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Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus yesterday extended his heartiest greetings and congratulations to engineering community on the occasion of the 77th Foundation Anniversary of the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) and Engineers Day. In a message on the day, the Chief Adviser said, the IEB was established on 7 May 1948 with the ideal of 'Build a better world' in mind. The Chief Adviser also urged the engineers to keep themselves involved with the latest advances in engineering and technological knowledge to keep pace with the world.

Chief Adviser Prof. Muhammad Yunus urged government agencies as well as the private organizations, owners and labor bodies to come forward with efforts to ensure maritime safety. The Chief Adviser made this urges in a message on the occasion of 'Maritime Safety Week'. He said, rivers and vessels are one of the main means of transportation of goods in riverine Bangladesh. This affordable and environmentally friendly transport system is playing an important role as the driving force of the country's economy, the Chief Adviser added.

A high-level business delegation led by Paul Thoppil, Canada's Indo-Pacific Trade Representative called on Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at the state guest house Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday. During the meeting, they discussed ways to deepen bilateral economic cooperation and expand investment opportunities. The Chief Adviser extended a warm invitation to Canadian investors, stressing Bangladesh's readiness for industrial expansion and its potential as a regional export hub.

Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus urged young people to participate more in political activities to translate their dreams into reality and bring meaningful changes to society. The Chief Adviser made the call when a group of young political activists from different political parties of Norway called on him at the state guest house Jamuna yesterday.

The Council of Advisers in a meeting approved the draft agreement on the proposed 'Cultural Cooperation' to be signed between Bangladesh and Jordan. The approval came from the meeting held at the Chief Adviser's Office in the capital Tejgaon area yesterday with Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus in the chair. Under the agreement, the bilateral relations between Bangladesh and Jordan will be strengthened through mutual cooperation in cultural and heritage preservation.

Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar phoned Foreign Affairs Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain on Sunday to brief him on Islamabad's position and steps taken in light of the escalating tensions with India. The Adviser told this to reporters at his Ministry yesterday. The Adviser also clarified that the Pakistani Foreign Minister did not seek any assistance or specific response from Dhaka during the conversation.

Law Adviser Dr Asif Nazrul said, the 'Cyber Security Ordinance 2025' will be announced this week as the council of Advisers approved the ordinance yesterday. The Adviser told a press briefing at the Foreign Service Academy after a meeting of the council of Advisers, held at the Chief Adviser's Office with Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus in the chair. At the same press briefing, Youth and Sports Adviser Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuyain said, the council of Advisers approved the draft of the 'National Youth Entrepreneurship Development Policy 2025'.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan said, while sustainability is a widely used term, it often lacks a proper definition and criteria-risking the spread of greenwashing rather than ensuring justice or equity. The Adviser said this while addressing a session titled 'Bangladesh Just Transition Academy: Decent Work for All in a Green Economy' organised by the International Labour Organization at Bangladesh-China Friendship Exhibition center in the capital yesterday.

Housing and Public Works Adviser Adilur Rahman Khan stressed the importance of ensuring that all buildings are safe, environmentally friendly and resistant to disasters. The Adviser made the remarks at a seminar titled, 'Raising Public Awareness in Mitigating Risks of Building-Related Disasters (Earthquake and Fire),' jointly organized by RAJUK and JICA at a hotel in Dhaka yesterday. The Adviser also asked the Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha to properly discharge its responsibilities in constructing safe buildings.

Adviser to the Ministries of Social Welfare and Women and Children Affairs, Sharmeen S Murshid said, there is no alternative to standing beside the women of the country to prevent violence and repression against them and to build a discrimination-free Bangladesh. The Adviser also said, the ILO Convention 190 is aligned with Bangladesh's commitment to ensuring gender equality and addressing gender-based violence and harassment in the workplace. The Adviser said this while addressing a dialogue on Convention 190 related to violence and harassment at the workplace jointly organised by the Trade Union International Labour Standards Committee and the ILO Bangladesh country office at a hotel in the capital yesterday.

The Council of Advisers yesterday approved a 10-day vacation in the upcoming Eid-ul-Azha, beginning on June 5. Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam wrote in a status posted on his verified Facebook account. Speaking at a press briefing at the Foreign Service Academy, the Chief Adviser's Press Secretary further said, the Eid holidays will begin on June 5 and will continue till June 14.

The government will communicate with whoever it wants for the greater interest of the country, said Khalilur Rahman, high representative of the Chief Adviser to address the Rohingya crisis and national security. He said this while talking to reporters at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Dhaka yesterday over the issue of communication with Myanmar's Arakan Army. Khalilur expressed the government's determination when the country's security experts, political leaders and people from different professions have already voiced their concern against the humanitarian corridor between Bangladesh and Myanmar.

The Swedish Embassy in Dhaka urged visa applicants to refrain from submitting forged or manipulated documents, warning that such attempts will lead to immediate rejection and may be reported to all Schengen member states. In a statement issued yesterday, the Embassy advised applicants to ensure the authenticity of their submissions.

DSEX, the prime index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange, went up by nearly 9.2 points, or 0.19 per cent, to 4,974 points yesterday.



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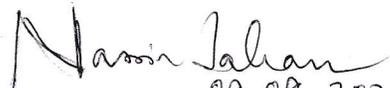
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