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### Newsbrief

'National Social Service Day-2025' is being observed in the country today at the initiative of the Social Welfare Ministry through different programmes. This year's theme of the day is 'Those who have no one by their side, have social service (Nei Pashe Kew Jar, Somaj Seba Ache Tar)'. President Mohammed Shahabuddin and Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus yesterday issued separate messages. In his message, the President underscored the need for reaching out benefits of the country's welfare activities and development to everyone so that security for the destitute and helpless people of society can be ensured. In his message, the Chief Adviser said, the Department of Social Services of the Ministry of Social Welfare is working tirelessly for the welfare and development of the country's poverty-stricken, elderly, disadvantaged children, adolescents, widows, women who faces domestic violence, seriously ill patients and marginalized communities, including the helpless people.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus inaugurated the health card distribution programme of the Ministry of Health to ensure free health treatment to the victims of the July uprising in the country's all public hospitals. The Chief Adviser inaugurated the programme at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday. The Chief Adviser handed over health cards to two students, who were injured in the uprising at the function.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus said, trade fairs should be organised at district and upazila levels, paving the way for youths to become entrepreneurs. The Chief Adviser said this while addressing the inaugural ceremony of the month-long Dhaka International Trade Fair-2025 in Purbachal yesterday. The government is working to further strengthen service-providing organisations to improve the quality of export products, increase the capacity of institutions and ensure speedy service, added the Chief Adviser.

Education Adviser Professor Wahiduddin Mahmud said, the long-standing harassment and hassle of the MPO-enlisted teachers and employees of private educational institutions have been resolved following introduction of the Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) system. The Adviser said this while inaugurating the online EFT-based transfer of MPO funds for teachers and staffs at the International Mother Language Institute in Dhaka yesterday. The introduction of the EFT system for MPO benefits will also eliminate corruption, added the Adviser. Later, the Adviser officially inaugurated the online version of the 2025 textbooks and unveiled their covers.

Foreign Affairs Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain emphasized that maintaining strong bilateral relations with three major countries – the US, India, and China – alongside addressing the Rohingya crisis, will be key priorities for Bangladesh in 2025. The Adviser said this to the reporters at his ministry in Dhaka yesterday. The Adviser mentioned that Dhaka's efforts to bring Hasina back from Delhi and to uplift ties with India will proceed in parallel.

Information and Broadcasting Adviser Md. Nahid Islam expressed profound shock and sorrow at the death of Akther Hossain, former Director General of Mass Communication Department. Akther Hossain died at a city hospital in Dhaka yesterday. In a message of condolence, the Adviser said, Akther Hossain was a skilled officer. His dedication to his work will be remembered forever. The Adviser prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed deep sympathy to the bereaved family.

A court here yesterday imposed travel embargo on former Commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) Khandker Golam Faruque and his wife Sharmin Akter over graft allegations. Dhaka Metropolitan Senior Special Judge Md. Zakir Hossain passed the order, allowing a plea of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC).

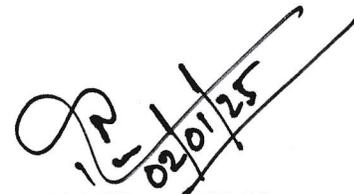
The government yesterday appointed four new prosecutors to the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT), bringing the total number of prosecutors to 13. The four newly-appointed prosecutors are—Md. Abdus Sobhan Tarafder, Md. Sahidul Islam Sarder, Faruk Ahammed and Md. Hasanul Bannah. The solicitor wing of the Law and Justice Division issued a gazette notification in this regard, saying the order will come into effect immediately.

International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) Chief Prosecutor Muhammad Tajul Islam said, 2025 would be the year of heinous criminals' trials. The Chief Prosecutor said this while exchanging greetings with the newsmen on the first day of the New Year at ICT in Dhaka yesterday.

Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has filed a case against former Law Minister Advocate Anisul Haque on charge of acquiring illegal wealth beyond his known income source. Director General (Prevention) of the ACC Md. Akhter Hossain said this during a media briefing at ACC media centre in Dhaka yesterday.

Bangladesh has witnessed a record-breaking remittance inflow in December 2024, with expatriates sending \$2.63 billion, the highest ever in the country's history for a single month. On average, \$85.1 million was remitted daily throughout December, according the latest report from Bangladesh Bank, published yesterday.

The country reported zero deaths from dengue in the 24 hours leading up to Wednesday morning, according to the Directorate General of Health Services. During this period, 86 new patients were hospitalised.

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