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Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus yesterday expressed deep shock at the death of renowned economist and member of the first Planning Commission Professor Anisur Rahman. In a condolence message, the Chief Adviser said, eminent economist Anisur Rahman worked especially on people's participation in rural development. The Chief Adviser said, Professor Anisur Rahman also played an important role as an organiser in the country's Liberation War in 1971. The Chief Adviser also prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul of Prof. Anisur and expressed deep condolences to the bereaved family members.

Chief Advisor Professor Muhammad Yunus witnessed the maneuver exercise of an infantry brigade at Rajbari Military Training Area in Rajbari yesterday. Bangladesh Army's 55 Infantry Division organized the event on the occasion of Army Maneuver Exercise 2024-25, an ISPR release said. During the hour-long exercise, members of Bangladesh Army equipped with state-of-the-art weapons successfully conducted the attack exercise by creating a realistic war environment. All arms and services including various types of most modern tanks, APCs, artillery guns, infantry, engineers and commandos of the Bangladesh Army participated in the exercise. The Chief Adviser also praised the skills and high-quality training of the army members participating in the exercise.

Chief Justice Syed Refaat Ahmed called upon the journalist community to strengthen the Bangladesh Press Council. The Chief Justice said this when the leaders of Law Reporters' Forum (LRF) paid a courtesy call on him at the latter's Supreme Court (SC) office in Dhaka yesterday.

Finance Adviser Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed said, Bangladesh is still grappling with the repercussions of corruption and flawed policies implemented during the previous ousted Awami League regime, which have deterred foreign investments and hindered economic progress. The Adviser said this while speaking as the chief guest at the launch of a report titled "Enhancing Saudi-Bangladesh Economic Engagement: Trends, Key Challenges & Long-Term Growth Prospects" at the Foreign Ministry in Dhaka yesterday.

Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperative Adviser Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuyain said, the Department of Cooperatives (DOC) will play a leading role in implementing the globally discussed and appreciated "three-zero" theory and social business concepts of Chief Adviser Professor Dr. Muhammad Yunus. The Adviser said this while addressing a views exchange meeting with the official and employees of the Department of Cooperatives (DOC) yesterday.

Social Welfare Adviser Sharmeen Soneya Murshid said that the relationship between Bangladesh and Algeria is very close and friendly. The Adviser said this when Algerian Ambassador to Bangladesh Dr. Abdelouahab Saidani called on her at her office in the Ministry in Secretariat yesterday. There are many opportunities to expand mutual cooperation between Bangladesh and Algeria in the economic and commercial fields, the Adviser added.

Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam said, the government is hopeful of the extradition of ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina from India. The government will hold talks with political parties to prepare the 'July Proclamation'. The Chief Adviser's Press Secretary told a press briefing at the Foreign Service Academy in Dhaka yesterday. The interim government is trying to empower national news agency Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha and state-run Bangladesh Television, the Chief Adviser's Press Secretary added.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) AMM Nasir Uddin said, the Election Commission (EC) is pledge-bound to hold a free, fair and neutral election for restoring the voting rights of 18 crore people of the country. The CEC expressed the commitment while inaugurating a training of trainers for the enumerators and supervisors of the voter list updating program at the Electoral Training Institute in the capital's Agargaon yesterday.

Saudi Ambassador to Bangladesh Essa Youssef Essa Al Duhailan said, Saudi Arabia's state-owned oil giant, Aramco, expressed interest in setting up an oil refinery in Bangladesh, which could significantly impact the Bay of Bengal region. The Envoy made the remark while speaking at launching of a report titled "Enhancing Saudi-Bangladesh Economic Engagement: Trends, Key Challenges & Long-Term Growth Prospects" at the Foreign Ministry in Dhaka yesterday.

Border Guard Bangladesh yesterday detained 36 Rohingyas, who illegally entered Bangladesh through the Bay of Bengal. Lt Colonel Ashiqur Rahman, Commanding officer of BGB Battalion-2 in Teknaf confirmed yesterday.



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