioner SN Md. Nazrul Islam said, Dhaka would be transformed into a safe city if police and people work in unison. The DMP Additional Police Commissioner told a view-exchange meeting held at a local community center in Wari in the capital yesterday.

The BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir called upon the people especially students to remain united taking the current political situation in consideration. The BNP Secretary General said this while addressing virtually a student rally organized by Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal Thakurgaon district unit marking the organization's 46th founding anniversary. Thakurgaon District Chhatra Dal President Md. Kayes chaired the rally held at Thakurgaon public library ground. They have been working tirelessly to become the pro-people police, the BNP Secretary General added.

July Shaheed Smrity Foundation General Secretary Md. Sarjis Alam blamed the defeated fascist Awami League for accepting India's slavery to hang on to the state power. The July Shaheed Smrity Foundation General Secretary said this while addressing a programme in Chattogram yesterday. The programme organised by Islami Andolan Bangladesh said, Bangladesh's relationship with India cannot endure for long if the neighbour adopts a hegemonic attitude toward Bangladesh.

Additional Police Commissioner of Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crime (CTTC) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) Md. Masud Karim said, they have been working to win the trust of the people. The Additional Police Commissioner said this in a view exchange meeting organized by students, people and respected citizens at the Uttarkhan Thana Bhaban in Dhaka yesterday.

Fact-checking watchdog Rumor Scanner in an investigation dubbed wrong a report carried by several Kolkata media claiming that all or most of the 168 candidates excluded in the new gazette notification of the 43rd BCS are Hindus. In a report published on its website yesterday, the fact-checking body said the Ministry of Public Administration published a gazette on October 15, 2024, appointing 2,064 people in the 43rd BCS.

One more dengue patient died and 121 were admitted in the Hospitals in the country, according to the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.

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