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Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus urged the SAARC Secretariat to work more intensely to make the regional body functional for the common benefit of the South Asian countries. The Chief Adviser said this as Secretary General of SAARC Golam Sarwar called on him at his office in Tejgaon in Dhaka yesterday.

The governing body of the Korean Export Processing Zone (KEPZ), headed by the Chief Adviser, decided to fast-track its land registration and ease its bond licensing procedure to turn the key industrial park into a foreign direct investment hub. Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus convened the governing body meeting for the KEPZ at his office at Tejgaon in Dhaka yesterday. This was the first meeting of the KEPZ governing body presided over by the Head of the government in nine years.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus invited more Swedish investment, saying the interim government was carrying out vital reforms to ensure ease in doing business in Bangladesh. The Chief Adviser said this when the Ambassador of Sweden Nicolas Weeks called on him at his Tejgaon office in Dhaka yesterday.

Foreign Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain dismissed the allegations of widespread minority oppression, describing them as propaganda by certain media outlets, particularly in India. The Adviser said this during a diplomatic briefing to Foreign Diplomats in Dhaka at the state guesthouse Padma yesterday. The Adviser told reporters after the briefing.

Home Affairs and Agriculture Adviser Lieutenant General (retd) Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury has called upon journalists to reveal the truth against the propaganda of the Indian media. The Adviser said and urged journalists to weigh the truth against the Indian media's propaganda. The Adviser said this while talking to reporters after visiting the grave of Shaheed Abu Sayeed, a martyr in the anti-discrimination student movement and meeting his family members, in Babanpur village of Pirganj upazila in Rangpur yesterday.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan said, issues like droughts and land degradation demand immediate collaborative action and shared investments in a unified vision of climate resilience. The Adviser made the call while delivering her speech at the Ministerial Dialogue on Drought Resilience titled "From Geneva to Riyadh and Beyond: Enhancing Global and National Policy Instruments for a Proactive Drought Management Approach". This session was part of the ongoing United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification Sixteenth Session of the Conference of the Parties held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia yesterday.

Posts and Telecommunications and Information Technology Adviser Md. Nahid Islam asked the Ministry officials to take some effective projects that can be implemented during the interim government's tenure and benefit all equally. The Adviser made the directives while speaking as chief guest at the 24th meeting of Social Obligation Fund management committee at the meeting room of Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission in Dhaka yesterday.

Bangladesh government deeply resent the violent demonstration and attack by a large group of protesters of the Hindu Sangharsh Samity on the premises of the Assistant High Commission of Bangladesh in Agartala. Bangladesh Foreign Ministry said this in a statement yesterday.

Chief Justice Dr. Syed Refaat Ahmed said, the judiciary is highly committed to give maximum protection to the human rights in Bangladesh. The Chief Justice made the remarks when Spanish Ambassador to Bangladesh Gabriel Maria Sistiaga Ochoa de Chinchetru paid a courtesy call on him at the Supreme Court in the capital yesterday.

BNP's Acting Chairman Tarique Rahman said, the next national election in Bangladesh will be toughest than any other previous poll in terms of wooing public mind to get their vote during the post mass uprising period. The BNP Acting Chairman said this at a training workshop for party workers of Khulna and Mymensingh Division yesterday. Tarique Rahman virtually spoke in the workshop on 31-point reform proposals of the party. The BNP Acting Chairman urged the party leaders and workers to make efforts for winning people's trust and confidence so that they cast votes in favor of BNP in the next election.

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir strongly protested West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's remarks for sending UN Peacekeepers to Bangladesh saying it's apparently a threat to Bangladesh's independence and sovereignty. The BNP Secretary General said in a statement from London today. Mirza Fakhrul is now in London on a 10-day visit. The BNP Secretary General also demanded immediate withdrawal of such statement of Mamata Banerjee saying they should not have any such thoughts.

The White Paper on the state of Bangladesh's economy disclosed that trillions of takas were embezzled from the stock market through fraud, manipulation and deceit, particularly in placement shares and IPO processes. The Committee, led by Eminent Economist and Distinguished Fellow of the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) Dr. Debapriya Bhattacharya, presented the findings at a press conference held at the NEC conference room in the capital yesterday.

Bangladesh BaoRui Textile Co. Ltd., a Chinese company, is set to invest US\$ 19.53 million in Mongla Export Processing Zone (Mongla EPZ) to establish a composite textile manufacturing industry. Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) signed an agreement with the company at the BEPZA Complex in Dhaka yesterday. Member of BEPZA Md. Ashraful Kabir and Managing Director of Bangladesh BaoRui Textile Co. Ltd. signed the the agreement.

Three dengue patients died while 705 were admitted to different hospitals in the country during the past 24 hours, according to the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.

The prime index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) increased 16.89 points to settle at 5,202 points yesterday.



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