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### Newsbrief

The Interim Government is steadfast to hold the elections on schedule, refusing to delay the vote for any demands, Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus said yesterday. The Chief Adviser told a delegation from the International Crisis Group led by Dr. Comfort Ero at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka. The Chief Adviser confirmed that his government has set two possible timelines for the elections. The dates would not change. Prof. Yunus explained that if political parties seek a limited number of reforms prior to elections, then the elections will be held in December. If a larger reform package is desired, then elections will take place by June next year, he added.

China will import mango, guava and jackfruit from Bangladesh. Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Yao Wen recently expressed his government's desire at a meeting with Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus in Dhaka. CA Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam disclosed this information at a press briefing at the Foreign Service Academy in Dhaka yesterday.

Finance Adviser Salehuddin Ahmed assured that the upcoming national budget will be business-friendly, incorporating a favourable tax policy to boost investment, GDP growth and employment generation. The Adviser told reporters after a pre-budget meeting with business leaders at the Finance Division Conference Room at the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Adviser Md. Mahfuj Alam said, the government expects neutral and responsible role from the mass media. The Adviser was speaking at an iftar mahfil and view-exchange meeting, organised by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting at the Tathya Bhaban in capital's Circuit House Road yesterday. Highlighting the prevalence of rumors and propaganda, Mahfuj Alam said the mass media must play an effective role in countering rumors and propaganda.

Women and Children Affairs Adviser Sharmeen S. Murshid called for enhanced global cooperation to accelerate the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. She also urged stronger partnerships, increased investments, and renewed commitments to ensure that no woman or girl is left behind. The Adviser made this call while delivering Bangladesh's national statement at the sixty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW69) in New York yesterday.

Nepalese Ambassador to Bangladesh Ghanshyam Bhandari called on Adviser of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and the Ministry of Water Resources, Syeda Rizwana Hasan at her office in Secretariat yesterday. The meeting focused on strengthening regional environmental cooperation, addressing climate change and fostering bilateral collaboration, according to a press release. During the discussion, Ambassador Bhandari formally invited the Environment Adviser to participate in Sagarmatha Sambaad, a global dialogue on climate change and sustainability, set to take place in Nepal in May 2025.

The Council of Advisers approved the draft of Women and Children Repression Prevention (Amendment) Act. The Council approved the amended act at its meeting held at the Chief Adviser's Office yesterday. It also approved amendment to the Public Procurement Ordinance to increase transparency and competition in public procurement process and to break syndicates. Chief Adviser's Deputy Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad Majumder told reporters at the press briefing at the Foreign Service Academy in Dhaka yesterday.

A meeting was held between National Consensus Commission Vice-Chairman Professor Dr. Ali Riaz and President and CEO of the world's leading conflict resolution organisation 'International Crisis Group' Dr. Comfort Ero yesterday. The meeting was held at the meeting room of the National Consensus Commission office at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar yesterday. The meeting discussed various issues including the progress of the work of the National Consensus Commission.



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