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Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus urged the young people to make up their mind and dream to bring a positive change in the country. The Chief Adviser said this while addressing the members of NDC and AFWC course at his office in Tejgaon area in Dhaka yesterday.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus sought Indonesia's support for Bangladesh's membership in ASEAN and also urged the Southeast Asian country to create more opportunities for Bangladeshi business. The Chief Adviser made the call when the Indonesian Ambassador to Bangladesh Heru Hartanto Subolo paid him a farewell visit at his office in Tejgaon area in Dhaka yesterday.

A Finnish company is interested to set up a plastic recycling plant in Cox's Bazar to make plastic sheets, while Finnish businessmen are keen to invest more in Bangladesh. Non-resident Ambassador of Finland to Bangladesh Kimmo Lahdevirta said this when he called on Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at his office in Tejgaon area in Dhaka yesterday. During the meeting, the student-led mass revolution, the interim government's reform initiatives, trade, investment and regional geopolitical issues came up for discussion. The Finnish government would grant one million euro for the Rohingyas in Bangladesh and another one million euro would be channeled through the civil society, the Ambassador added.

LGRD and Cooperatives Adviser A. F. Hassan Ariff said, no expert opinion was sought in the past for conducting anti-mosquito drive in the country. The Adviser told journalists while witnessing the mosquito eradication activities in the Bangshal Nazirabazar area of Dhaka South City Corporation yesterday. In this connection, the Local Government Division for the first time of the country's history has formed two separate committees involving experts to this end, the Adviser added.

Foreign Affairs Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain yesterday departed for Kuwait to attend the high-level counter-terrorism conference to be held on November 4-5 in Kuwait City. Foreign Adviser's participation at the conference underscores Dhaka's commitment to counter-terrorism and border security initiatives.

Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology Adviser Md. Nahid Islam called for cooperation in rehabilitating the families of those martyred in the July-August mass uprising and treating the injured. The Adviser made this call in separate meetings with the representatives of mobile phone operators Robi and Grameenphone at his office in Posts and Telecommunications Division, according to a Ministry's press release yesterday.

Industries and Housing and Public Works Adviser Adilur Rahman Khan laid emphasis on strengthening economic ties with Korea for the country's industrial development. The Adviser said this while addressing a seminar at a capital's hotel yesterday. Foreign Investors' Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) in collaboration with the Embassy of the Republic of Korea hosted the seminar titled "Korea-Bangladesh Economic Cooperation". The event aimed at forging a forward-thinking economic cooperation model between Korea and Bangladesh.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan said, Bangladesh's partnership with the World Bank is essential for advancing national environmental priorities. The Adviser said this during a meeting with a World Bank delegation led by Practice Manager Christian Albert Peter at Secretariat yesterday. During the meeting, they focused on bolstering Bangladesh's climate resilience, enhancing environmental safeguards and exploring opportunities for sustainable development. Christian Albert Peter expressed the World Bank's commitment to supporting initiatives that promote green growth, environmental protection and community resilience amid climate change challenges.

Religious Affairs Adviser AFM Khalid Hossain said, the allegation of persecuting the members of Hindu, Buddha and Christian communities made by Republican Presidential in the US election Donald Trump was a part of his election campaign. The Adviser said this while talking to journalists after inaugurating the two-day Sunnah Conference Bangladesh 2024. Daffodil Centre of the Daffodil University organized the conference at Birulia in Savar yesterday. The bilateral relations between Bangladesh and the USA would not deteriorate no matter who wins the US presidential polls, the Adviser added.

BNP leader Dr. Shahadat Hossain took oath as the new Mayor of the Chattogram City Corporation. Local Government, Rural Development (LGRD) and Cooperative Adviser A.F. Hassan Ariff administered oaths at the Ministry's conference room at the Secretariat yesterday

Chief Adviser's (CA) Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam said, the interim government has expedited the payment to Adani Power of India and paid US\$ 97 million to the company in last October. The CA's Press Secretary told a press briefing when his attention was drawn to a media report suggesting that Adani Power will suspend power supply to Bangladesh if the government does not resolve its payment issues by November 7. Speaking at the regular briefing at the Foreign Service Academy in Dhaka yesterday, Shafiqul Alam hoped that the government would be able to make the payment to Adani at the shortest possible time.

The Search Committee called upon political parties, professional bodies and individuals to propose nominations by November 7 to form the next Election Commission. A circular, signed by Joint Secretary of the Cabinet Division Md. Nazrul Islam, issued in this regard yesterday. It has requested to send nominations with complete bio-data to the Cabinet Division directly or through email gfp_sec@cabinet.gov.bd.

Information and Broadcasting Secretary Mahbuba Farjana yesterday expressed deep shock and sorrow at the death of Department of Films and Publications Director Khorshed Alam Chowdhury. In a condolence message, the Secretary prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed deep sympathy to the bereaved family members.

M/s. Xingchen Textile Co. Ltd., a Chinese company, is set to invest US\$ 35.03 million to establish a textile industry in the Mongla Export Processing Zone (Mongla EPZ). In the presence of Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) Executive Chairman Major General Abul Kalam Mohammad Ziaur Rahman an agreement was signed between the BEPZA and Xingchen Textile Co. Ltd. at the BEPZA Complex in the capital yesterday. Md. Ashraful Kabir, Member of BEPZA and Chen Dehong, Chairman of Xingchen Textile Co. Ltd., signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organizations.

Debapriya Bhattacharya, Head of the white paper preparation committee formed by the interim government said, political influence heavily affected project approvals under the previous government, as nearly all projects got approvals on political considerations. Debapriya came up with the remarks after a meeting with senior government officials at Bangladesh Planning Commission's NEC building in the capital yesterday.

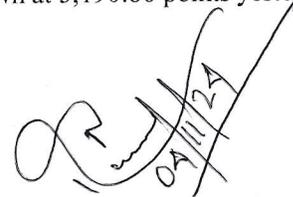
The Police Reform Commission (PRC) urged the people to give their opinions by November 15 on how kind of police they want as the government has initiated the process to remodel the force as pro-people and service-oriented, said a handout issued yesterday. The opinions will be kept secret and it will only be used for the purpose of the police reform, it added.

The paramilitary Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) detained two Indian citizens with some liquor from Shahpur frontier of Cumilla, said a BGB press release signed by its Cumilla Battalion Commander (10 BGB) Lt. Col. Md. Iftexhar yesterday.

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Md. Mainul Islam yesterday left Dhaka for the United Kingdom (UK) to attend the 92nd General Assembly of the International Criminal Police Organization, INTERPOL. The IGP will lead a two-member delegation in the four-day assembly takes place from 4 to 7 November 2024 in Glasgow, UK.

At least four patients died of dengue in the last 24 hours while 1306 were hospitalized till Sunday morning, according to the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.

The benchmark index of the Dhaka bourse closed the day with 8.54 points down at 5,190.86 points yesterday.



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