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Newsbrief

Leading Japanese entrepreneur and politician Miki Watanabe has announced plans to establish a driving school in Bangladesh to hire skilled drivers for his country. Watanabe, founder of the Watami Group, made the announcement during a meeting with Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at the State Guest House Jamuna the day before yesterday. The Chief Adviser asked the officials to find a suitable land for the proposed driving school, preferably on the outskirts of Dhaka.

Visiting Chairman of Pakistan's Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee General Sahir Shamshad Mirza paid a courtesy call on Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at the State Guest House Jamuna the day before yesterday. During the meeting, they discussed a wide range of issues concerning Bangladesh-Pakistan relations, including growing importance of bilateral trade, investment and defence cooperation, according to a press release of the Chief Adviser's Press Wing yesterday. Emphasizing the shared historical, cultural and people-to-people ties between the two countries, General Mirza expressed Pakistan's desire to strengthen cooperation in multiple sectors.

Home Affairs Adviser Lieutenant General (Retd) Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury assured of ensuring a level playing field ahead of the upcoming parliamentary election aimed at holding an 'excellent polls. The Adviser made the remarks after emerging from the 15th meeting of the Council of Advisers on law and order at his Ministry in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. Regarding allegations of some political parties about biased postings of the government officials, the Adviser refuted the allegations saying, they have yet to receive any such allegation to this end.

The government formed a five-member committee to investigate into the Metrorail incident causing the death of a pedestrian at Farmgate and announced compensation for the victim's family. Adviser for Road Transport and Bridges Fouzul Kabir Khan said, Bridges Division Secretary Abdur Rouf would lead the committee which was asked to submit its report within two weeks.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan said, a voluntary network will be formed in every district in rescuing and protecting wildlife. The Adviser made these remarks while addressing a discussion organized by the Forest Department in the capital's Agargaon area marking the International Freshwater Dolphin Day, according to a press release yesterday. The Adviser also said, dolphins are a vital indicator of river health and their survival is intrinsically linked to the well-being of both rivers and people.

Information and Broadcasting Adviser Md. Mahfuj Alam said, the government will increase facilities for newspapers and private television channels, urging the media owners to enhance benefits for journalists accordingly. The Adviser said this while speaking at the 'Meet the Reporters' programme organized by Dhaka Reporters' Unity at its Shafiqul Kabir Auditorium in the capital yesterday. Emphasizing the need for increasing journalists' salaries the Adviser said, the government plans to fix a minimum salary for entry-level journalists.

Member of the German Bundestag Boris Mijatovic called on Labour and Employment and Shipping Adviser Brigadier General (R.) Dr M Sakhawat Hussain at his Secretariat office yesterday. During the meeting, they exchanged views on various issues related to the labour and shipping sectors including development of Bangladesh's labour sector, progress in renewable energy, strengthening investment and trade cooperation and ongoing activities under GIZ, Germany's development cooperation agency.

Religious Affairs Adviser Dr AFM Khalid Hossain said that following the ideals and teachings of Prophet Hazrat Muhammad can enlighten human life and bring success in both this world and the hereafter. The Adviser told a discussion marking Siratun Nabi (PBUH) at Gulshan in Dhaka yesterday. The event was organized by the Education, Culture, Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee of the Gulshan Central Mosque and Eidgah Society.

Election Commission (EC) Secretariat Senior Secretary Akhtar Ahmed said, there is no situation so far to be panicked or concerned regarding the upcoming 13th Jatiya Sangsad election. The Senior Secretary told journalists at Nirbachan Bhaban in the capital's Agargaon yesterday. The Senior Secretary said that the list of polling centres has been finalized. The registration of political parties and the final list of polling centres will be completed within this week, he added.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has welcomed the increase in foreign exchange reserves by the Bangladesh Bank. Thomas Helbling, Deputy Director of the IMF's Asia and Pacific Department said this while responding to a question at a press briefing in Hong Kong on Friday on Asia-Pacific economic developments.

France has reaffirmed its commitment to supporting research initiatives that strengthen effective public actions to address health challenges among vulnerable communities in Bangladesh. The Embassy of France in Dhaka pledged while expressing appreciation for the success of the 'Heartmind for Women' initiative, a collaborative project implemented by SAJIDA Foundation, the French Institute of Research and Development (IRD), and BRAC University under the Team France Fund, according to the French embassy in Dhaka today.

More Four dengue patients were died and 1143 were hospitalized in across the country in the past 24 hours till Sunday morning, according to a press release issued by the Directorate General of Health Services said yesterday.



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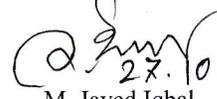


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