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Newsbrief

The Non-resident High Commissioner of Ghana to Bangladesh, Kwaku Asomah Cheremeh, paid a farewell call on President Mohammed Shahabuddin at Bangabhaban in Dhaka yesterday. President's Press Secretary Md. Joynal Abedin told reporters after the meeting that the President hoped that the mutual relations between the two countries in various fields, including trade and investment would expand in the days to come.

Welcoming more US investment in Bangladesh, Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus said, his government has taken steps to attract foreign direct investment and improve the business climate in the country. The Chief Adviser said this when Chief Executive Officer of the Excelerate Energy, Steven Kobos called on him at the State Guest House Jamuna in the capital yesterday. Kobos, also the Chairman of the US-Bangladesh Business Council, hailed the Chief Adviser on assuming the leadership of the interim government, saying it will increase their business confidence in Bangladesh.

The government started selling 10 agricultural products at affordable prices under Open Market Sale programme at different areas in the capital yesterday. Adviser for the Ministries of Finance and Commerce Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed formally inaugurated the programme at Directorate General of Food Office at Abdul Ghani Road in the capital. Adviser for the Agriculture and Home Ministries Lt Gen (Retd) Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury attended the function as the special guest.

Foreign Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain said, the interim government is fully committed to providing comprehensive medical care and rehabilitation for those injured during the July Revolution. The Adviser told reporters after visiting the injured people at the National Institute of Traumatology and Orthopaedic Rehabilitation at Agargaon area yesterday. The government would ensure job placements for those affected based on their qualifications as part of their rehabilitation process, the Adviser added.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Adviser Dr. Asif Nazrul said, the prosecution team of the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) would take step following the due process in trying the journalists accused in genocide and crimes against humanity cases over the mass uprising of July-August. The Law Adviser said this while talking to newsmen after inspecting renovation works of the ICT building in the capital yesterday. The Law Adviser along with Housing and Public Works Adviser Adilur Rahman Khan inspected the renovation work.

Industries Adviser Adilur Rahman Khan laid emphasis on strengthening the activities of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) for accelerating industrial development in the region. The Adviser made the remark during a meeting with Indian High commissioner to Bangladesh Pranay Verma at the Ministry of Industries in the capital yesterday. During the meeting, they discussed on various issues including cooperation in the field of industrial development between the two countries.

Shipping Adviser Brigadier General (Retd) Dr. M Sakhawat Hussain said, measurers would be taken to break syndicate of middlemen controlling goods transportation via river-routes. The Adviser said this while meeting with a delegation of Bangladesh Cargo Vessels Owners' Association (BCVOA) at his Ministry office in Secretariat yesterday. BCVOA President Syeed Ahmed led the delegation at the meeting.

Foreign Secretary Md. Jashim Uddin and UN Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs Li Junhua held discussions focused on the UN's technical and policy support in enhancing transparency and accountability. The talk was held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on Monday, said Foreign Ministry yesterday.

The government called upon all to submit video and still images of Anti-discrimination Student Movement and July Revolution aimed at preserving those. Press Information Department (PID) issued a handout in this regard yesterday. The PID under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has taken the initiative to preserve permanently the audio-visual documents and still images of the events of the July Revolution aroused the world for the future generations, the handout said. If anyone has video footages or still images of the movement and revolution, has been requested to send those to the email address pidjuly2024@gmail.com with a brief description, the handout added.

Trial regarding genocide and crime against humanity committed in July-August to quell the Anti-Discrimination Students Movement will begin tomorrow in the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT). Advocate Mohammad Tajul Islam, Chief Prosecutor of the ICT told media after paying a courtesy call on the newly appointed Chairman and its two Members at the Tribunal building in Dhaka yesterday.

The Council of Advisers of the interim government will hold dialogues with political parties on Saturday on continuation of its new round of political dialogue aiming to advance the state reform works. Chief Adviser's Deputy Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad Majumder told a press briefing at Foreign Service Academy in the capital yesterday. The interim government is working to identify syndicates of traders aiming to check the price hike of essential commodities, the CA's Deputy Press Secretary added.

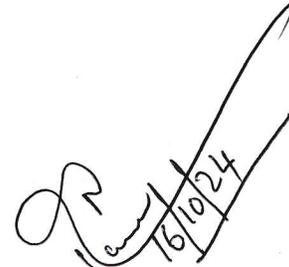
The results of Higher Secondary Certificate and equivalent examinations held under 11 education boards of the country were published yesterday as a total of 77.78 percent students passed this year.

The World Bank observed that bold and timely reforms will help Bangladesh create quality jobs and achieve inclusive growth, according to the multilateral lender in its October issue of the Bangladesh Development Update yesterday.

Mirpur-10 metro rail station resumed its operation yesterday, almost 88 days after it was vandalized during the anti-discrimination student movement on July 19. Managing Director of Dhaka Mass Transit Company Limited Mohammad Abdur Rouf confirmed it to the media yesterday.

Eight more deaths were reported from dengue and 1108 more patients were hospitalized with viral fever till Tuesday morning, according to the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.

DSEX, the key index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), closed the day with 7.58 points down and settled at 5,365.96 points yesterday.



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