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Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus sought increased business and trade with Azerbaijan as its Non-resident Ambassador Elchin Huseynli called on him at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday. The Chief Adviser also recalled his long relationships with the Azerbaijani people, its leadership and universities. The upcoming COP-29 summit in Baku, and energy, trade, business cooperation, planned air services agreement between the two countries were discussed during the meeting as well.

Home Adviser Jahangir Alam Chowdhury (Retd.) said, 252 trainee sub-inspectors were relieved from their posts for breach of discipline. The Adviser said this while replying to a question after coming out of the third meeting of the Advisers on law and order. The Home Adviser said this at an advertisement for recruitment has already been published to fill up the (vacant) posts.

Dutch Ambassador in Dhaka Irma van Dueren said, Netherlands is willingly to assist Bangladesh in its efforts to improve water resources management and mitigate the impacts of climate change. The Envoy made the remarks when she paid a courtesy call on Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. During the meeting, the Adviser said, the government is committed to setting up an instance in containing air, noise, plastic and river pollution. The Adviser emphasized the importance of community involvement in environmental initiatives, particularly in river conservation.

Road Transport and Bridges Adviser Muhammad Fouzul Kabir Khan said, the interim government is working to control road accidents as a huge number of people, including meritorious students, die in road accidents every day, causing immense suffering for family members of the victims. The Adviser said this while speaking at a discussion, organized by Road Transport and Highways Division, marking the National Road Safety Day in the capital's Osmani Memorial Auditorium yesterday.

Government decided to limit tourism in Saint Martin's Island in Cox's Bazar during the peak season aiming to protect the country's lone coral island from environmental pollution caused by a growing number of tourists. Chief Adviser's Deputy Press Secretary Apurba Jahangir told a press briefing at Foreign Service Academy in Dhaka yesterday.

Labour and Employment Adviser Asif Mahmud Sajib Bhuiyan said, the Ministry of Youth and Sports has taken training programmes to increase the skills of youth at grassroots level through the Department of Youth Development. The Adviser said this when Swedish Ambassador to Bangladesh Nicolas Weeks paid a courtesy call on him at his office in Dhaka, said a press release yesterday. During the meeting, various activities of the Ministry of Labour and Employment and the Ministry of Youth and Sports including child labor, labor laws, elimination of violence against women, empowerment of women, creating a worker-friendly environment in the garment sector and ensuring the safety of workers were discussed.

Fisheries and Livestock Adviser Farida Akhter called for proper utilization of natural and marine resources of the country and it will make the country economically more prosperous. The Adviser told a result sharing and phase-out workshop of ECOFISH-2 project implemented by the USAID at a local hotel in Dhaka on Monday.

Ambassador of United Arab Emirates (UAE) Abdulla Ali AlHmoudi assured Dhaka of early disposal of the visa issues for the Bangladeshi nationals. The Adviser made the assurance while paid a courtesy call on Foreign Secretary Md. Jashim Uddin, at the Foreign Ministry on Monday, according to an official press release yesterday. The pledge came as the Foreign secretary urged the Envoy to address the restrictions on issuance of visas including pending employment visa applications, ensuring smoother mobility for the workforce.

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On the request of Bangladesh government, International Organization for Migration (IOM) is looking into the possibility of additional support to facilitate the safe return of its nationals from Lebanon. The IOM is also working to ensure a safe passage home for the expatriate Bangladeshis those left vulnerable in Lebanon, an IOM press release said yesterday amid the escalating conflict in this Middle Eastern country, said a press release. IOM's Acting Chief of Mission in Bangladesh Fathima Nusrath Ghazzali informed this to reporters.

Anti Discrimination Student Movement yesterday staged a protest rally with a five-point demand including termination of the constitution, removal of the President Mohammed Shahabuddin and banning Chhatra League as a terrorist organization. Addressing a rally at the Central Shaheed Minar yesterday, they also demanded declaring the last three national parliamentary elections illegal and making 'Proclamation of Republic' in the light of July revolution. Hasnat Abdullah, one of the key Coordinators of Anti Discrimination Student Movement that led the students-people mass uprising demanded the five points at the protest rally.

Seven dengue patients died and 1,139 were admitted to different hospitals in the country during the last 24 hours till Tuesday morning, said a press release issued by the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.

DSEX, the prime index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), went up by 68.66 points or 1.33 per cent to settle at 5,241.77 points yesterday

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