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Newsbrief

Top leaders of Bangladesh and Bhutan at a bilateral meeting discussed strengthening trade and economic cooperation and a plan to formally launch discussions on a bilateral free trade agreement (FTA) between the two countries. Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus and visiting Prime Minister of Bhutan Tshering Tobgay led their respective sides at the meeting at the Chief Adviser's Office in the capital's Tejgaon area yesterday. During the meeting, the two leaders discussed a wide range of issues covering the entire spectrum of Bangladesh-Bhutan relations, including trade, energy, education, tourism, internet cooperation, transport, healthcare, environment, water resources, investment and aviation. Earlier, the Chief Adviser received Bhutanese Prime Minister at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus hosted a state banquet in a hotel of Dhaka in honour of visiting Bhutanese Premier Tshering Tobgay on a two-day state visit. Advisers of the interim government and political leaders also joined the dinner, followed by a cultural function. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Adviser highlighted the deep historical and diplomatic ties between Bangladesh and Bhutan, describing the relationship as one grounded in longstanding solidarity, cultural harmony and mutual respect.

Bangladesh and Bhutan signed two Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) - one on health cooperation and another on internet connectivity - following a bilateral meeting between the top leaders of the two countries. Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus and Bhutanese Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay witnessed the signing ceremony and the exchange of documents at the Chief Adviser's Office in Tejgaon, said Chief Adviser's Press Wing yesterday.

Bhutanese Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay yesterday paid tributes to the Liberation War martyrs by placing a wreath at the National Memorial in Savar on the outskirts of the capital shortly after his arrival in Dhaka on a two-day state visit. After placing the wreath at the altar of the memorial, the Prime Minister stood in solemn silence for few minutes in memory of the martyrs of the great Liberation War in 1971.

Finance Adviser Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed has called upon the country's young generation to help build the future Bangladesh through dreams, hard work and human values. The Adviser said this while addressing the Convocation-2025 of Stamford University Bangladesh held at the Bashundhara International Convention Centre in the capital yesterday. Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Water Resources Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan also spoke at the same Convocation.

Foreign Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain said, Bangladesh will act as an active and responsible sovereign player during global geopolitical realignments. The Adviser said this while speaking at the inaugural session of the 'Bay of Bengal Conversation 2025' organized by the Centre for Governance Studies (CGS) at a hotel of Dhaka yesterday. The Adviser also said, Bangladesh would engage confidently in an evolving international order, prioritizing national interest and regional stability.

Education Adviser Professor Dr Chowdhury Rafiqul Abrar said, the sacrifice, protest and leadership of the students in freeing the campuses during the July mass uprising have brought the nation to a new horizon. The Adviser said this while presiding over the second convocation of Hajee Mohammad Danesh Science and Technology University in Dinajpur yesterday.

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Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan has urged the media to play a stronger role in advancing democracy through constructive criticism. The Adviser made the remarks while addressing a discussion at the Institution of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh auditorium in Kakrail yesterday, held to mark the 10th anniversary of Dainik Bangladesh Shomachar.

Fisheries and Livestock Adviser Farida Akhter said, a silent revolution has taken place in fish farming. The Adviser also said, fish supply to markets has increased significantly due to rising aquaculture, allowing people to buy fish at lower prices. The Adviser made the remarks while inaugurating the daylong 'International Fisheries Summit and Expo 2025' at the Kazi Nazrul Islam Auditorium of Rajshahi University yesterday.

Primary and Mass Education Adviser Professor Dr Bidhan Ranjan Roy Podder said, the government wants to establish Bangla as the language of higher study. The Adviser said this while presiding over the third convocation of Prime University at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Center in the capital yesterday.

Religious Affairs Adviser Dr AFM Khalid Hossain said, decisions regarding religion should come from the learned ones. The Adviser said this at the unveiling of the Allama Azhar Ali Anwar Shah (RA) memorial book at the Shafiur Rahman Auditorium of the Bangladesh Supreme Court yesterday.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) A M M Nasir Uddin said, the holding a free, fair and acceptable election is the only duty of the Election Commission. The CEC said this at a workshop titled 'Building Bridges: Regional Electoral Governance and Citizen Observation Exchange' organized by the Asian Network for Free Elections at Hotel Lakeshore Heights in the capital yesterday.

President of the Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies (BIPSS) Maj. Gen. (ret'd) ANM Muniruzzaman said, India is 'almost legally bound' to return ousted former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to Bangladesh under the bilateral extradition treaty. He said this while responding to a question during a session at the Bay of Bengal Conversation in Dhaka yesterday.

The government has sent a letter to the Election Commission (EC) to hold the 13th National Parliamentary Election and a referendum on the same day. Senior Secretary of EC Secretariat Akhtar Ahmed said this to journalists after attending a workshop at a hotel of Dhaka yesterday.

German Ambassador Dr Rüdiger Lotz said, the country's ongoing democratic transition carries significance beyond its borders, describing next year's national election as a 'powerful signal' for a region where democracy is increasingly under pressure. The Envoy said this in an interview with BSS yesterday.

Three more deaths were reported from dengue and 593 more patients were hospitalized in the past 24 hours till Saturday morning, according to the Directorate General of Health Services said yesterday.

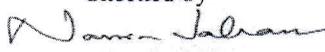

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