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Newsbrief

Dutch Vice-Minister for International Cooperation Pascalde Grotenhuis called on Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus while they discussed expanding cooperation in a range of areas, including agriculture, trade and investment, technology and youth development. During the meeting at the State Guest House Jamuna in the capital, the two leaders also discussed the potential of a social business fund for young and women entrepreneurs, according to a press release of Chief Adviser's Press Wing yesterday. They also discussed Bangladesh's democratic transition while the Chief Adviser reaffirmed his government's commitment to holding a free, fair, credible and festive election in the first half of February next. The Chief Adviser also said, the Awami League would not be able to participate in the election because its activities have been banned and its registration has been suspended by the Election Commission.

Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Dr Asif Nazrul said, all the services of Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training have been digitalized through the launch of 'Overseas Employment Platform'. The Adviser wrote this in a post shared in his verified Facebook account yesterday. The Adviser also said, in this system which is connected to 185 missions around the world, all the activities like registration of workers, verification of requisitions, approval, training and immigration clearance are now accomplished in one place.

Home Adviser Lieutenant General (Retd) Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury has reassured the readiness of the law enforcement agencies to hold the 13th parliamentary elections in the first half of February next. The Adviser said this during a meeting with German Ambassador to Bangladesh Dr Rüdiger Lotz at the Ministry of Home Affairs in the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. The Home Adviser also said that law enforcement agencies are fully prepared for any date the Election Commission finalizes, according to a press release of the Home Ministry.

Home Affairs Adviser Lieutenant General (Retd) Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury said, mutual cooperation between Bangladesh and Pakistan Police academies will be increased. The Adviser said this when Pakistan High Commissioner to Bangladesh Imran Haider paid a courtesy call on him at his Ministry office at the Secretariat yesterday.

Social Welfare and Women and Children Affairs Adviser Sharmeen S Murshid said, through construction of the July Martyrs' Memorial Foundation building, the legacy and contributions of the July mass uprising will be preserved and July fighters will remain alive forever. Both male and female fighters during student-led July mass uprising are entitled to visit the July Martyrs' Memorial Foundation and they will get all possible assistances, the Adviser added. The Adviser made the comments while addressing at the handing over ceremony of a government-allocated land to the 'July Martyrs' Memorial Foundation' in capital's Bijoy Nagar area yesterday.

Primary and Mass Education Adviser Professor Dr Bidhan Ranjan Roy Podder said, the government is actively considering the issue of granting higher grade in pay scale to primary school teachers. The Adviser also said, around 65,000 headmasters of primary schools across the country have already been upgraded to the 10th grade in the pay scale. The government is also sincerely considering the matter of providing higher grade to assistant teachers. The Adviser said this while speaking to journalists in the conference room of his Ministry at the Secretariat yesterday.

Pakistan High Commissioner to Bangladesh Imran Haider called on Information and Broadcasting Adviser Md. Mahfuj Alam at the latter's office at the Secretariat yesterday. During the meeting, the Advisor said that a Memorandum of Understanding has already been signed between the news agencies of Bangladesh and Pakistan. The Adviser expressed interest in strengthening cooperative relations for the development of the media of the two countries. The High Commissioner of Pakistan also expressed interest in this matter.

Refuting some people's claims that this interim government is 'the weakest administration in Bangladesh's history', Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam said that in reality the government has achieved almost all of its targets in just 15 months. The Press Secretary wrote this in a status on his verified Facebook account yesterday.

The Election Commission (EC) announced the schedule for postal voting registration for Bangladeshi expatriates residing in 148 countries ahead of the 13th parliamentary election. The registration process will be conducted regionally in phases. Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) AMM Nasir Uddin inaugurated the 'Postal Vote BD' app at a ceremony at Nirbachon Bhaban in Agargaon yesterday.

The National Cyber Security Agency (NCSA) has expressed grave concern that several digital or electronic platforms in the country have been spreading false statements made by fugitive and convicted individuals, warning that it would take necessary actions to stop such dissemination. The NCSA said this in a statement the day before yesterday.

Four more deaths were reported from dengue and 920 more patients were hospitalized in the past 24 hours till Tuesday morning, according to the Directorate General of Health Services said yesterday.


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