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### Newsbrief

Foreign Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain said, peace in Myanmar is crucial to unlocking Bay of Bengal's potential, while sustainable Rohingya repatriation to Rakhine state is essential for harmony in the neighboring country amid its ongoing civil war. The Foreign Adviser said this while speaking at an international seminar titled "Reconnecting the Bay of Bengal Region: Exploring the Convergence of Interest," at the Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies in the capital yesterday. Noting that the civil war situation is currently prevailing in Myanmar, the Adviser said, in last seven years 1.2 million Rohingyas, who were forcibly displaced from the Rakhine state under extreme atrocities, are sheltered in Bangladesh.

Bangladesh called on Myanmar to address the ongoing border and Rakhine issues, stressing that it cannot engage in negotiations with non-state actors, such as the Arakan Army, over control of the border. Foreign Affairs Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain conveyed this message to Myanmar during an informal consultation held on Thursday in Thailand. Senior representatives from Bangladesh, Myanmar, India, China, Laos, and other nations attended the consultation.

Eminent Pakistani signer Rahat Fateh Ali Khan paid a courtesy call on Information and Broadcasting Adviser Md. Nahid Islam at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. The Adviser mentioned Rahat Fateh Ali Khan as a talented person, saying he is not only an asset of Pakistan, but also of the music world of the subcontinent and the whole world. The singer has many fans in Bangladesh. Extending his gratitude to Rahat Fateh Ali for gracing the musical concert at the Army Stadium in Dhaka on Saturday the Adviser said, there was a need to organize such a concert after the July Mass Uprising. During the meeting, Rahat Fateh Ali Khan expressed his interest to work together for promotion of Bangladesh's melodies and cultural development.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan said, district administrations, city corporations and the Department of Environment (DoE) will strengthen joint drives to combat hill cutting, air pollution and use of banned polythene. The Adviser said this while speaking as the chief guest at a discussion on "Preventing the Use of Banned Polythene in Chattogram and Reducing Plastic Pollution" at Bangladesh Secretariat in Dhaka yesterday. The Environment Adviser also emphasised installing warning signboards on hills, increasing patrols, and issuing letters to hill owners to prevent hill cutting.

Foreign Secretary Md. Jashim Uddin called for collaborative global action to tackle shared challenges in implementing the Global Compact for Migration (GCM) aiming to ensure safe and regular migration. The Adviser made the remark while speaking at the National Consultation for the Regional Review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) at Hotel InterContinental in the capital, according to a Foreign Ministry's press release yesterday.

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Chief Adviser's Press Wing termed a news item of Indian news agency Press Trust of India over the killing of a Hindu man at a crematorium in Natore misleading and exaggerated. CA press wing said in a statement posted on its verified Facebook page CA Press Wing Facts yesterday.

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said, if BNP goes to power, it will ensure people's voting rights. The BNP Secretary General told a public rally at the Sakowa High School ground in Boda upazila in Panchagarh yesterday. BNP's Boda and Debiganj Upazila and Panchagarh Municipality units organized this rally.

The government declared a one-day state mourning today at the death of Civil Aviation and Tourism and Land Adviser AF Hassan Ariff. Hasan Ariff died of cardiac arrest on Friday, according to a Cabinet Division notification yesterday.

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The Commission of Inquiry on Enforced Disappearance found that the mobile surveillance system was used in pinpointing the location of the victims of the enforced disappearance prior to picking them up secretly. The five-member commission, led by retired Justice Mainul Islam Chowdhury, recently presented the report, titled "Unfolding the Truth," to Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at the state guest house Jamuna.

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Baharul Alam said, the police administration has been working to bring back usual zeal among the police force. The IGP made the remarks during a meeting with officials from all units of the Sylhet Metropolitan Police (SMP) held at the conference room of the SMP Headquarters yesterday.

Additional Commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) Hasan Md. Shawkat Ali said, police is committed to serving people by standing beside them for building Bangladesh as per the dream of the people. The Additional Commissioner made this remark at a view-exchange meeting organized by police, students, public and citizens at the Ward No. 4 Community Centre in Kafrul police station, according a DMP press release yesterday.

A financing agreement was signed yesterday between the Bangladesh government and the International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank Group for an equivalent amount of US\$ 500 million loan to implement the "Second Bangladesh Green and Climate Resilient DPC Programme". The main objective of the stated programme is to strengthen fiscal and financial sector policies to sustain growth and to enhance resilience to future shocks, including climate change, said a press release yesterday. Md. Shahriar Kader Siddiky, Secretary, Economic Relations Division and Abdoulaye Seck, Country Director, the World Bank signed the financing agreement on behalf of their respective sides.

Two more dengue patients died and 165 patients were admitted to different hospitals in the country during the last 24 hours, according to a press release issued by the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.

DSEX, the broad index of the DSE, declined by 25.2 points and settled at 5,196 points as against 5,222 points yesterday

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