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## Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus thanked Australia for resuming visa processing operations in Dhaka as newly appointed Australian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Susan Ryle called on him at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday. The High Commissioner said that over 65,000 Bangladeshis now live in Australia plus an addition 14,000 students. During the meeting, they discussed ongoing reform efforts of the Interim Government, election preparations, expansion of bilateral trade and the Rohingya crisis.

Finance Adviser Dr Salehuddin Ahmed said, the government has no immediate plans to raise fuel prices. The Adviser made the remarks while responding to questions from journalists at the Secretariat following meetings of the Advisory Council Committee on Economic Affairs and the Advisory Council Committee on Government Procurement.

Planning Adviser Wahiduddin Mahmud emphasized the critical role of regional cooperation in securing lasting peace and prosperity in Bay of Bengal region. The Adviser made the remarks while speaking a reception to commemorate its 28th Anniversary at the BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) Secretariat in Dhaka the day before yesterday. He also lauded BIMSTEC's evolution into a unique platform, linking South and Southeast Asia, endeavoring to fulfill shared aspirations, and dealing with common challenges.

Education Adviser Prof. Dr. Chowdhury Rafiqul Abrar said that child marriage is a significant factor behind the high dropout rate among female students, including absenteeism in HSC examinations. The Adviser said this while speaking at a seminar on 'Future Nation' at the auditorium of the Bangladesh Family Planning Association in Dhaka yesterday. Dr Abrar emphasized that combating child marriage requires collective social responsibility. The Adviser also said that education and health are among the most essential fundamental rights.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan said, government will formulate a concrete action plan to protect the Sundarbans. The Adviser said this while presiding over a meeting on the Strategic Environmental Assessment at her Ministry yesterday. She stressed the need for not only a solid action plan but also an effective coordination mechanism to ensure implementation.

Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Adviser Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuyain said, the government has taken an initiative to set up new missions in five countries to expand diplomatic relations. These missions will be established in Dublin of Ireland, Oslo of Norway, Buenos Aires of Argentina, Frankfurt of Germany, and Sao Paulo of Brazil." he said in a post on his verified Facebook account. The Adviser said this in a post on his verified Facebook account yesterday.

Fisheries and Livestock Adviser Farida Akhter said, ensuring proper support and applying accurate systems in cattle production can improve local breeds into world-class ones. The Adviser said this while inaugurating the newly-constructed dormitory building at BCS Livestock Academy in Savar yesterday. The Adviser also said that training in the new dormitory with a pleasant environment will enhance the skills of livestock officers, ultimately benefiting farmers across the country.

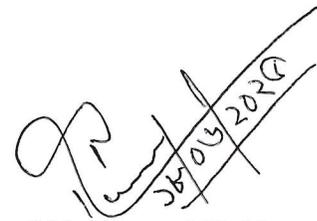
Vice-Chairman of the National Consensus Commission Professor Dr. Ali Riaz expressed satisfaction over the progress in discussions with political parties and said that efforts are underway to finalise the 'July Charter' by the next month. He said this at a press briefing after the second round of day-long talks with political parties at the Foreign Service Academy yesterday.

Foreign Ministry described Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus's recent visit to the United Kingdom as 'very successful,' highlighting his audience with British King Charles III and tangible progress in recovering stolen assets. Acting Foreign Secretary Ruhul Alam Siddique told reporters at a media briefing held at the Foreign Ministry yesterday. Acting Foreign Secretary also said, there are around 400 Bangladeshis currently residing in Tehran who are under a serious threat amid Israeli attacks and they are being relocated to safer places.

United Nations Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh Gwyn Lewis called on Acting Foreign Secretary Md. Ruhul Alam Siddique at the Foreign Ministry in Dhaka yesterday. During the meeting, Lewis briefed the Foreign Secretary on the UN's ongoing initiatives in Bangladesh, including support for LDC graduation, job creation, migration, climate financing, health programme and electoral assistance.

The International Crimes Tribunal (ICT)-1 yesterday published a notice in two national dailies, asking ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and former Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal to surrender. The notice was published in daily Amar Desh and daily New Age, ordering Hasina and Kamal to surrender before the tribunal on June 24.

Two more deaths and 18 new COVID-19 infections were recorded in the country in the past 24 hours till Monday morning, according to the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.



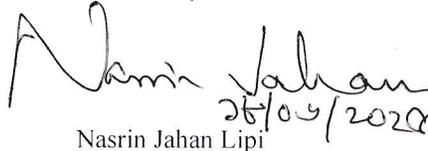
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