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#### Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus paid rich tributes to the martyred intellectuals marking the Martyred Intellectuals Day. The Chief Adviser paid homage by placing a wreath at the Martyred Intellectuals Memorial at Mirpur in the capital today. After placing the wreath, the Chief Adviser also stood there in solemn silence for a while as a mark of profound respect to the memories of the illustrious sons of the soil.

Six Peacekeepers from the Bangladesh Army were killed and eight others injured when terrorists attacked a United Nations (UN) base in Abyei, Sudan, according to the Inter-Services Public Relations in a statement said yesterday.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus has expressed deep shock and concern over the casualties of Bangladeshi Peacekeepers in a surprise drone attack by terrorists on a United Nations (UN) Peacekeeping base in the Abyei area of Sudan. The Chief Adviser said this in a statement yesterday. The Chief Adviser prayed for the eternal peace of the departed souls and conveyed his heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved families. The Chief Adviser also wished the injured peacekeepers a speedy recovery.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus accorded a reception to the 'Begum Rokeya Padak 2025' winners at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday. Dr Rubhana Rakib, Nabila Idris, Kalpana Akter and Ritu Parna Chakma won the prestigious award this year. They urged the government to take strong action over the attack on Sharif Osman Hadi.

Leaders of major political parties at a meeting with the Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus said that they are united in resisting all attempts to undermine the July Uprising. They made the commitment describing the attack on Sharif Osman Hadi. Leaders of Bangladesh Nationalist Party, Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami and National Citizen Party took part in the meeting at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday, according to the Chief Adviser's Press Wing.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus has described the assault on Sharif Osman Hadi, Spokesperson of Inquilab Mancha and potential independent candidate for Dhaka-8, as 'an attack on the existence of Bangladesh and a well-planned attack on democratic journey'. The Chief Adviser made the remarks at an emergency meeting with several members of the Council of Advisers and senior officials from law enforcement and security agencies at the State Guest House Jamuna yesterday.

The nation is set to observe the Martyred Intellectuals Day today. The nation recalls on this day the mass killing of a large number of Bengali top brains by the Pakistan army and their collaborators visibly sensing their defeat just two days ahead of the emergence of Dhaka as the free capital of free Bangladesh. On the day, Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus yesterday gave a message paying profound respect to the memories of martyred intellectuals.

Home Adviser Lieutenant General (Retd) Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury ordered the immediate launch of the second phase of 'Operation Devil Hunt' and directed authorities to strengthen the operation to apprehend fascist Awami League terrorists, following the attack on Inqilab Manch Spokesperson Sharif Osman Hadi. The Adviser made the remarks while briefing journalists after a Core Committee meeting on law and order at the Home Ministry in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Water Resources Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan stressed the urgent need to conserve coastal areas for afforestation and agriculture. The Adviser said this while speaking at the inauguration of the two-day National Coastal Conference at the Bangladesh Military Museum auditorium in Dhaka yesterday.

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Health and Family Welfare Adviser Nurjahan Begum said that importance should be put on prevention than cure to improve overall state of national health. The Adviser made these remarks while addressing at a function on groundbreaking work of the Chattogram Heart Foundation Hospital and Nursing Institute at Kattali in Chattogram yesterday.

Primary and Mass Education Adviser Professor Dr. Bidhan Ranjan Roy Podder said, it will be possible to distribute new textbooks to students across the country on the first day of January next year. The Adviser said this while speaking to journalists after the certificate distribution and closing ceremony of the foundation training course for Primary Education officers, instructors, and assistant specialists of the National Academy for Primary Education (NAPE) at the NAPE office in the capital yesterday.

Fisheries and Livestock Adviser Farida Akhter said that an awareness program will be undertaken in January next to reduce the use of antibiotics for raising public awareness on this issue. The Adviser said this while inaugurating a Veterinary Vaccine Conference-2025 at the Livestock Research Institute in capital's Mohakhali area yesterday.

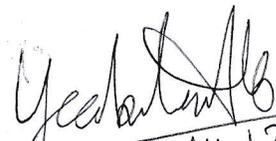
Commerce Adviser Sk. Bashir Uddin emphasized the need for collective efforts to diversify potato products and enhance their utilisation, citing the crop's huge export potential. The Adviser made the call at the closing ceremony of Potato Festival-2025 held at the International Convention City Bashundhara in the capital yesterday.

The Election Commission yesterday issued a circular detailing the schedule, polling method and voting procedure for the 13th National Election and the referendum. The circular outlines various matters including the referendum question, voting hours, appointment of returning officers, assistant returning officers and polling officials, polling procedures and publication of results.

The Election Commission (EC) has sent a letter to the Secretaries of various Ministries and Departments to encourage those wishing to vote by mail in the 13th National Parliament election and referendum to be held on February 12 to register for postal vote BD. The letter stated that in addition to expatriate voters, government employees living outside their voting areas within the country, officials and employees engaged in election duties and persons in legal custody will be able to vote through postal ballots in the upcoming national elections and referendums.

The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) has approved \$51.4 million in co-financing for a \$211.7 million project in Bangladesh to boost climate-resilient and inclusive rural growth, benefiting around 1.1 million people in highly vulnerable regions. The approval was given at IFAD's 146th Executive Board session held on 9-10 December 2025, according to a press release yesterday.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) Commissioner SM Sazzat Ali has expressed optimism that those involved in the assassination attempt on Sharif Osman Bin Hadi, will soon be brought to justice. Talking to journalists after addressing the annual general meeting of the Retired Police Officers Welfare Association at Rajarbagh yesterday the DMP said, police are actively searching for the prime suspect.



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