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Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus accorded reception to the SAFF winning Bangladesh women's football team as its members shared their dream and the daily struggles they face with the Head of the Government. The footballers apprised of their dream when they met the Chief Adviser at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday. SAFF champion Bangladesh women's football team in a reception hosted by the Chief Adviser in their honour, shared the story of their life with the Head of the interim government. Prof Yunus carefully listened to the demand of the victorious players and promised to address them on a priority basis as the women football heroes defeated Nepal by 2-1 goals in the final match of the seventh SAFF Women's Championship in Kathmandu on October 30.

Calling for working together to strengthen cooperative movement in the country, Adviser for Local Government A. F. Hassan Ariff said, unity is the driving force of cooperative movement. The Adviser said this while distributing National Cooperative Prize among the winners marking the 53rd National Cooperatives Day at the Department of Cooperatives in Agargaon yesterday. Women and Children and Social Welfare Adviser Sharmin S Murshid also addressed the function as a special guest at the ceremony.

Energy, Road Transport and Railways Affairs Adviser Muhammad Fouzul Kabir Khan said, the interim government has started institutional reform works aimed at preventing corruption and ensuring transparency and accountability in all sectors. The Adviser said this while addressing a seminar at a local hotel in Dhaka yesterday. Bangladesh Secretariat Reporters Forum organized the seminar on Harmonizing Reform and Sustainable Infrastructure Development for a Prosperous Bangladesh.

The government formed a 17-member committee for July Mass Uprising Memorial Museum with Writer and Filmmaker Dr. Ebadur Rahman as its Convenor. Besides, Chief Adviser's Special Assistant, Md. Mahfuz Alam will act as Joint Convenor of the committee. Information and Broadcasting Adviser Md. Nahid Islam announced the committee at a press briefing in front of Ganabhaban in Dhaka yesterday.

The results of the US election will have no impact on Bangladesh or pose any challenge to the US-Bangladesh relations, said Shafiqul Alam, Press Secretary to the Chief Adviser of the interim government. Shafiqul Alam made the remarks while addressing as the chief guest at a debate competition on the US elections' Impact on Bangladesh at Bangladesh Film Development Corporation auditorium in the capital yesterday. State University of Bangladesh became the champion, defeating Green University of Bangladesh in the parliamentary format debate competition organized jointly by ATN Bangla and Debate for Democracy.

Bangladesh's Ambassador to Uzbekistan, Dr. Mohammad Monirul Islam urged business leaders in Uzbekistan's Bukhara region to import world-class Bangladeshi ready-made garments, jute and jute products and pharmaceuticals. The call was made during a meeting between the Bangladesh Envoy and Bukhara Region Governor Zaripov Batyr Kamilovich at the Governor's office, according to a press release from the Bangladesh mission in Uzbekistan yesterday. In the meeting, the Ambassador underscored the historic, cultural and religious ties between Bangladesh and Uzbekistan, highlighting the potential to further deepen these connections.

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday expressed his party's opposition to banning any party by the interim government. Fakhrul made the remarks as journalists sought his comments about a quarter's demand for banning the Jatiyo Party. Earlier, the BNP Secretary General joined a memorial programme at BRAC Center Inn in Dhaka yesterday, marking the second death anniversary of Sabihuddin Ahmed, a former Adviser to BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia.

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Dr. Iftekharuzzaman, Executive Director of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB), said, Bangladesh has lost US\$12-15 billion annually due to money laundering during the immediate past Awami League-led government. The Executive Director of TIB said this while addressing a seminar titled 'Odious Debt & Recovery of Bangladesh's Laundered Wealth', organised by the Economic Reporters' Forum (ERF) and Sombabonar Bangladesh at the ERF Auditorium in the capital yesterday.

Eminent Jurist and Constitution Expert Dr. Kamal Hossain suggested updating the country's constitution. Dr. Kamal Hossain made the suggestion when a delegation of the Constitution Reform Commission, led by its Head Professor Ali Riaz, paid a courtesy call on him at his Motijheel office in the capital yesterday.

At least ten patients died of dengue in the last 24 hours while 966 were hospitalized till Saturday morning, according to the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.

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