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### Newsbrief

Norwegian Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store expressed his strong support for the Bangladesh interim government's efforts to initiate much-needed reforms and conduct free and fair democratic elections. The Norwegian Prime Minister wrote this in a letter sent to Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus. Norway Ambassador in Dhaka Gulbrandsen handed over the letter to Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus when he called on him at his office in Dhaka yesterday.

Home Adviser Lieutenant General (ret'd) Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury said, the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) remains alert at the Bangladesh-India frontiers. The Adviser said this while speaking at a press briefing at Bangladesh Secretariat office in Dhaka yesterday.

Environment, Forest, and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan said, the government is committed to addressing air pollution through specific measures. Implementing long-term solutions like standardizing fuel and modernizing refineries require significant investment and time. The Adviser made the remarks while speaking at a seminar titled 'Air Quality Research and Environmental Policy Discussion' organised by the U.S. Embassy in Dhaka at the Science Faculty of Dhaka University yesterday.

Meanwhile, Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan said, roof gardening is a significant option for producing toxic-free safe food and fresh air. The Adviser said this at a seminar titled 'Importance of Roof Gardening in Eliminating Global Warming' which was held at the Jatiya Press Club in Dhaka yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Adviser Md. Nahid Islam said, the government would extend all cooperation to enrich the country's film industry. The Adviser said this while inaugurating 23rd Dhaka International Film Festival at National Museum Auditorium in Dhaka yesterday. Calling for highlighting the history and culture of Bangladesh before the world, the Adviser said, the film festival will serve as an important medium for cultural exchange.

Dhaka expressed deep concern to New Delhi over the recent activities of the Border Security Force of attempting to construct fencing along the Bangladesh-India Border while summoning Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pranay Verma. Foreign Secretary Md. Jashim Uddin expressed deep concern of government of Bangladesh to the High Commissioner of India at his office at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Dhaka yesterday.

The UK's Leader of the Opposition Kemi Badenoch called upon Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer to dismiss Treasury Minister Tulip Siddiq amid corruption allegations and concerns as Bangladesh Chief Adviser Prof. Muhammad Yunus called for an investigation into properties used by Tulip Siddiq in London. Conservative Party leader Kemi Badenoch posted on her X account (formerly Twitter) yesterday.

Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam said, the government is trying to take the country's tax-GDP ratio to a healthy state by imposing a simplified 15 percent VAT (value added tax) in a bid to ensure the country's economic growth. The Press Secretary said this at a press briefing at Foreign Service Academy in Dhaka yesterday.

The Magistracy power of officers from the Army, Navy and Air Force have been extended for another 60 days which will come into effect from January 14 aiming to maintain law and order across the country. The Public Administration Ministry issued a notification in this regard yesterday.

The Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) yesterday issued a seven-point directive to prevent the spread of Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV). The directives were signed by Professor Dr. Md. Halimur Rashid, Line Director of the Communicable Disease Control Programme at the DGHS. Earlier in the day, the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR) reported the country's first case of HMPV.

One dengue patient died and 57 others were admitted to various hospitals across the country in the past 24 hours till Sunday morning, according to a press release issued by the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.

The DSEX decreased by 38.20 points to settle at 5,156.22 points, compared to 5,194.43 points yesterday.

  
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