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**Newsbrief**

Bangladesh and Malaysia have agreed to work together in investigating recent allegations of militancy involving several Bangladeshi nationals arrested in Malaysia. The understanding was reached during a bilateral meeting between Foreign Affairs Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain and Malaysian Foreign Minister Dato' Haji Mohamad Bin Haji Hasan on the sidelines of the 32nd ASEAN Regional Forum Ministerial Meeting held in Kuala Lumpur the day before yesterday. Expressing concern over the arrests, the Foreign Adviser reiterated Bangladesh's firm stance against terrorism and extremism and sought Malaysia's cooperation in conducting an in-depth investigation through the exchange of information and findings. The Malaysian Foreign Minister assured full cooperation, including access for Bangladeshi authorities to the individuals and relevant details related to the allegations. Earlier, the Foreign Adviser held bilateral talks with UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy. During the meeting, both sides discussed a range of bilateral, regional and multilateral issues, including ongoing governance reforms in Bangladesh, the protracted Rohingya crisis and post-LDC graduation support. The Foreign Adviser also met with his counterparts Foreign Minister of New Zealand Winston Peters, Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka Herath and Vice Minister and Head of Delegation of the Republic of Korea Park Yoonjoo. Discussions at these meetings covered various bilateral and multilateral issues of mutual interest.

Commerce Adviser Sk Bashir Uddin met US Trade Representative Ambassador Jamieson Greer at his office in Washington DC the day before yesterday. The two dignitaries discussed issues of mutual interest with particular focus on Bangladesh-US trade, commerce and the ongoing tariff negotiations, according to a message yesterday. Both sides reiterate their commitments to work together for shared benefits. The talks were comprehensive, touching upon almost all the key aspects of the trade relationships between the two nations. The Commerce Adviser led the Bangladesh delegation in Washington DC.

Local Government, Rural Development (LGRD) and Cooperatives Adviser Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuyain said, July 11 was the first resistance day of the 2024 mass uprising. The Adviser made the announcement while addressing a memorial meeting at Cumilla University yesterday marking the anniversary of the police attack last year. The Adviser further said that like in July, he hopes the students of Cumilla University will always stand for truth and justice. The LGRD Adviser also announced the donation of three buses for the university.

Later, the LGRD Adviser Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuyain said, government is planning to announce the July declaration on August 5 if the political parties reach consensus. The LGRD Adviser told journalists after a view-exchange meeting in Cumilla yesterday on the occasion of new building inauguration of Cumilla district Lawyers Association.

Graffiti painting styled 'Revisiting the Fascist Regime' is in progress in the capital based on the idea of LGRD and Cooperatives Adviser Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuyain. The Adviser mentioned about the graffiti painting in a post of his verified Facebook yesterday.

United Nations said, Bangladesh has over the past 18 months registered the biggest influx of Rohingya refugees since the mass exodus of Myanmar's largely Muslim minority nearly a decade ago. The UN refugee agency said up to 1.5 lakh Rohingyas had arrived in Bangladesh's Cox's Bazar refugee camps since early 2024. United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees spokesman Babar Baloch told this to reporters in Geneva yesterday.

A bomb threat on a Biman Bangladesh Airlines flight bound for Kathmandu triggered heightened security measures at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport (HSIA) yesterday, prompting the authorities to evacuate passengers safely and suspend the flight pending clearance. HSIA's Executive Director Group Captain SM Ragib Samad told this to media yesterday.

The power generation at Kaptai Hydropower Plant in Rangamati has increased significantly following heavy rainfall that caused water levels in Kaptai Lake to rise. The plant is currently generating 215 megawatts of electricity, with all five units now operational. Mahmud Hasan, Executive Engineer and Manager of Kaptai Hydroelectric Power Station, said all five generation units of the plant have become operational.

Bangladesh recorded 138 fresh cases of dengue onslaughts in the past 24 hours, according to a Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.



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