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Newsbrief

The Advisory Council gave final and in principal approval to drafts of 11 ordinances and three proposals with Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus in the chair at his office yesterday. The Advisory Council also appreciated Home Adviser Lt Gen (retd) Md Jahangir Alam Chowdhury and Religious Affairs Adviser Dr AFM Khalid Hossain over the peaceful celebration of Durga Puja amid festivity this year.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus reaffirmed the government's commitment to holding a national election in the first half of February next year, stating that it would mark the first genuinely democratic vote in many years. The Chief Adviser said, adding that he intends to return to his previous role following the vote. The Chief Adviser made the remarks at a meeting with UK Trade Envoy Rosie Winterton at the State Guest House Jamuna in the capital yesterday.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus expressed profound shock and sorrow at the death of local government expert, researcher and former member of the Local Government Reform Commission Professor Tofail Ahmed. In a condolence message yesterday the Chief Adviser said, Professor Tofail was one of the pioneering researchers on Bangladesh's local government system. The Chief Adviser also prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed deep sympathy to the bereaved family members, colleagues and admirers of Professor Tofail Ahmed.

LGRD Adviser Asif Mahmud Sajib Bhuiyan testified at the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT)-1 as a prosecution witness (PW) in a case over the killings of six innocent people in the capital's Chankharpul area on August 5, 2024. The Adviser submitted his deposition as PW-19. However, his remained unfinished yesterday.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan stressed on achieving 30 percent renewable energy target by 2030. The Adviser also said, the government has taken various initiatives to make it mandatory in setting up solar panels in the government offices along with reviewing the possibilities of solar and wind power to this end. The Adviser said this in an inaugural programme of Team Europe Initiative-Climate and Energy at the Hotel InterContinental in the capital yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Adviser Md. Mahfuj Alam said, the country's media must engage in self-criticism over its role during the previous government's 15-year rule, emphasizing that accountability to the people is essential to restore public confidence in journalism. The Adviser said this while addressing a discussion titled 'Media in July and Afterwards' at the Press Institute Bangladesh auditorium in the capital yesterday.

UK Trade Envoy to Bangladesh Baroness Winterton held a meeting with Commerce Adviser Sk. Bashir Uddin at the Adviser's office at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. The meeting discussed in details various aspects of trade, investment and economic cooperation between Bangladesh and the United Kingdom as well as issues related to LDC graduation and the launch of the Third Terminal at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport.

The government is working to adopt a multimodal transport plan, which is a strategic initiative designed to establish a coordinated and highly efficient national transportation system. This plan aims to integrate road, rail and waterway networks to ensure cost and time-efficient transportation across the country. Special Assistant to the Chief Adviser Sheik Moinuddin confirmed this yesterday.

Nawaz Khan

Chief Adviser's Special Assistant on the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Prof. Dr Md. Sayedur Rahman said, five crore children aged 9 months to 15 years will receive typhoid vaccine during the nationwide campaign, scheduled to begin on October 12. The programme will run simultaneously in all schools and designated vaccination centers across the country. The Special Assistant said this at a press conference in the Ministry's conference room at the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Bangladesh has welcomed the ongoing dialogue between Hamas and Israel aimed at ending the war in Gaza. Dhaka hoped that the diplomatic initiative would pave the way for lasting peace in the region and the establishment of an independent and sovereign State of Palestine. Foreign Ministry said this in a statement yesterday.

The United Nations in Bangladesh has congratulated Bangladesh on being elected President of the 43rd General Conference of UNESCO, describing the achievement as a historic milestone in the country's 53-year partnership with the UN's cultural and educational agency. In a message yesterday the UN said, the election of Khondker M. Talha, Ambassador of Bangladesh to France and Permanent Delegate to UNESCO, as the President of UNESCO's 43rd General Conference reflects Bangladesh's growing global leadership in education, culture, science and communication.

Expatriates Welfare and Overseas Employment Ministry has been continuing all legal and diplomatic efforts to free 25 Bangladeshis languishing in prisons in Abu Dhabi, UAE. An official handout in Dhaka yesterday said, Bangladesh Envoy in the UAE Tareq Ahmed held formal and informal meetings with the high ups of the Foreign Ministry of the gulf country and discussed the matter and sought their support for release of the expatriate workers.

Four more were died and 781 more patients were reported from dengue in the past 24 hours till Thursday morning, according to the Directorate General of Health Services said yesterday.



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