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## Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus urged the experts to provide written recommendations within the shortest possible time on the government's required steps regarding earthquake preparedness. The Chief Adviser said this while presiding over an emergency meeting on earthquake preparedness. The meeting was organized at the Chief Adviser's Office in the capital's Tejgaon area in the wake of several earthquakes felt last Friday and Saturday, said Chief Adviser's Press Wing yesterday.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus sought the Commonwealth's full support for holding the upcoming general election, scheduled for the first half of February next. The Chief Adviser said this during a meeting with Commonwealth Secretary-General Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday. In response, the Secretary-General assured the Chief Adviser of the Commonwealth's full support for Bangladesh's election and the post-election transition.

The outgoing head of the UN Human Rights Office in Bangladesh, Huma Khan, paid a farewell call on Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday. During the meeting, they discussed recent developments following the 2024 July Uprising, including issues of justice, accountability and healing of the victims, said Chief Adviser's Press Wing.

Finance Adviser Dr Salehuddin Ahmed said, that there is nothing to worry about the budget for holding the upcoming general election as it can be arranged if the Bangladesh Election Commission needs something urgently. Even after the announcement of the election schedule, any essential emergency expenditure may still be accommodated. The Finance Adviser was responding to the queries of reporters after chairing a meeting on the Advisers Council Committee on Government Purchase held at the Cabinet Division Conference Room at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Adviser Dr Asif Nazrul said that all reforms and changes in the country have been achieved through legal processes. The Adviser made the remarks at the inauguration of the e-Family Court system, held at the Jagannath-Sohel Memorial Auditorium of the Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge Court building yesterday.

Home Adviser Lieutenant General (Retd) Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury has called for France's cooperation in enhancing the capacity of Bangladesh's Fire Service and Civil Defence. The Adviser made the request during a courtesy call on France Ambassador to Bangladesh Jean-Marc Séré-Charlet on the Home Adviser at his Ministry in the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Disaster Management and Relief Adviser Faruk E Azam, Bir Protik, said, peace is one of the hardest achievements, whether in national life, society or at the personal level. The Adviser made the remarks while speaking at the 'National Peace Facilitator Conference 2025' organized by the Hunger Project Bangladesh at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Center in the capital's Agargaon yesterday.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan stressed the urgent need for a coordinated action to minimize the potential consequences of a major future earthquake. The Adviser said, all relevant agencies including Rajuk must work together and in the interest of public safety. The Adviser made the remarks while addressing a seminar titled 'Preparedness and Actions for Reducing Earthquake Risks,' organized by Rajuk at the Council Hall of the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh yesterday.

 



Fisheries and Livestock Adviser Farida Akhter said, pesticides widely used in crop production are emerging as a serious threat to Bangladesh's fisheries and livestock sectors. The Adviser said this while speaking at a policy dialogue titled 'Basic Policies of Fisheries and Livestock Sector: Implementation Challenges and Transitions' at the CIRDAP Auditorium in Dhaka yesterday.

Women and Children Affairs Adviser Sharmeen S Murshid has instructed the officials concerned of her Ministry to send reports on violence against women and children across the country within 24 hours. The Adviser gave the instruction while addressing a press conference at the conference room of the Press Information Department at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Religious Affairs Adviser Dr AFM Khalid Hossain said, the decades-long efforts of Islamic scholars and clerics have not gone in vain, as Islamic forces have once again gathered the strength to stand with dignity despite 54 years of repression and adversity. The Adviser told a seminar titled 'Muslim Family Law: The Bangladesh Context', organized by the Bangladesh Mosque Mission, at the main auditorium of the National Museum in the capital yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Adviser Md. Mahfuz Alam said, the mass media must take a strong stance against rumors and misinformation. The Adviser said this while addressing a workshop on 'Prevention of bad journalism in the media and presentation of objective news' with the participation of members of Dhaka Reporters Unity at the Bangladesh Press Council in the capital yesterday. The workshop was organized by the Bangladesh Press Council.

Chief Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed said, a well-trained lawyer plays an indispensable role as a vital pillar of an effective justice system. The Chief Justice was addressing the inaugural ceremony of the 'Continuing Professional Development' for advocates and 'Digital BLT Online Platform' at the Supreme Court auditorium yesterday.

Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (RAJUK) said, it so far identified around 300 small and large buildings which are vulnerable to earthquakes. RAJUK Chairman Engineer Riazul Islam told a meeting of quake experts and engineers on post-earthquake activities at Institute of Engineers Bangladesh in Dhaka yesterday.

Two more deaths were reported from dengue and 705 more patients were hospitalized in the past 24 hours till Monday morning, according to the Directorate General of Health Services said yesterday.

  
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