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Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus issued a message greeting the countrymen on the occasion of Pahela Baishakh, the first day of Bangla New Year 1432, to be celebrated today. In his message, the Chief Adviser said, the traditional celebration of 'Pahela Baishakh' holds a unique and cherished place in Bangalee culture. 'For generations, the entire Bangalee nation - regardless of religion or caste - embraced the New Year with renewed spirit and fresh commitments,' the Chief Adviser added.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus said, Pahela Baishakh is the symbol of 'our harmony' as he greeted the countrymen on the occasion of the Bengali New Year scheduled to be held today. The Chief Adviser told a Sampriti assembly after laying foundation stone of Sampriti Bhaban in the capital's Merul Badda yesterday. The Chief Adviser reiterated that despite having different beliefs, religions and customs, the country's people are all members of one family.

Reverend Dr. Jerry Pillay, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches (WCC), said, the WCC shares Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus's vision for a 'Three Zero World', which includes zero net wealth concentration, zero unemployment and zero carbon emissions. Reverend Pillay said this when he paid a courtesy call on Chief Adviser at the State Guest House Jamuna yesterday. During the meeting, Reverend Pillay expressed the WCC's full support for Bangladesh's Interim Government and its efforts to promote peace, justice and communal harmony.

Law Adviser Asif Nazrul said, many Bangladesh Bank officials are involved in the 2016 cyber-heist of the central bank and urged it to take action against employees connected with the case. A review committee formed to scrutinise the incident said the investigation into the heist suffered 'reckless disregard' during the Awami League regime. The Adviser revealed the information at a press conference at his Ministry yesterday following a high-level committee meeting convened to review the reserve theft incident.

Information and Broadcasting Adviser Md. Mahfuj Alam said, the interim government has been relentlessly working to ensure a democratic transition in Bangladesh aiming to pave the way for a progressive nation. He stated this during an interview with TRT World on the sidelines of the "Antalya Diplomacy Forum 2025" in Türkiye on Saturday.

Information and Broadcasting Adviser Md. Mahfuj Alam paid a courtesy call on Turkish Minister for Women and Family Planning Mahinur Ozdemir Goktas in Türkiye. The meeting was held yesterday on the sidelines of the 'Antalya Diplomacy Forum, 2025,' according to an official release. Development of the socio-economic conditions of women in Türkiye and Bangladesh dominated their discussions, added the release.

Fisheries and Livestock Adviser Farida Akhtar said, actual fishermen do not catch 'jatka' fish breaking the law. She said this while addressing a view-exchanging meeting held at a fish market in Jatrabari yesterday as the chief guest marking the Jatka Conservation Week-2025.

Health Adviser Nurjahan Begum said, Chinese government will gift a 1,000-bed hospital to Bangladesh on the occasion of 50 years of Dhaka-Beijing diplomatic relations. The hospital will be built in Rangpur, she told a press briefing at the Foreign Service Academy in the capital yesterday. 864 people were killed and 14,000 others injured during the July mass uprising, the Adviser added.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan said, the government is taking various initiatives to ensure that limiting tourism on Saint Martin's Island does not harm the livelihoods of its local community. She also said, alternative livelihood opportunities will be created for protection and restoration of the island's biodiversity. The Adviser said this while presiding over a meeting held at Ministry's conference room at the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Land Adviser Ali Imam Majumder urged all concerned officials of the Ministry to remain engaged in public service with utmost professionalism and honesty. He came up with the call while speaking at the certificate distribution and closing ceremony of the '139th Survey and Settlement Training Course' at the seminar room of the Bhumi Bhaban in the capital yesterday.

Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) and Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority Executive Chairman Chowdhury Ashik Mahmud Bin Harun said that the 'Bangladesh Investment Summit 2025' had created immense potential to bring Foreign Direct Investment side by side local investment. The Executive Chairman shared the information at a press conference held at the Foreign Service Academy in the capital's Bailey Road area yesterday.

Foreign Secretary Md. Jashim Uddin said that initiatives are underway to establish Consulate General offices in several Malaysian cities with significant Bangladeshi populations outside Kuala Lumpur to enhance service delivery. He made the remarks while visiting Bangladesh High Commission in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday during a layover en route to Singapore on an official trip, according to a message received in Dhaka yesterday.

Bangladesh authorities reintroduced 'Except Israel' inscription in passports formally debarring Bangladeshis from travelling to the country. Home Ministry's security services division Deputy Secretary Nilima Afroze told this to BSS yesterday.



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