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Newsbrief

Japan reaffirmed its support for the Bangladesh's interim government and sought to increase bilateral engagement for a boost in businesses and development cooperation. Ikuina Akiko, the Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, conveyed the message to Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus as she called on him at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday. The Chief Adviser termed Japan as a very close ally and helpful friend and said the two countries need strong cooperation at this historic period.

Chief Adviser (CA) Professor Muhammad Yunus yesterday greeted the members of the Hindu community on the occasion of the Saraswati puja. The Hindu community is set to celebrate Saraswati Puja, worshipping the Goddess of knowledge across the country today amid traditional enthusiasm, festivity and religious fervour. In a message on the eve of the day, the CA noted that Bangladesh is an abode of communal harmony. The Chief Adviser for thousands of years, people of all religions have been living together in this country irrespective of cast, colour and religion.

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) approved a Taka 4,068.23 crore project for expansion and modernization of Mongla Port facilities. The approval came from the 7th meeting of the ECNEC in this fiscal year (FY25) and the 6th of the interim government held at the NEC Conference Room in the capital's Sher-e-Bangla Nagra area yesterday. ECNEC Chairperson and Chief Adviser Prof. Muhammad Yunus presided over the meeting.

A taskforce of the interim government recommended encouraging foreign direct investment (FDI) in the country's health and technical and vocational education sectors. Education and Planning Adviser Professor Wahiduddin Mahmud handed over the report of the taskforce on "Re-strategising the Economy and Mobilising Resources for Equitable and Sustainable Development" to Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at the state guest house Jamuna on January 30 last.

Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif extended his best wishes for a swift and complete recovery of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia. The Pakistan Prime Minister said this in an official letter addressed to the former Prime Minister of Bangladesh yesterday.

Commerce Adviser Sk. Bashir Uddin said, prices of essentials will remain under control during the upcoming holy month of Ramadan as the government has already taken all-out preparations to this effect. The Adviser said this while speaking as the chief guest at a conclave titled "Rational Prices of Food Products: Strategies for Market Supervision", organised by Bonik Barta at the capital's Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel in Dhaka yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Adviser Md. Nahid Islam said, the young generation aspires to establish a merit-based and professional bureaucracy. The Adviser told the 77th basic training programme for BCS cadre officials at the Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre in Savar yesterday. The Adviser emphasized that promotions in public service should be based on merit. Additionally, he stressed the need for reforming the performance appraisal system for government officials and employees.

Adviser for Water Resources, Environment, Forest and Climate Change Syeda Rizwana Hasan said, all canals of Dhaka should be revived to make them lifeline of the capital. The Adviser said this while inaugurating the Blue Network, a link of six canals of two city corporations of Dhaka at Baoniya in Dhaka yesterday.

Social Welfare Affairs Adviser Sharmeen Soneya Murshid called upon all concerned to implement microfinance programmes under one umbrella to eradicate poverty from the country. The Adviser made the remarks at a meeting on microfinance held with representatives of PKSF (Palli Karma Sahayak Foundation), Grameen Bank and senior officials of the Ministry of Social Welfare and Women and Children Affairs at the meeting room of the Ministry yesterday.

The belongings of martyrs of July uprising including Abu Sayed, Washim Akram, Mir Mugdho and Farhanul Islam, have been archived at the Dhaka University to display those things at the July-memorial Museum. The family members of the martyrs handed over those belongings to Prof. Niaz Ahmed Khan, Vice Chancellor of the Dhaka University yesterday.

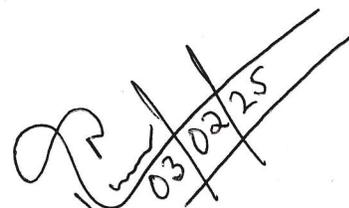
Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) Acting Chairman Tarique Rahman said, an elected government is a must to implement the proposals of the state reform. The BNP Acting Chairman said this while addressing virtually from London as the chief guest at a workshop of the Dhaka South City unit of BNP at Kadamtali ground in Shyampur yesterday.

The National Board of Revenue (NBR) exempted the Value Added Tax (VAT) on fees, hotel rents for foreign doctors providing treatment to people injured in anti-discrimination student movement. The NBR said this in a notification yesterday.

A total of 27 Bangladeshi fabric and garments companies are set to take part in a three-day trade show, Texworld/Apparel Sourcing Paris, scheduled to be held from February 10 to 12 in the French capital. More than 1,200 exhibitors from 31 countries will participate, attracting buyers from all over the world, according to a press release yesterday.

The prime index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) increased by 13.25 points to settle at 5,126.15 points yesterday.

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