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## Newsbrief

President Md Shahabuddin said he would provide optimum support and cooperation to the Election Commission (EC) to make the upcoming 13th national elections and referendum free, fair and meaningful. EC Secretary Akhtar Ahmed said this while briefing reporters at Nirbachan Bhaban in city's Agargaon yesterday. Earlier, Chief Election Commissioner AMM Nasir Uddin met President Shahabuddin at Bangabhaban to discuss the overall preparations of the Commission and the announcement of the schedule for the 13th parliamentary elections and referendum.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus called for building a transparent and technology driven revenue system to enable countrymen's trust that their hard-earned money is properly being used for welfare and development purposes. The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has been observing the VAT Day and the VAT Week from December 10-15, highlighting the importance of timely registration under this year's theme, "Register on Time, Pay VAT Accurately." We want to build a future where economic transactions will be transparent, the business environment will be business-friendly and state services will be quality-driven and universal, Chief Adviser said yesterday.

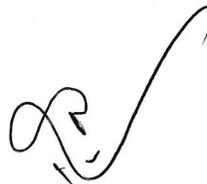
Foreign Affairs Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain said Bangladesh has facilitated the treatment of more than 159 July fighters in four countries through bilateral arrangements, describing the effort as part of the government's diplomatic response to domestic and friendly nations' health needs. The adviser was speaking at a seminar titled "Navigating the New Landscape of Global Health: Strategic Pathways for Bangladesh" at the Foreign Service Academy yesterday.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan said Bangladesh is carrying out administrative and legal reforms, but meaningful transformation will require time, sustained efforts and political continuity. The Adviser made the remarks while speaking at the biennial general meeting of Friends of the Earth International held at BRAC CDM, Savar yesterday. The Adviser said if Bangladesh remains persistent for five to seven years and moves even to around 73rd position, it would then be easier for an elected government to take the process further.

Fisheries and Livestock Adviser Farida Akhter said the Department of Fisheries (DoF) must adopt more sustainable initiatives while maintaining strong international cooperation. The Adviser made the remarks as the Chief Guest at a programme titled "Terminal Workshop: Community-based Climate Resilient Fisheries and Aquaculture Development in Bangladesh" held at Hotel InterContinental in the capital yesterday. The Adviser expressed hope that Bangladesh would play an even more active role in the future at international platforms, including those hosted in Brazil.

Chief Adviser's Special Assistant for Posts, Telecom and ICT Faiz Ahmad Taiyeb said that honesty, skills and technological competence of newly recruited officials will form the backbone of efforts to modernize the Postal Department. The Adviser made the remarks while speaking virtually at the evening session of a four-week induction course at the Bangladesh Postal Academy in Rajshahi, a press release said yesterday.

 Faiz Ahmad Taiyeb



German Ambassador to Bangladesh Dr Rudiger Lotz said seven German nationals will join the long-term European Union Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) for Bangladesh, with additional German observers arriving during polling days to monitor the electoral process. Speaking to reporters at the German embassy, the envoy said a “large EU mission” is being deployed for the upcoming national election and that Germany will contribute “a significant number” of observers throughout various phases of the process. The Ambassador said the long-term segment of the EU mission will include seven German observers arriving in January, while “many more” short-term observers will join nearer to the election days yesterday.

French Ambassador Jean-Marc Sere-Charlet paid a courtesy call on Bangladesh Inspector General of Police (IGP) Baharul Alam at Police Headquarters yesterday. The meeting, held in a warm and cordial atmosphere, focused on strengthening bilateral cooperation between the Bangladesh Police and the French National Police and Gendarmerie. During the discussion, the IGP highlighted ongoing initiatives aimed at enhancing the overall capacity of the Bangladesh Police. The IGP noted that, ahead of the upcoming national parliamentary elections, police personnel are receiving intensive and practical training.

Health officials said they recorded 377 fresh cases of dengue onslaughts in the past 24 hours yesterday. We recorded 377 fresh cases of dengue onslaughts in last 24 hours, a spokesman of Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) said yesterday.



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