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Newsbrief

The Commission of Enquiry on Enforced Disappearances has submitted its second interim report to Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus. The Commission led by its Chairperson Justice Moyeenul Islam Chowdhury submitted the report to the Chief Adviser at the State Guest House Jamuna in the capital yesterday. After receiving the report, the Chief Adviser asked the authorities concerned to take necessary measures to publish the report.

British High Commissioner to Bangladesh Sarah Cooke met Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday, ahead of his official visit to the United Kingdom. During the meeting, High Commissioner Cooke extended her congratulations to the Chief Adviser on his forthcoming receipt of the prestigious King Charles Harmony Award. They also discussed the reform initiatives undertaken by the interim government and the latest political developments in Bangladesh.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus will pay a four-day official visit to the United Kingdom from June 10 to 13, as Dhaka and London look to reinvigorate their historic partnership through broader cooperation in trade, investment, governance and global challenges of mutual concern. Acting Foreign Secretary Ruhul Alam Siddique told reporters during a curtain-raiser briefing at the Foreign Ministry yesterday.

Finance Adviser Dr Salehuddin Ahmed said that economic activities will remain in operation during holidays for the holy Eid-ul-Azha. The Adviser said this in response to a question from journalists following a meeting of the Advisory Committees on government purchases and economic affairs at the Secretariat yesterday.

Home Adviser Lieutenant General Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury (Retd.) said, there was no security threat around the upcoming Eid-ul-Azha, reiterating that they have taken all possible measures to make the journey of the home-goers safe and unconstrained. The Adviser said this while replying to a question after visiting North Shahjahanpur Cattle Market in the capital yesterday. The Adviser reiterated that none will be allowed to charge extra fare and board extra passengers on the buses, saying that the owners and workers will help to pursue it.

Home Adviser Lieutenant General Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury (Retd) asked all concerned to take appropriate measures as none can travel on train roofs by risking their lives ahead of the Eid-ul-Azha. The Adviser said this while replying to a question after visiting the Kamlapur Railway Station in the capital yesterday. The Adviser also called upon the media to play its due role in making people aware of the risks of travelling on train roofs.

Liberation War Affairs Adviser Farooq E Azam said, the reports of rescinding recognition of freedom fighter status of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and other leaders of Mujibnagar government are not true. The Adviser told the newsman at the Secretariat yesterday. Earlier, several newspapers including Samakal ran misleading news claiming that the recognition of freedom fighters of the President and Prime Minister of the Mujibnagar government and over a hundred of leaders has been revoked.

Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Adviser Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuyain said that electricity from the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant is expected to be connected to the national grid by December this year. The Adviser said this in a post on his verified Facebook page yesterday.

United Nations Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh Gwyn Lewis said, the upcoming national election can still be inclusive even if the Awami League does not take part, as long as people are able to vote and express their opinions freely. Lewis made the remarks at a 'DCAB Talk' hosted by the Diplomatic Correspondents Association, Bangladesh at the National Press Club in the capital yesterday. People's participation is the key determinant of inclusivity in an election not the political parties, she added.

Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam said, the intelligence wing of Rapid Action Battalion had worked as a killing force in the incidents of enforced disappearances. He made the remark at a press briefing at Foreign Service Academy in the capital yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Secretary Mahbuba Farjana urged the newly-joined officials of the Ministry to work with sincerity and honesty to fulfill public aspirations. The Secretary made the call at the closing ceremony of a four-day orientation programme for newly joined BCS (Information) cadre and BTV ninth grade officials at the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting yesterday.

Chief Adviser's Deputy Press Secretary Abdul Kalam Azad Majumder warned that the interim government would take legal actions if any news outlet spreads misleading news. He told a press briefing at the Foreign Service Academy in Dhaka yesterday.



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