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Newsbrief

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres expressed his full support and solidarity with Bangladesh's ongoing democratic transition and reform initiatives. The UN Secretary-General made the remarks during a meeting with Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at the UN Headquarters in New York yesterday. During the meeting, the two sides discussed a wide range of issues, including political reforms, preparations for the upcoming general election scheduled for February, accountability for the atrocities committed during the July uprising and global trade concerns surrounding protectionist tariff measures.

United Nations Under-Secretary-General Rabab Fatima announced that her office will support an independent readiness assessment for Bangladesh's graduation from Least Developed Country (LDC) status, following a formal request from the country's interim government. The UN Under-Secretary-General made the announcement during a meeting with Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at his hotel in New York yesterday.

Imran Khan, a prominent American investor of Bangladeshi origin, called on Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus in New York on Saturday and expressed his interest in investing in Bangladesh. The Chief Adviser invited him to invest in the country's burgeoning fintech, healthcare and social business sectors.

Noting that the image of Bangladesh in abroad is now very good, Finance Adviser Dr Salehuddin Ahmed urged all concerned to remain alert so that the country does not face any such danger in the coming days and thus it could move forward in a speedy manner. The Finance Adviser said this while addressing the 'Inauguration of Academic Programmes of ERF Institute' and a seminar on "Financial Transparency in Corporate Sector", held at the Economic Reporters' Forum (ERF) Auditorium in the capital yesterday.

Home Adviser Lieutenant General (Retd.) Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury said, they are trying their best to ensure a stable situation in Khagrachhari that leads the situation to a satisfactory level. The Adviser made the remarks while inaugurating the construction of administrative-cum-barrack buildings for five police stations under Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) at the Old Ramna Thana Complex in the capital yesterday. Three people were killed and several others including police and military personnel were injured in recent unrest in Khagrachhari. The Home Adviser has also sought cooperation from all to pursue normal situation in Khagrachhari and peaceful and safe celebrations of the Durga Puja.

Liberation War Affairs Adviser Faruk-e-Azam said that the voting process of the upcoming election will be inclusive and transparent to meet the expectations of the people. The Adviser stressed the importance of unity in celebrating Durga Puja, urging everyone to be cautious of rumors and to ensure a peaceful and respectful observance of the religious festival with their families. The Adviser made the remarks during visits to various Puja mandaps in Mirsarai upazila in Chattogram yesterday.

Fisheries and Livestock Adviser Farida Akhter announced that netting of hilsa will be suspended nationwide from October 4 to 25 as part of a special drive to protect mother hilsa. The Adviser made the announcement at a press conference held at the Ministry's conference room at the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

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British High Commissioner Sarah Cooke reaffirmed her country's support for a free, fair, credible and peaceful election in Bangladesh next year. The British High Commissioner made the remark while talking to journalists after meeting Chief Election Commissioner A M M Nasir Uddin at the Election Commission Secretariat in the capital's Agargaon yesterday.

The Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), under the Statistics and Informatics Division (SID) of the Ministry of Planning, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) to strengthen statistical capacity, modernize data management and enhance evidence-based policymaking in Bangladesh. The signing ceremony was held in Dhaka, with the Secretary of the Statistics and Informatics Division Aleya Akter gracing the occasion as the Chief Guest while Charles Challan, Director of South Asia, UNOPS, as the Guest of Honour. The MoU was signed by Mohammed Mizanur Rahman, Director General of BBS, and Sudhir Muralidharan, Country Manager, UNOPS Bangladesh and Bhutan, according to a press release said yesterday.

Japan has allocated 3.4 million US dollars to The United Nations World Food Programme to support lifesaving assistance for Rohingyas and vulnerable host communities in Bangladesh. Japanese Ambassador Saida Shinichi said this while announcing the contribution, according to a press release yesterday.

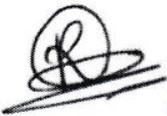
The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of Bangladesh signed agreements for a \$150 million loan and \$4 million grant to expand water supply services for unserved residents of Khulna city and address ground-source water salinity to ensure a sustainable piped water supply during the dry season. Md. Shahriar Kader Siddiky, Secretary, Economic Relations Division (ERD) and Hoe Yun Jeong, Country Director, ADB, signed the loan agreement on behalf of Bangladesh and ADB, respectively, at a ceremony held at the ERD offices in Dhaka yesterday. At the same ceremony, the ADB and the Government of Bangladesh signed agreements for a \$58.6 million grant from the Asian Development Fund (ADF) and a \$28.1 million concessional loan to provide basic infrastructure and critical services for displaced people from Myanmar and host communities in Bangladesh. The ADF provides grants to ADB's poorest and most vulnerable developing member countries. Md. Shahriar Kader Siddiky, Secretary, ERD and Hoe Yun Jeong, Country Director, ADB, signed the agreements on behalf of Bangladesh and ADB, respectively.

Three more deaths and 775 more patients were reported from dengue in the past 24 hours till Monday morning, according to the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.



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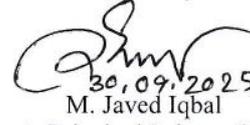
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