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Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus said, the public libraries have a special role to preserve the memories of the martyrs of the 2024 July mass uprising and instill its correct history into future generations. The Chief Adviser made the remarks in a message issued yesterday on the occasion of the National Library Day to be celebrated across the country today.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus sought Canada's support to recover money siphoned off from Bangladesh to the North American country. The Chief Adviser said, hundreds of billions of dollars were stolen from Bangladesh by oligarchs, cronies and politicians connected with the Sheikh Hasina dictatorship and part of it was laundered to Canada, including in buying assets in Toronto's infamous "Begum Para" neighbourhood. The Chief Adviser sought help to identify, freeze and recover the assets during his meeting with Canadian High Commissioner in Dhaka Ajit Singh at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday. The Canadian Envoy appreciated the efforts of the Professor Yunus-led interim government to bring back the stolen money.

Finance Adviser Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed expressed optimism that the general point-to-point inflation rate will come down to between 6 to 7 percent by June. The Adviser said this after a meeting of the Advisers Council Committee on Government Purchase at the Secretariat yesterday. The Adviser also said further steps would be taken to stabilise the prices of essential commodities during the holy month of Ramadan.

Dhaka and Kuwait discussed mechanisms to enhance the protection and welfare of Bangladeshi expatriates in the Gulf nation, particularly focusing on employment rights and working conditions. The issue was highlighted during a meeting between Foreign Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain and newly appointed Kuwaiti Ambassador to Bangladesh, Ali Tunyan Abdul Wahab Hamadah, at the Foreign Ministry yesterday. During the discussion, both sides emphasized the importance of ensuring safe and secure working conditions for Bangladeshi migrant workers, particularly female employees.

Law Adviser Professor Dr. Asif Nazrul said, the first meeting of the National Consensus Commission will be held in mid of February at Foreign Service Academy in Dhaka. The Adviser told a press briefing at Foreign Service Academy yesterday after Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus held a meeting with the Chiefs of six Reform Commissions.

Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Adviser Professor Dr. Asif Nazrul said, he received some good news from his official visit to Saudi Arabia. In a Facebook post from his verified account, the Adviser shared details about his visit saying in Riyadh, the Adviser had a meeting with the Saudi Arabian Minister of Human Resources and the Minister of Finance. The Adviser also met with the ministers of Qatar and Oman.

Commerce Adviser Sk Bashir Uddin emphasized the urgent need to implement the Trade Facilitation Roadmap to address the challenges associated with Bangladesh's graduation from the Least Developed Country (LDC) status. The Adviser said this while speaking at the eighth meeting of the National Trade Facilitation Committee at the BIAM Foundation Multipurpose Hall in the capital yesterday. The Adviser also highlighted the critical role of capacity-building and underscored the necessity of enhancing efficiency and fostering a competitive mindset to navigate the post-LDC transition successfully.

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Bangladesh's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Salahuddin Noman Chowdhury, called for transforming peacekeeping missions into more environmentally friendly entities, aligning with the Global Goals and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Ambassador made these remarks while briefing on the contributions of Bangladesh's peacekeepers in the field, according to a UN press release yesterday.

Election Commission Senior Secretary Akhtar Ahmed said field-level officials have collected data on nearly 50 lakh people eligible to be voters as of Monday. The EC Senior Secretary said this at a press briefing on updating the voter list at Nirbachan Bhaban in the city's Agargaon yesterday.

The High Court (HC) yesterday released the full text of its judgment that quashed the proceedings of a sedition case against BNP Acting Chairman Tarique Rahman, Ekushey Television Chairman Abdus Salam and two others. The High Court (HC) Division bench of Justice AKM Asaduzzaman and Justice Syed Enayet Hossain pronounced the judgment on October 31, 2024, declaring absolute a rule issued earlier in this regard.

Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) announced an outline of national health sector reforms with the aim of building a 'universal health system' in Bangladesh on the model of the United Kingdom (UK)'s National Health Service. The Party Standing Committee member and former Health Minister Dr. Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain presented the outline at a press conference at the political office of the BNP Chairperson in Gulshan yesterday.

Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Dr. Shafiqur Rahman said, struggle should be launched to bring back the nation's dignity for building a humane Bangladesh for the people. The Jamaat chief said this while speaking at a street rally at Subarnachar in Noakhali yesterday.

The United States embassy in Dhaka will implement a new system for US visa services starting from February 8, according to the US Embassy in its Facebook post yesterday.

The High Court (HC) yesterday issued a rule, asking authorities concerned to explain within two weeks as to why it shall not allow former ISKCON leader Chinmoy Krishna Das Brahmachari bail in a sedition case. A High Court Division bench of Justice Md Atoar Rahman and Justice Md. Ali Reza passed the order after holding primary hearing on a plea filed by Chinmoy for granting him bail in the case.

The prime index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) increased by 1.5 points to settle at 5,147.34 points yesterday.



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