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Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus urged the European Union (EU) to provide support for Bangladesh to transform its energy sector. The Chief Adviser said this when 19 Diplomats of European countries, stationed in Dhaka and New Delhi, called on him at the Chief Adviser's Office in the capital's Tejgaon area yesterday.

Reiterating that required reforms should be accomplished before holding the next national election, Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus hinted that they can come up with a kind of announcement this month on the reform and election process. In an interactive session with the Envoys of European countries Chief Adviser's Office in Tejgaon yesterday, the Chief Adviser said, they have to wait for the reports of the reform Commission to incorporate its proposals in the election process.

Recalling the contribution of Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain, commonly known as Begum Rokeya, to social reform, Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus said, her works and thoughts surprised him. The Chief Adviser made the remarks while distributing Begum Rokeya Padak-2024 to the recipients at a ceremony at Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital yesterday.

India said, it wanted to continue mutually beneficial relationship with Dhaka with its External Affairs Secretary Vikram Misri saying Delhi found no reason for disruption of the ties with Bangladesh's August political change. Indian External Affairs Secretary said this in a media briefing after a secretary-level foreign office consultation (FOC) with his Bangladesh counterpart Mohammad Jashim Uddin.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Adviser Dr. Asif Nazrul said, the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) and the judiciary became slave during the last government's rule and that is why corruption incidents were not brought to the justice. The Law Adviser said these while addressing as the chief guest a discussion organized by the ACC marking International Anti-Corruption Day at Institute of Diploma Engineers in the capital yesterday.

Describing Begum Rokeya as the precursor of the women renaissance, BNP Acting Chairman Tarique Rahman said, the life, works and ideals of Begum Rokeya would inspire immensely the womenfolk to become self-reliant. The BNP Acting Chairman said this in a message on Sunday marking the Begum Rokeya Day, 2024 which coincides her birth and death anniversary.

BNP submitted a 17-point recommendation to the Electoral Reform Commission, including changes to party registration policies, electoral code of conduct, and transferring control of the National Identification server back to the EC. BNP Standing Committee Member Abdul Moyeen Khan disclosed this recommendation while addressing a press briefing at the BNP Chairperson's office in Gulshan yesterday.

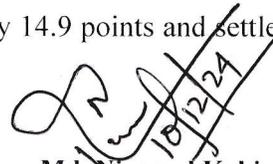
The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a US\$100 million loan in additional financing to support critical infrastructural development through public-private partnerships (PPP) in Bangladesh, said ADB Country Director for Bangladesh Hoe Yun Jeong yesterday.

Fact checking body 'Fact Watch' found that an Indian media falsified a video containing immersion of Goddess Kali in West Bengal state of the neighbouring country as an attack on a Bangladesh temple. The fact checking organisation marked the viral video post as false that was shared from the X handle of the Indian media outlet RT India claiming that it was an attack on the temple of Goddess Kali in Bangladesh.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) Commissioner SM Sazzat Ali said, over 80,000 members of the police force were recruited after examining their political affiliation in the last 15 years. The DMP Commissioner said this while replying to a question in his maiden press meet at the DMP media center in the capital yesterday.

Two dengue patients died while 478 were admitted to different hospitals in the country during the past 24 hours, according to the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.

DSEX, the broad index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange, declined by 14.9 points and settled at 5,167 points as against 5,182 points yesterday.



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