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Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus reaffirmed his government's commitment to holding a free, fair, transparent and festive general election in the first half of February next year. The Chief Adviser made the remarks during a meeting with a delegation of Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) led by Mounir Satouri at the State Guest House Jamuna in the capital yesterday.

Chief Adviser Prof. Muhammad Yunus will leave Dhaka on September 22 for New York to attend the 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), where he is scheduled to deliver Bangladesh's national statement, participate in a series of high-level meetings and represent the country in several landmark global events. Foreign Affairs Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain briefed reporters at the Foreign Service Academy yesterday, confirming that the Chief Adviser will address the General Assembly on September 26.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Adviser Dr Asif Nazrul stressed the need for continuation of the legal and institutional reforms taken by the interim government for ensuring justice. The Adviser made the remarks while speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural ceremony of a pilot project on legal aid in Sylhet yesterday. The pilot project is being implemented in Sylhet, Moulvibazar, Sunamganj, Faridpur, Mymensingh, Rangpur, Dinajpur, Satkhira, Kushtia, Comilla, Noakhali, Rangamati districts. Advocating for Alternative Dispute Resolution system for quick completion of the trial process, the Adviser said that resolving disputes through legal aid takes one-tenth of the time compared to resolving them under conventional laws.

Home Adviser Lieutenant General (Retd) Md. Jahangir Alam Chwodhury said, this year's Durga Puja will be celebrated in a more festive and peaceful manner in comparison to the past. The Adviser said this after visiting the Ramna Kali Mandir in the capital yesterday. The Home Adviser appreciated the organizing committee of the Ramna Kali Mandir for their preparations to hold Durga Puja in a well-organized way.

Information and Broadcasting Adviser Md. Mahfuj Alam urged the concerned to publish a special issue of the 'Nabarun' magazine on the writings and memories of the children who were martyred in the July Uprising. The Adviser urged the officials of the Department of Films and Publications to take immediate initiatives in this regard. The Adviser made the call at a view-exchange meeting with the writers of the monthly magazine 'Nabarun' published by the DFP at the Tathya Bhaban in the capital yesterday.

European Union (EU) Ambassador to Bangladesh Michael Miller paid a courtesy call on Cultural Affairs Adviser Mostofa Sarwar Farooki at latter's office at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. During the meeting, they discussed various aspects of cultural cooperation between Bangladesh and the European Union, with a particular focus on expanding collaboration in the fields of archaeology, film, music, museums and theatre, an official release said.

National Consensus Commission Vice-Chairman Professor Dr Ali Riaz said, the commission may recommend the government to issue a 'Constitutional Order' to implement the constitutional recommendations of the July National Charter 2025. Prof. Riaz was talking to reporters after the third day of talks with political parties at the Foreign Service Academy yesterday.

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Chief Adviser's Special Envoy Lutfey Siddiqi said, Bangladesh should negotiate free trade agreements (FTAs) or economic partnership agreements with key countries to obtain friction-free access to their markets since its graduation from LDC status is unavoidable. Increasingly, Siddiqi said, these agreements entail multiple chapters, comprehensively covering a wide range of topics beyond tariffs to include labour standards and movement of people. The Chief Adviser's Special Envoy made the remarks while delivering his keynote speech at the ILO Asia-Pacific Conference on Labour and LDC Issues in Bangkok on Tuesday, according to a press release issued by the Chief Adviser's Press Wing yesterday.

France has launched a new state-of-the-art visa application centre in Dhaka to provide an enhanced and seamless experience for Bangladeshi applicants seeking short and long-stay visas. The centre, located at Rangs Z Square on Gulshan Avenue, was inaugurated on Tuesday by the France Ambassador to Bangladesh Marie Masdupuy, according to a press release yesterday.

China said, Bangladesh is welcome to participate in cooperation under the framework of the Global Governance Initiative (GGI), together with other nations to help build a more just and equitable global governance system. The GGI, launched by Chinese President Xi Jinping, aims to provide a "Chinese solution" to the pressing challenges of global governance. Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Yao Wen extended the invitation during a meeting with Foreign Secretary Asad Alam Siam in Dhaka on Monday, according to a Chinese embassy's media release yesterday.

Five dengue patients died and 622 patients have been hospitalized in the country during the last 24 hours, according to a Directorate General of Health Services statement yesterday.


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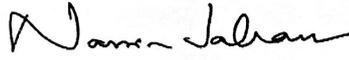
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