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### Newsbrief

The Supreme Judicial Council is reinstated to remove apex court judges for incapacity or violating the code of conduct as the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court disposed of a plea to review the apex court judgment that declared the 16<sup>th</sup> constitutional amendment illegal yesterday. Disposed of with observation, The order was passed by the Appellate Division bench headed by Chief Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed. The judicial through this order reached a point to work independently. Attorney General Md Asaduzzaman said this verdict will surely make its place in the history and surely be a milestone for the real independence of the judiciary.

Adviser to the Ministries of Finance and Commerce Dr Salehuddin Ahmed said the present government's priority is to bring back the money laundered abroad. Government's formed a taskforce to bring back money that was illegally taken abroad. Taskforce will start work on bringing back the money, Finance and Commerce Adviser told reporters after the Adviser's Council Committee on Government Procurement (ACCGP) meeting at the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. Responding to another question on commodity prices, the adviser said that vegetables are seasonal products and assured that prices of vegetables would come down soon.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Adviser Dr. Asif Nazrul said, the Supreme Court Judicial now can be made fully operational as the Supreme Court through its order reinstated the council to remove apex court judges for incapacity or violating the code of conduct. The Adviser said that the Supreme Judicial Council reinstated or it become effective again through the disposal of the review case. There were much confusion regarding this council, but after this order, the confusion has gone away. This is a special significance in our constitution," the law adviser said while talking to newsmen at the ministry yesterday.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan said climate finance, adaptation, and mitigation strategies must be fair and priority should be given to the badly-affected climate-vulnerable communities. Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser added said the commitment for providing US\$100 billion to address the international climate funding crisis should be increased. While contributions from developed nations may resolve some financial issues, true climate justice will remain elusive, The Environment Adviser made these remarks while speaking a seminar titled "Road to Baku: COP29 - Position of CSOs in Bangladesh on Climate Change" at the Department of Environment (DoE) in Dhaka yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Adviser Md. Nahid Islam said Sheikh Hasina is responsible for the deaths of all the policemen in the July uprising. Information and Broadcasting Adviser said that we urged Sheikh Hasina to hand over power peacefully. But she did not do so, causing a bloodbath in the country. Pointing out that building a new Bangladesh will not be possible without ensuring fascism-free media, the Adviser added that we are talking about press freedom through which the cohorts of fascism must be eliminated by identifying them properly. We want media free from fascism, he told a function organized marking the 70th founding anniversary of Jatiya Press Club (JPC) yesterday.

Religious Affairs Adviser AFM Khalid Hossain has clarified his recent statement on the election delivered at a recent meeting with local journalists in Cox's Bazar. In a clarification issued last night, the adviser said he would like to clarify some misunderstandings regarding his discussion with local journalists at Cox's Bazar Circuit House on October 18 last.

Attorney General Md Asaduzzaman expressed the hope that ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina would come back home and face the trial. The attorney general further said the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) has issued an arrest warrant against Sheikh Hasina, adding, all the accused should face the trial by appearing before the court. Attorney General said while talking to reporters at his office yesterday.

Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pranay Verma met with Foreign Secretary Md Jashim Uddin to discuss ways to enhance bilateral relations in various sectors. The meeting, held at the foreign ministry focused on advancing mutual cooperation in line with the shared aspirations of both Bangladesh and India for peace, security, and development. Indian High Commissioner said that the meeting more about how can take forward our relations in the coming days, media after the meeting this afternoon yesterday.

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The government has reduced import duty and regulatory duty on import of rice alongside withdrawing advance tax to keep the price of rice within the purchasing power of common people and thus keep it at a tolerable level. The National Board of Revenue (NBR) issued a gazette notification in this regard. The move is expected to boost the supply of rice in the market and also to ensure food security for the common people.

Over 2 lakh local and foreign tourists visited the Sundarbans in fiscal 2023-24, helping the government earn Tk 3.61 crore as revenue from the world's largest mangrove forest, officials said., Khulna Zone Conservator of Forest Mihir Kumar Doe said to newsmen that a total of 2, 11,057 tourists, including 2,622 foreigners, visited the Sundarbans yesterday.

Six additional deaths from dengue were reported in the 24 hours leading up to Sunday morning, bringing the total fatalities in Bangladesh this year to 247. During the period, 1,298 more patients were hospitalised with viral fever, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS).

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