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Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus is in completely sound health, his Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam confirmed yesterday. The CA's Press Secretary told a press briefing in front of the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka. The CA's Press Secretary said, the Chief Adviser held a meeting with a Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) delegation as part of the ongoing dialogue of the government. Law Adviser Dr. Asif Nazrul and Chief Adviser's Special Assistant Mahfuj Alam were present at the meeting, the CA's Press Secretary added.

BNP standing committee member Nazrul Islam Khan urged all to remain alert so that no new constitutional or political crisis is created in the country. The BNP Standing Committee told reporters in front of the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday after a BNP delegation met Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus there.

Charge d'Affaires of the United States Embassy in Dhaka Helen LaFave met Chief Adviser Prof. Muhammad Yunus and informed him that a high-level delegation of the United States would visit Bangladesh in the coming weeks. During the meeting at the State Guest House Jamuna, they discussed issues related to the visit, issues of mutual interest and followed up on the key points discussed during the recent meetings between the Chief Adviser and US President Joe Biden and Secretary of State Antony Blinken. Chief Adviser Prof. Yunus spoke about the reform initiatives the Interim Government has undertaken so far. The Chief Adviser also told her that six major reform commissions have already started their work and they would hold consultations with the stakeholders in the country.

LGRD and Cooperatives and Land Adviser A. F. Hassan Ariff, who underwent an operation at a city hospital on October 16, is now doing official works of his Ministries staying at the facility. The Adviser started signing the documents of the Ministries since he was shifted to the cabin on October 18 from the post-operative facility following his surgery, according to a LGRD and Cooperatives Ministry press release yesterday.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan said, USAID will provide a grant of US\$ 15 million for the USAID ClimAct Project. The Adviser said, the project will focus on three key areas: policy and planning, accessing finance and governance of climate actions. The Adviser made this announcement following a meeting with a USAID delegation, led by its Director Joseph Lessard, at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Environment, Forests and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan said, the European Union (EU) will back the ongoing reform initiatives of the interim government. The Environment Adviser made the remarks at a meeting with EU Ambassador to Bangladesh Michael Miller. The EU Envoy paid a courtesy call on her at Bangladesh Secretariat, according to a Ministry press release yesterday. The EU Envoy expressed the EU's willingness to further collaborate with Bangladesh in areas like renewable energy, forest conservation and pollution control.

Information and Broadcasting Adviser Md. Nahid Islam said, the fascist Awami League has no right to do politics in the democratic structure of Bangladesh. The Adviser said, the way Awami League did its politics in the past will never come back in future. The Adviser made the remarks in a seminar titled 'Government of Mass Uprising: Prospect and Attainment' organized by 'Anti-Discrimination Student Movement JU unit' at the Zahir Raihan Auditorium of Jahangirnagar University (JU) yesterday.

Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to Bangladesh Abdulla Ali Abdulla Khaseif AlHmoudi called on Social Welfare and Women and Children Affairs Adviser Sharmeen S Murshid at her office in Dhaka yesterday. During the meeting, the Adviser said that the student-people has formed an interim government through the movement with the dream of building a new Bangladesh after being fed up with the corruption, injustice and discrimination of the previous government.

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Second batch of 65 Bangladeshi nationals evacuated from Lebanon arrived in Dhaka yesterday by a Saudi Arabian commercial flight. The aircraft carrying the expatriates including two infants landed at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport (HSIA) in Dhaka yesterday via Jeddah, an official of HSIA told BSS.

Foreign Secretary Md. Jashim Uddin asked the officials of Bangladesh Missions abroad to serve the expatriate community with utmost care and sincerity. The Foreign Secretary made the directive while speaking at a meeting with the officers and staff members of the Consulate General of Bangladesh in Dubai on Tuesday, a Foreign Ministry's press release said yesterday. The Foreign Secretary underlined the importance of providing more efficient and effective services to the service seekers by leveraging automation.

The government decided to carry out an awareness campaign as part of its plan to strictly enforce the existing ban on the use and marketing of polythene shopping bags across the country. As part of the move, the government has taken some measures that include public awareness meetings, clean-up programmes and distribution of alternatives to polythene bags in six kitchen markets of Dhaka city.

Ministry of Home Affairs formed a four-member taskforce to probe journalist couple Sagar-Runi murder case following the apex court's verdict. The Ministry issued a circular in this regard yesterday.

The interim government banned Awami League's student wing Bangladesh Chhatra League under Anti-Terrorism Act 2009. The Home Ministry issued a gazette notification in this regard yesterday.

Seven dengue patients died and 1,138 were admitted to different hospitals in the country during the last 24 hours till Wednesday morning, according to a press release issued by the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.

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