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**Newsbrief**

The Council of Advisers gave final approval to the Bangladesh Telecommunication (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025, introducing wide-ranging reforms aimed at improving service quality, strengthening regulation and preventing misuse of surveillance power. The approval came from a regular weekly meeting of the Council with Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus in the chair at his office in Tejgaon yesterday. One of the most significant changes in the amendment is the inclusion of a provision that permanently prohibits the shutdown of internet or telecommunication services under any circumstances (Section 97). The ordinance also restores the independence and accountability of Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission by moving away from the controversial 2010 amendment framework and redefining the balance of authority between the Ministry and the regulator.

Christmas Day, marking the birth anniversary of Jesus Christ, a Jewish preacher and religious leader of the first century, will be observed across the country today. Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus extended his heartfelt greetings and congratulations to the Christian community on the occasion of Christmas Day. In a message on the day the Chief Adviser said, Jesus Christ, the founder of Christianity, was born in Bethlehem on this day. The Chief Adviser said, Jesus came into the world with the message of peace, justice and the liberation of humanity. The Chief Adviser also wished peace, prosperity and well-being to all, including the Christian community.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus exchanged Christmas greetings with representatives of the Christian community at the State Guest House Jamuna yesterday on the occasion of Christmas. Religious Affairs Adviser Dr. AFM Khalid Hossain, head of Catholic Christians of Bangladesh Archbishop Bejoy N D'Cruze, President of the National Christian Fellowship of Bangladesh Bishop Philip P Adhikary, Trustee of the Christian Religious Welfare Trust Dr. Benedict Alo D' Rozario, President of the National Council of Churches in Bangladesh Christopher Adhikari and other prominent leaders of the Christian community were present on the occasion, said the Chief Adviser's Press Wing yesterday.

Home Adviser Lieutenant General (Retd) Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury said, the government has taken all necessary measures to allow Christians to celebrate Christmas with due religious fervor and in a festive environment. The Adviser also said that appropriate security arrangements have been put in place at every church. The Home Adviser said this while talking to reporters at his office in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Shipping and Labour and Employment Adviser Brig Gen (ret'd) Dr. M Sakhawat Hossain said, exchanging experiences and expanding cooperation in the shipping and labour sectors would bring tangible benefits to the people of Bangladesh and Pakistan. The Adviser said this when Pakistan High Commissioner to Bangladesh Imran Haider made a call on him at his Secretariat office yesterday. Bilateral ties, trade expansion and cooperation in shipping, maritime affairs and labour sectors also came up for discussion during the call on.

Religious Affairs Adviser Dr. AFM Khalid Hossain said, communal harmony and peaceful coexistence are essential prerequisites for sustainable development and building a progressive society. The Adviser said this while addressing the closing ceremony of a special training programme for project managers and executives as the chief guest this afternoon at the auditorium of the National Academy for Planning and Development at Nilkhet in the capital yesterday.

*Nawaz Jahangir*

Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam said that the government has ensured required security measures over the homecoming of BNP Acting Chairman Tarique Rahman today. The Press Secretary told this to reporters while responding to a question at a media briefing at the Foreign Service Academy in the capital yesterday. The Press Secretary also said that the government is looking after the security measures in consultation with BNP keeping the party's requirements in mind.

Information and Broadcasting Secretary Mahbuba Farjana yesterday said, the government employees should know the laws for consolidating the administrative foundations of the state. The Secretary also said, the government employees should attain legal knowledge for enhancing the dignity of the government side by side with establishing justice in the society. The Secretary made the observation while addressing virtually a training workshop titled 'Supportive Laws for Conducting Cases, Techniques of Writing SF (Statement of Facts) and Responsibilities' as chief guest. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting organized the training at the conference hall of Deputy Commissioner (DC), where officials under the Ministry from eight districts in Rajshahi division attended.

Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Yao Wen said that media exchange plays a vital role in understanding the civilization and culture of both countries. The Envoy made the remarks at a function titled 'Golden Silk Road Bangladesh Media Award' held at the National Art Gallery of the Shilpakala Academy in Dhaka yesterday.

The World Bank has approved \$150.75 million to help Bangladesh scale up support to create employment opportunities for the low-income youth and micro entrepreneurs with a focus on women and those living in climate-vulnerable areas. World Bank issued a press release in this regard yesterday.

Chief Adviser's Special Assistant for Home Affairs Md. Khuda Baksh Chowdhury has resigned from his post. The Cabinet Division issued a notification yesterday, saying that the President has already accepted the resignation.



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