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Newsbrief

Today is Christmas Day, the birthday of Jesus Christ, Jewish preacher and religious leader of the first-century. The Christians of different groups in Bangladesh and elsewhere across the world will celebrate the day amid festivity and religious fervor. The day is a public holiday. In separate messages, President Mohammed Shahabuddin and Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus greeted members of the Christian community on the occasion. The President and the Chief Adviser wished peace, welfare and prosperity to all citizens, including Christians of the country. President in his message said, Bangladesh is a country of communal harmony as people of all religions have been practicing their religions and rituals independently in this country for long. The Chief Adviser in his message, hoped that Christmas will further strengthen the existing camaraderie and harmony between Christians and other communities in the country. For thousands of years, the Chief Adviser said, people of all religions, regardless of race, religion, or caste, have lived together in harmony in this country. People of all religions and communities have ultimate freedom to practice their own religion in Bangladesh.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus exchanged greetings with representatives of the Christian community on the occasion of Happy Christmas Day at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday. Religious Affairs Adviser Dr. AFM Khalid Hossain conducted the greeting exchange ceremony, while leaders of the Christian faith Bishop Bejoy N D'Cruze, the Head of the Catholic Christians of Bangladesh; Bishop Philip P. Adhikary, Chairman of National Christian Fellowship of Bangladesh; President of Bangladesh Christian Association Nirmal Rosario; Ignatius Hemant Corraya, Secretary General of the Bangladesh Christian Association and Daniel Nirmal D'Costa, President of Bangladesh Christian Mohajote; spoke, among others, on the occasion. Christian leaders expressed hope that generosity and communal harmony would develop in Bangladesh under the leadership of Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus and assured him of giving optimum cooperation from the Christian community.

The Council of Advisers at its meeting approved in principal the draft of the "Cyber Security Ordinance, 2024". The meeting was held at Chief Adviser's Office in Tejgaon in Dhaka yesterday, with Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus in the chair. About the outcomes of the meeting, Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam said, fallen dictator Sheikh Hasina used the controversial Cyber Security Act-2023 to suppress the dissenting voices and create an environment of fear so that no one can express their voice freely in the country.

United States (US) National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan spoke with Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus over phone, reiterating continued US support for the democratic process of Bangladesh. The Chief Adviser's press wing said yesterday. The US National Security Adviser praised the leadership of Professor Yunus in the past four and a half months after assuming the role of the Chief Adviser of the Interim Government on August 8, it said. Jake Sullivan also commended him for the progress that Bangladesh has already made in turning around the economy and for initiating vital political, election and other reforms. The National Security Adviser, as well, thanked the Chief Adviser for announcing the possible election dates and he offered continued US support for the democratic process of the country. During the phone call, they also discussed the overall development situation in the country. The Chief Adviser thanked the US for its generous support to Bangladesh in overcoming the inherited problems.

LGRD and Cooperatives Adviser Asif Mahmud Sajeeb Bhuiyan said, the upcoming elections depend on the reform agenda. The Adviser said, once the reform commissions submit their reports, the government will try to implement them according to that report. The Adviser said these while talking to local journalists after distributing winter clothes among the needy in Kaharol upazila of Dinajpur district and exchanging views with upazila-level officials.

Dhaka will send a reminder letter to New Delhi to send ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina back, if the Indian government does not respond to the diplomatic note sent to the government of India on Monday. Foreign Ministry's Spokesperson Mohammad Rafiqul Alam said this at the weekly media briefing at the Ministry yesterday.

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said, a parliament consisting of elected representatives based on the people's opinions can be the only institution to establish democracy. The BNP Secretary General told reporters after distributing winter clothes among 2,000 people under his own initiative at a programme at Thakurgaon Press Club yesterday.

The first ever Dhaka-Chattogram fuel oil transportation pipeline is set to be commissioned towards the end of January 2025 aimed at beginning commercial operation from April, saving an amount of Tk. 236 crore in transport cost annually. Chairman of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) Amin Ul Ahsan told BSS yesterday.

One more dengue patient died and 125 patients were admitted to different hospitals in the country during the last 24 hours, according to a press release issued by the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.

DSEX, the broad index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange, edged down by 1.5 points and settled at 5,169 points as against 5,171 points yesterday.



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