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Newsbrief

Finance Adviser Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed said, the government is happy regarding the reform initiatives of the banking sector although there are constraints. The Finance Adviser made the comments during an interview with BSS at his Secretariat office marking the completion of three months or 100 days by the interim government. During the annual meetings of the IMF and the World Bank, Dr. Salehuddin said, he talked with the high ups of the World Bank, ADB, IsDB, OPEC Fund and all of them had assured the government of extending all possible cooperation.

Later, the Finance Adviser said, reforms in various sectors, including in financial, capital market and banking ones, are being carried out to solve the crisis that the interim government inherited from the previous regime. The Finance Adviser said this while talking to the national news agency in an interview at his Ministry's office yesterday marking the completion of three months and beyond by the interim government in office.

Information and Broadcasting Adviser Md. Nahid Islam yesterday said, the interim government has ensured freedom of press along with freedom of expression and holding rally as he attributed his government's another major success to not interference in any media event. The Adviser told BSS in an interview marking the government's hundred days. The Adviser also said, even his Ministry or the government never intervened in media activities in the government's 100 days as the media is now enjoying the utmost freedom in operating its professional activities.

Adviser for Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuyain said, the bureaucratic problems of government officials will be removed from public welfare work. The Adviser said this while addressing a discussion held at the Officers' Club on Bailey Road marking the three-month anniversary of the student-led mass uprising. The political demography has changed in Bangladesh, the Adviser added.

Adviser of Ministry of Industries Adilur Rahman Khan said, all closed sugar mills in the country will be reopened. The Adviser said this while inaugurating the sugar crushing programme of North Bengal Sugar Mills in Natore yesterday.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan said, the use of burnt bricks will be stopped in all government constructions by 2025. The Adviser told BSS in an interview yesterday.

The Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief has planned to provide financial aid to poor people in 61 upazilas to lift them out from poverty. Disaster Management and Relief Adviser Faruk E Azam, Bir Protik, told BSS yesterday.

University Grants Commission (UGC) Member Professor Dr. Mohammad Anwar Hossain said, there will be no more discrimination in Shaheed Abu Sayeed's Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur in the future. Professor Hossain said this at a meeting held between the BRUR administration and UGC delegation in the syndicate room of the administrative building with the university's Vice-chancellor Professor Dr. Md. Showkat Ali in the chair yesterday.

The government will keep the food distribution continue under the Open Market Sale (OMS) to ensure food security of all people throughout the country. Food Secretary M Masudul Hasan told BSS yesterday.

At least three patients died of dengue in the last 24 hours while 474 were hospitalized till Thursday morning, according to the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.

DSEX, the broad index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), gained 39 points, or 0.73 percent, to settle at 5,355 points yesterday.



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