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## Newsbrief

President Mohammed Shahabuddin sought more investment to Bangladesh and expansion of bilateral trade from friendly countries across the world. There are huge potentials of expansion of cooperation with the four countries like Lao PDR, Kenya, Zambia and Cyprus in different areas including trade and investment, climate change, energy and ICT, the President added. The President made the remarks after receiving credentials from the Envoys of the four countries who are concurrently accredited to Bangladesh in separate ceremonies at Bangabhaban in Dhaka yesterday.

The Open Society Foundations' leadership met Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus to discuss Bangladesh's efforts to rebuild the economy, trace siphoned-off assets, combat misinformation, and carry out vital economic reforms. A delegation of the Open Society Foundations headed by its chair Alex Soros and President Binaifer Nowrojee, called on Chief Adviser Professor Yunus at state guest house Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday and expressed support for reforms undertaken by the Interim Government.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs and Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Adviser Dr. Asif Nazrul said, Bangladesh is committed to supplying skilled and semi-skilled professionals, including doctors, engineers, nurses and technicians to meet Saudi Arabia's growing labour market demands. The Adviser made the remarks at a discussion on Tuesday at the Bangladesh Embassy in Riyadh, where the Adviser met with owners and senior officials of leading Saudi companies, the Foreign Ministry said in a press release yesterday.

The Directors General (DGs) of Bangladeshi and Indian border guards are to join a four-day meeting in New Delhi next month when Bangladesh side would seek some "uneven agreements" to be scrapped and discuss other border related issues. The DG level meeting between Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) and Border Security Force (BSF) will be held in the Indian capital New Delhi from February 17 to 20, Home Adviser retired lieutenant general Md Jahangir Alam Chowdhury said yesterday.

Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Adviser Dr Muhammad Fouzul Kabir Khan said, Bangladesh is moving from subsidies and inefficiencies to a new era of transparency and accountability in energy-a transformation necessary to power for Bangladesh future sustainably. The Adviser said this at a high-level roundtable discussion hosted by Standard Chartered Bank to address challenges and opportunities in accelerating renewable energy adoption in Bangladesh yesterday.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan said, reducing air pollution is a time-consuming process dependent on economic capacity, development patterns, communication infrastructure and transport system. The Adviser said, Bangladesh must adopt a long-term strategy to combat pollution effectively. The Environment Adviser made the remarks as the chief guest at a Stakeholder Consultation Workshop on the Bangladesh Clean Air Project held at the Department of Environment (DoE), Agargaon yesterday.

Fisheries and Livestock Adviser Farida Akhter said that the Bangladesh National Zoo will be modernized for the people. The Adviser asked the authority concerned to make necessary arrangements on the construction of walls for zoo security, resolving the shortage of manpower and other related issues. The Advisor said at a meeting on current status and future plans of Bangladesh National Zoo, at the Interpretation Center on Zoo premises in city's Mirpur area as the chief guest yesterday.

Religious Affairs Adviser Dr. A F M Khalid Hossain urged the Qawmi entrepreneurs to receive business training for development of the nation. Addressing the Qawmi entrepreneurs, The Advisor said, Islamic scholars (Alems-Ulamas) have engaged themselves in business, which has created employment opportunities. However, the investors should take training on business. If scholars become entrepreneurs, the development of the nation will be accelerated. The Religious Adviser made the call while addressing a conference organized by the Online Entrepreneur Qawmi Uddokta at Bangladesh China Friendship International Conference Centre in capital's Agargaon as the chief guest yesterday.

Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam said, none will be allowed to hold protests under the banner of fallen Awami League (AL). The Chief Adviser's Press Secretary wrote this a post on his verified Facebook account yesterday. The Chief Adviser's Press Secretary also said the video footages of July and August clearly show that AL party activists took part in the killings of peaceful protesters who included young students and minor child.

Acting Chairman of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) Tarique Rahman said, the entire nation is waiting for a fair and acceptable election. The Acting Chairman of BNP also urged the leaders and workers of his party to work devotedly to gain the public trust to win over the people's heart in that election. The Acting Chairman said this while addressing virtually a workshop from London on party's 31-point reform agenda at a local auditorium in Jhenaidah district yesterday.

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Biman Bangladesh Airlines, Md Safiqur Rahman today claimed that advance seat booking and ticket blocking are at zero level at the national flag carrier. The Biman Chief made these comments at a meeting with the Executive Committee of the Aviation and Tourism Journalist Forum of Bangladesh (ATJFB) at Biman's Headquarters Balaka in the capital yesterday.

Principal Information Officer (PIO) Md. Nizamul Kabir called for making the government services more public friendly through service simplification in the current era of information technology. The PIO said this at a workshop titled Implementation of IT-Based Service Simplification System at PID conference room at the Secretariat yesterday.



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