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Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus urged students to dream of building a new world. The Chief Adviser said this while delivering his speech at the 5th Convocation Ceremony of Chittagong University (CU) on the university's central playground yesterday. CU authorities conferred honorary Doctorate of Literature (D.Litt) degree on Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus for his outstanding contributions to alleviating poverty through microcredit and establishing peace across the globe. On behalf of the university, CU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr Muhammad Yeahia Akhter handed over the certificate of (D.Litt) degree to the Chief Adviser.

Earlier, the Chief Adviser visited the first branch of Grameen Bank in Chattogram yesterday. Later, the Chief Adviser visited his ancestral home at Bathua village, Hathazari, to meet locals. During the visit to his ancestral home, he also offered Munajat at the graves of his ancestors.

Chief Adviser Prof. Muhammad Yunus asked all concerned authorities to take effective steps to ease water logging in Chattogram city. He gave the directives in a meeting with the top government officials of the district at Chattogram Circuit House yesterday. The Chief Adviser also urged the journalists to write reports regularly on the water logging crisis of the port city which became chronic every year during monsoon.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus yesterday said, if the Chittagong Port could be developed, road communications in the city and district would inevitably improve. The Chief Adviser made the remarks when he was briefed about the traffic situation of Oxygen-Hathazari road leading to Chittagong University campus.

Chief Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed said, they have taken an initiative to introduce a helpline in the courts of 64 districts and eight metropolitan areas to ensure accessibility to the justice seekers to get due services. The Chief Justice said this while addressing as the chief guest at a programme organized by the Supreme Court Legal Aid Committee at the Supreme Court auditorium yesterday.

Foreign Affairs Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain expressed concern at the resource constraints of the UN peacekeeping missions and called for urgent international attention to address the funding gap. He made the call while speaking as a panellist at the High-Level Session of the UN Peacekeeping Ministerial being held in Berlin, Germany, according to a Foreign Ministry's press release yesterday. The Adviser said, Bangladesh pledged to deploy specialized military and police units, enhance female participation and introduce advanced technology solutions to strengthen United Nations peacekeeping operations. The Foreign Adviser also expressed concern at the resource constraints of the UN peacekeeping missions and called for urgent international attention to address the funding gap.

LGRD Adviser Asif Mahmud Sajib Bhuiyan said, Suhrawardy Udyan will remain shut after 8pm and discussions are in progress to bring the Udyan under a secure and structured governance system like Ramna Park along with transforming it into a modern park. The Adviser told media at Dhaka University campus after holding a meeting with university and concerned authorities yesterday.

Women and Children Affairs and Social Welfare Adviser Sharmeen S Murshid said, the government will form a dedicated 'social force' to combat violence and threats against women. The Adviser shared the information while addressing an award distribution ceremony organised by the Bangladesh Scouts Girl-in-Scouting Division at the National Headquarters of Bangladesh Scouts in the capital yesterday as the chief guest.

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The High Court (HC) yesterday issued a rule asking as to why the fact finding report of the United Nations (UN) on the July-August mass uprising will not be declared as a 'historic document'. The division bench of the HC comprising Justice Fahmida Quader and Justice Mubina Asaf passed the order upon a writ filed by a Supreme Court (SC) lawyer Tanvir Ahmed.

The Ministry of Finance yesterday hoped that the country would receive around \$3.3 billion in total loan support from the international development partners by this June including fourth and fifth tranches of \$1.3 billion from the International Monetary Fund (IMF). In a statement issued, the Ministry said that these funds, allocated as budget support, would help strengthen Bangladesh's foreign currency reserves and stabilise the exchange rate.

Biman Bangladesh Airlines announced revised departure schedules for its flights to Toronto, London, and Rome as the regional airspace situation between Pakistan and India returns to normal. The national flag carrier said, the new flight schedules will come into effect from today and urged all passengers to report to the check-in counters according to the updated timings, according to a press release yesterday.

The first Hajj flight of Bangladesh Biman from Sylhet Osmani International Airport left yesterday for the holy city of Madinah in Saudi Arabia carrying 417 passengers. Among them, 408 were hajj pilgrims and nine were general passengers, said Shah Newaz Majumder, Manager of Bangladesh Biman's Sylhet District.

Dhaka University administration formed a seven-strong committee to inquire into the killing of students and Chhatra Dal leader Shahriar Alam Sammo. The committee was asked to submit its findings within the next three working days, according to a notice from the public relations office of the university yesterday.

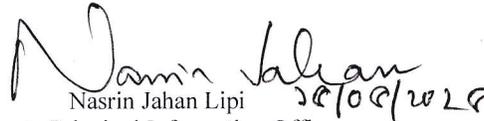
India's Border Security Force (BSF) pushed back 60 Bangladeshis through borders in Sylhet and Moulvibazar yesterday. A BGB patrol team (Zakiganj Battalion) detained them soon after they entered Bangladesh, said Lieutenant Colonel Md. Zubayer Anwar, commanding officer of the 19 BGB Battalion.

At the DSE, the benchmark index DSEX shed 38 points, while the Shariah-based DSES fell by 10 points yesterday.



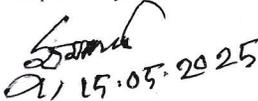
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