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**Newsbrief**

BNP Chairman Tarique Rahman and his family members paid a courtesy call on Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at the State Guest House Jamuna in the capital yesterday. During the meeting, the members of the two families exchanged greetings with each other, the press wing said.

The government gave final approval to the draft of the 'July Mass Uprising Protection and Liability Determination Ordinance 2026' granting indemnity to the participants in the 2024 July Uprising. The Council of Advisers gave the approval at its weekly meeting at the Chief Adviser's Office in Dhaka yesterday with Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus in the chair.

Law Adviser Professor Asif Nazrul said that the government's campaign in favour of the referendum is rooted in its commitment to reforms for public welfare and state interest, not in supporting any political party or seeking to remain in power. The Adviser said this responding to a question while briefing the media at the Foreign Service Academy in Dhaka yesterday. The Adviser was addressing the briefing on the Council of Advisers' meeting held at the Chief Adviser's Office with Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus in the chair.

Foreign Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain said that the government would not take any step that could harm Dhaka's relations with any country, even as reports emerged about a possible government-to-government agreement with China on military drone manufacturing. The Adviser said this responding to a journalist's question at the Foreign Ministry yesterday about the possible impact of such an agreement on Bangladesh's relations with Washington.

Saudi Arabia's Ambassador to Bangladesh, Dr. Abdullah Zafer Bin Abiyah paid a courtesy call on Home Adviser Lieutenant General (Retd) Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury at his office in the Home Ministry at the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday, reaffirming the commitment of both countries to further strengthen bilateral relations. During the meeting, both sides discussed issues of mutual interest, including manpower export, expansion of bilateral trade and commerce, preparations for Bangladesh's upcoming national elections, said a Home Ministry press release. The Ambassador also formally invited Bangladesh to participate in the upcoming World Defense Show to be held in Riyadh.

Industry, Public Works and LGRD Advisor Adilur Rahman Khan urged all to honor the martyrs of July Uprising by casting 'Yes' votes in the upcoming referendum on February 12. The Adviser made the call while inaugurating a colorfully referendum caravan 'Voter Ghari' at Chattogram Stadium premises yesterday.

Education Adviser Professor Dr. CR Abrar said, initiatives are being taken to place the Central University Ordinance in meeting of council of advisers at the earliest for giving the merger of seven colleges a legal base. The Adviser said this at his office at the Secretariat yesterday. The Adviser also said, classes for students already admitted to Central University began so that there is no disruption to their academic lives.

Laying emphasis on motivating and inspiring people in favor of 'Yes' vote in upcoming national referendum, Special Assistant to the Chief Adviser Professor Ali Riaz urged all to work unitedly to effectively utilize the opportunity to establish an accountable state. The Special Assistant said this while speaking at a broad-based views sharing meeting on upcoming referendum at Chattogram Stadium yesterday.

The interim government has appointed three key Officials of the administration to the Board of Directors of Biman Bangladesh Airlines Limited. The new appointees are National Security Adviser (NSA) Dr. Khalilur Rahman, Special Assistant to the Chief Adviser Faiz Ahmad Taiyeb and Senior Secretary of the Election Commission Secretariat Akhtar Ahmed. A gazette notification was issued in this regard by the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism on Wednesday.

Newly appointed US Resident Ambassador to Bangladesh Brent Thomas Christensen presented his credentials to President. Welcoming the new US Ambassador at Bangabhaban in Dhaka yesterday, the President hoped that relations between the two countries would be further enhanced, in the days to come, in the fields of trade, investment, education and culture. The new US Envoy expressed his determination to make all-out efforts in this regard and to make Bangladesh-US relations deeper, more multidimensional and fruitful.

Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) Chairman Jalal Ahmed said, the commission was working to ease import and supply of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) in the country to offset the ongoing crisis. The BERC Chairman told a seminar on regulatory challenges in the LPG market at CIRDAP auditorium in the capital yesterday.

A court in Dhaka yesterday directed the Criminal Investigation Department to carry out further investigation into the sensational murder of Inqilab Mancha Spokesperson Sharif Osman Hadi. Dhaka Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Jashita Islam passed the order after the complainant expressed dissatisfaction with the investigation and submitted a naraji petition against the charge-sheet, seeking further probe.



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