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Newsbrief

André Carstens, the outgoing Head of Mission of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, yesterday paid a farewell call on Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka. During their meeting, Carstens commended Chief Adviser for his leadership over the past year, particularly in steering Bangladesh through a transitional period following the ousting of the previous regime. He also highlighted Professor Yunus's efforts in fostering democratic reforms and national unity.

The Chief Adviser's Office (CAO) has sent a letter to the Election Commission (EC) asking it to complete all preparations to hold the national elections before the start of the holy month of Ramadan in February 2026. A press release issued by the Chief Adviser's Press Wing said this yesterday.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) A M M Nasir Uddin said, the Election Commission (EC) is preparing to hold the 13th National Parliamentary Election in the first half of February 2026. CEC said this while briefing journalists at his office Nirbachan Bhaban at Agargaon in Dhaka yesterday. CEC also said, the Chief Adviser wants to see a festive atmosphere during the elections, like the joyous spirit of Eid day and the EC is working with that vision in mind.

Finance Adviser Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed said, the economy of the country has made a good turnaround over the last one year of the interim government from the verge of falling into a ditch. The Finance Adviser made such remarks while responding to questions of reporters after chairing two separate meetings on the Advisers Council Committee on Economic Affairs and Advisers Council Committee on Government Purchase held at Bangladesh Secretariat in Dhaka yesterday. The Finance Adviser also said, before the interim government assumed responsibility following the mass uprising last year, there were precarious situations in the economic sector, which was a challenge.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Adviser Professor Asif Nazrul said, a list of prisoners of the July Uprising will be preserved in the July Museum. Law Adviser said this at a programme titled 'Recalling July Prisoners' at Bangla Academy in Dhaka yesterday. The Adviser also said, after the uprising, various attempts are being made to divide the forces of the uprising by giving false information.

Home Adviser Lieutenant General (Retd.) Md Jahangir Alam Chowdhury said, they were trying their best to deliver a good election to the nation. Home Adviser said this after coming out of a meeting at the Home Ministry in Dhaka yesterday. The Adviser also said, they will transfer SPs and OCs through a lottery before media representatives prior to the announcement of the election schedule.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan described the country under Sheikh Hasina's leadership as a 'prison' where citizens were unable to speak freely or think independently. The adviser made the remarks during a programme titled 'Reminiscence of July Prisoners' held at Bangla Academy in Dhaka yesterday.

Liberation War Affairs Adviser Faruk E Azam, Bir Protik, said, 78 July fighters injured in the mass uprising have been sent to Thailand, Singapore, Russia and Turkey for better treatment. Liberation War Affairs Adviser said this as the chief guest at the reception of the families of the martyrs killed in the July student-worker mass uprising and the July injured fighters at the Jatiya Press Club in Dhaka yesterday. The Adviser also said, a total of Taka 97, 50, 28, 102 has been spent on the treatment of these July fighters where the main purpose was not money but proper medical services.

Observing that the country's media outlets are yet to be emerged as corporate entities, National Consensus Commission Vice-Chairman Professor Ali Riaz stressed changing political culture to ensure the freedom of media. National Consensus Commission Vice-Chairman Professor Ali Riaz told a dialogue as the chief guest at CIRDAP Auditorium in Dhaka yesterday. Prof Ali Riaz also said, most of the media houses in the country work to protect the trade and business of their owners and that is why those are not able to do something good rather protecting the immediate interest of owners.

Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) Executive Chairman Chowdhury Ashik Mahmud Bin Harun said, they have worked closely with UNDP—from the investment summit to in-depth policy research and there's still

much more to be done. As they move toward a more investor-centric approach, especially through the integration of data and technology, continued collaboration with partners like UNDP will help us stay aligned with global best practices. BIDA Executive Chairman said this at a workshop at BIDA conference room in Dhaka yesterday.

US Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Allison M Hooker said, Washington wants to work with Bangladesh's interim government to advance ties and regional peace and security. US Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs shared her comment on X after a meeting with Bangladesh's National Security Adviser Khalilur Rahman in Washington yesterday.

The Bangladesh High Commission in Canada, in association with the University of Toronto, hosted a panel discussion titled 'Monsoon Rising: Celebrating Youth Resilience - One Year After', marking the anniversary of the July Uprising. The July Uprising Day was also observed at the Bangladesh Embassy in Washington, DC, USA.

Charge sheets in 19 cases linked to July Uprising have so far been submitted before the courts, according to the Police Headquarters. Eight of the charge sheets were submitted in murder cases while 11 others were submitted under other sections. Out of the eight murder cases, three were submitted in Sherpur, one each in Feni, Chandpur, Comilla and Kurigram districts and one in Chattogram Metropolitan Police.



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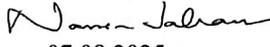


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