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## Newsbrief

President Mohammed Shahabuddin sought more Japanese investment in tourism, information and communication technology, medical and other emerging sectors in Bangladesh. The President made the call as new Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh Shinichi SAIDA presented his credentials to the President yesterday. The President also assured the Ambassador of providing all necessary assistance to the new envoy as he sought President's support to perform his duty here.

The Chiefs of four reform commissions Constitutional Reform Commission, Electoral Reform Commission, Police Administration Reform Commission and the Anti-Corruption Commission Reform Commission submitted their reports to Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at his Tajgaon office in Dhaka yesterday. The Chief Adviser said, a charter of new Bangladesh will be formed by building national unity through talks.

The Interim Government, led by Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus, will hold an all-party conference over the July proclamation on Thursday. The conference will be held at the Foreign Service Academy between 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm, CA's Deputy Press Secretary said yesterday.

Law Adviser Dr. Asif Nazrul said, the trial proceedings over the 'July genocide' will complete in the trial court before the next national election since the government is committed to ensuring justice in the brutal killings of student-people. The Adviser said this at a press briefing at the Foreign Service Academy in Dhaka yesterday. The trial proceedings are going smoothly as there is no negligence from any part here, added the Adviser.

Foreign Affairs Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain said, Dhaka cannot speculate major change in Bangladesh-USA relations during the tenure of President Donald Trump. The Adviser said this to the reporters at the Foreign Ministry in Dhaka yesterday. The Adviser expressed his optimism that things will move on smoothly in terms of relations with the United States.

Home Affairs Adviser Lt. Gen. Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury (retd.) stressed the need for giving diverse training to Bangladesh Ansar and VDP personnel to make them efficient enough in facing any crisis. The Adviser made the remarks while briefing the journalists after a view- exchange meeting with senior officers of the force at the Bangladesh Ansar and Village Defense Party Headquarters in Dhaka yesterday.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan said, the government has taken an initiative to prevent hill cutting by using modern technology. The Adviser said this while speaking at a progress review meeting on the Natural Capital Mapping project held at the Ministry of Water Resources in the Bangladesh Secretariat in Dhaka yesterday.

Meanwhile, Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan said, the interim government is hopeful to initiate formal talks with political parties next month for reaching a consensus on reform agenda. The Adviser said this at a press briefing at the Foreign Service Academy in Dhaka yesterday.

Fisheries and Livestock Adviser Farida Akther said, the medical expense is more than revenue collection from tobacco consumption. The Adviser said this at a seminar at the CIRDP auditorium in Dhaka yesterday. The Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock is the most affected one by tobacco production, as tobacco is cultivated on the banks of rivers, especially Halda and Teesta. Due to the use of pesticides and fertilizers in tobacco cultivation, fish in the relevant areas are dying, added the Adviser.

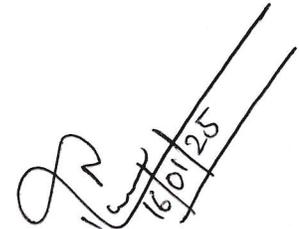
CHT Affairs Adviser Supradip Chakma said, we want to increase the production and use of bamboo for building the strong economic backbone of the CHT and reduce the water scarcity of the area. The Adviser said this while speaking during a meeting with the country representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Jiaoqun Shi at his office at Bangladesh Secretariat in Dhaka yesterday. The Adviser urged the FAO representative to take pro-people projects to keep environment and natural reserve forest in a balanced state.

A court here yesterday set April 15 for submitting reports in two separate cases filed against ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her son Sajeeb Wazed Joy for taking resort to irregularities in acquiring two 10-katha plots in the Purbachal New Town project. Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge Md. Zakir Hossain Galib passed the orders, accepting first information reports in the cases.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court acquitted all including Begum Khaleda Zia of graft charges in the Zia Orphanage Trust case. The Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed yesterday pronounced the verdict unanimously acquitting them who were convicted and sentenced by the lower court in the Zia Orphanage Trust graft case, allowing their appeals in the case.

Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has launched an investigation against former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's defense advisor General Tarique Ahmed Siddique, his wife Shaheen Siddique, daughter Bushra Siddique, niece Tulip Siddique, and Azmina Siddique Ruponti. ACC Director General Akhtar Hossain yesterday said, the ACC has decided to investigate into their corruption, abuse of power, embezzlement of government land, money laundering and obtaining illegal wealth at home and abroad in their names and without names.

Interest rates for five national savings schemes have been revised for the January–June 2025 period, aligning them with prevailing market rates for the first time in the country. A notification issued by the Internal Resources Division (IRD) of the Ministry of Finance on January 15, 2025, said that the revised rates are effective from January 1, 2025.



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