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### Newsbrief

President Mohammed Shahabuddin urged the governments of Bosnia-Herzegovina and Azerbaijan to import various Bangladeshi products of international standard as two new ambassadors presented their credentials to him at Bangabhaban in Dhaka yesterday. The newly appointed Non-resident Ambassadors are Haris Hrle of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Elchin Huseynli of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The Head of the State categorically asked the new Ambassadors to take necessary measures for increasing the import of various international quality products, including ready-made garments, medicine, ceramics and leather products.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at a meeting with senior government officials emphasized the importance of digitization to fight corruption. The meeting held at the State Guest House Jamuna focused on immediate actions for fast-track digital adoption yesterday. Key decisions taken in the meeting included making submission of tax via the e-return portal compulsory for all government officials in the greater Dhaka region and encouraging large corporations to adopt e-return across the organization.

Outgoing Dutch Ambassador in Dhaka Irma van Dueren paid a courtesy call on Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at the State Guest House Jamuna in the capital yesterday. During the meeting, the Chief Adviser congratulated the Dutch Ambassador on her successful completion of the tour of duty in Bangladesh, while the Dutch Envoy shared her fond memories of working in Bangladesh, particularly witnessing the full-fledged revolution in Bangladesh in July-August this year. The Dutch Envoy reiterated her government's commitment to extend technical support for the Bangladesh Interim Government's reform agenda.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Adviser Dr. Asif Nazrul said, President Mohammed Shahabuddin has made self-contradictory statement while saying he does not have the resignation letter of ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The Adviser said this while talking to newsmen at his Ministry yesterday.

Home Adviser Lieutenant General (retd.) M Jahangir Alam Chowdhury called for restoring discipline and bringing dynamism in the country's traffic system in the greater interest of the people. The Adviser told the inauguration ceremony of Traffic Week-2024 organized by Traffic Division of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) as chief guest at Rajarbagh Police Lines in the capital yesterday. Youth and Sports Adviser of the Interim Government Asif Mahmud Sajeeb Bhuiyan and special assistant to Chief Adviser (CA) Lieutenant General (retd.) Abdul Hafiz spoke as the special guests.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan emphasised Bangladesh's active participation in COP29, ensuring that climate-vulnerable nations are at the forefront of global climate action. The Environment Adviser made the remarks when Ambassador of Azerbaijan in Dhaka Elchin Huseynli paid a courtesy call on her at the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology Adviser Md. Nahid Islam asked the officials concerned to avoid the wastage of money during project implementation alongside attaining desired goals of the schemes. The Adviser made this directive while speaking as the chief guest at the review meeting of the annual development programme (ADP) of the ICT Division, held at the conference room of Posts and Telecommunications Division in Dhaka yesterday.

The government cancelled contractual appointments of three Ambassadors for the remaining period of their contracts. They are Bangladesh Ambassador to Russia Kamrul Ahsan, Ambassador to the United States Muhammad Imran and Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Mohammed Abu Zafar, according to a gazette notification issued by the Ministry of Public Administration yesterday.

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The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) reaffirmed its commitment to provide full support for the continued development of Bangladesh's aviation industry. The assurance came during a meeting between Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) Chairman Air Vice Marshal Md. Monjur Kabir Bhuiyan and ICAO Council President Salvatore Sciacchitano, along with Secretary General Juan Carlos Salazar, held last week in Cebu, Philippines, CAAB said in a press release yesterday. The meeting took place on the sidelines of the 59th ICAO Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) Conference, which concluded on 18 October.

Netherlands is ready to extend technical support for the Bangladesh's Interim Government's reform agenda, according to the Dutch Ambassador in Dhaka Irma van Dueren. The assurance was made while the outgoing Envoy paid a farewell courtesy call on Foreign Secretary Md. Jashim Uddin at the state guest house Padma on Sunday, according to a Foreign Ministry's press release said yesterday.

First batch of 54 Bangladeshi nationals evacuated from Lebanon arrived in Dhaka by a Saudi Arabian commercial flight yesterday. Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Adviser Dr. Asif Nazrul received them at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport.

The government appointed Salahuddin Noman Chowdhury as the new Ambassador and Permanent Representative (PR) of Bangladesh to the United Nations (UN) in New York, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in an order issued on Sunday.

The government appointed journalist Mushfiqul Fazal Ansarey as an Ambassador to a Bangladesh mission abroad with the rank of Senior Secretary for a tenure of three years. The Ministry of Public Administration issued a notification in this regard yesterday.

Three dengue patients died and 1,039 were admitted to different hospitals in the country during the last 24 hours till Monday morning, according to a press release issued by the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.

DSEX, the prime index of the DSE, went up by 12.38 points or 0.24 per cent to settle at 5,173.11 points yesterday.

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