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Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus stressed on taking measures to stop recurrence of election rigging as the committee on investigating alleged irregularities in the 2014, 2018 and 2024 general polls submitted its report to him. Committee Chief Justice Shamim Hasnain and members Shamim Al Mamun, Kazi Mahfuzul Haque (Supon), Barrister Tazrian Akram Hossain and Dr. Md. Abdul Alim formally handed over the report to the Chief Adviser at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday.

The National Economic Council (NEC) approved a Taka two lakh crore Revised Annual Development Programme (RADP) for the current fiscal year 2025-'26 with the transport and communication sector witnessing the highest allocation. The approval came from a meeting held at the NEC Conference Room in the capital's Sher-e-Bangla Nagar area yesterday with Chief Adviser and NEC Chairperson Professor Muhammad Yunus in the chair. However, considering the autonomous bodies' and corporations' own fund, the RADP size stood at Tk 2,08,935.53 crore. Planning Adviser Professor Dr. Wahiduddin Mahmud briefed reporters after the meeting.

Planning Adviser Dr. Wahiduddin Mahmud said, the government expects a turnaround in the implementation pace of public investment projects from the next fiscal year, driven by governance reforms, improved project management and stricter approval and monitoring mechanisms. The Adviser said this after the meeting of the National Economic Council (NEC), the country's highest economic decision-making body, after approving Revised Annual Development Programme for the current fiscal year (FY26) at the NEC Conference Room in the capital's Sher-e-Bangla Nagar area yesterday.

Youth and Sports Adviser Dr. Asif Nazrul said, there is no atmosphere to play the T20 World Cup (WC) in India after receiving the letter from the International Cricket Council (ICC) security team. The ICC security team recently sent a letter to the Bangladesh Cricket board regarding the security risks Bangladesh could face if it goes to India to play the T20 World Cup. Speaking to the pressmen at the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) Bhaban yesterday, the Adviser said, the ICC security team has mentioned three issues regarding the security risks of Bangladesh playing in India.

Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar met Foreign Affairs Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain on the sidelines of the OIC extraordinary ministerial session to review bilateral relations and regional issues. The meeting took place during the Extraordinary Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in Jeddah, according to Pakistan high commission in Dhaka yesterday. During the meeting, both the leaders expressed satisfaction over the robustness of Pakistan-Bangladesh relations.

Home Affairs Adviser Lieutenant General (Retd) Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury said, corruption is the biggest enemy of the state, warning that it is not only causes economic damage but also erodes state institutions and destroys public trust. The Adviser made the remarks while addressing the concluding parade of the 21st Basic Training of 41st BCS (Ansar) cadre officers, newly recruited police station/upazila instructors and the 26th and 27th batch (male) recruited sepoy of the Ansar Battalion at the Yad Ali Parade Ground of the Bangladesh Ansar and VDP Academy in Gazipur yesterday. The Adviser also said, if any Ansar member acts out of personal interest, greed or political motives, it weakens the foundation of the state.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus has called on Japanese investors to expand investment in Bangladesh and recruit more Bangladeshi workers for employment in Japan, the world's fourth-largest economy. The Chief Adviser made the appeal when former Japanese First Lady Akie Abe and a delegation of Japanese entrepreneurs paid a courtesy call on him at the State Guest House Jamuna on Sunday, said the Chief Adviser's Press Wing yesterday.

Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam yesterday said that the government recognized the significance of the UN Security Council decision to establish the international stabilization force (ISF) for Gaza and is carefully considering the matter of joining the force. The Press Secretary told this regarding the Bangladesh's stance in joining the ISF.

The government is implementing an extensive programme across the country to create public awareness about the forthcoming referendum slated for February 12. Under the initiative, field-level government officials, religious leaders, and leading representatives of various non-government organizations are being trained to help eliminate ambiguity and misinformation about the referendum at the grassroots level, said the Chief Adviser's Press Wing yesterday.

Special Assistant to the Chief Adviser Professor Ali Riaz said, a mandate of the voters (referendum) on the July Charter is indispensable for future Bangladesh's state structure and full-length establishment of democracy. The Special Assistant said this while addressing a conference of Imams of Rajshahi division at Hazrat Shah Makhdum Edigah in Rajshahi yesterday.

Special Assistant to Chief Adviser for the Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges Dr. Sheikh Moinuddin said that the long-standing syndicate in the Roads and Highways Department (RHD) has been dismantled. The Special Assistant said this in an exclusive interview with the national news agency BSS at his office at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

United States (US) Ambassador-Designate to Bangladesh Brent T. Christensen arrived in Dhaka yesterday, accompanied by his wife, Deanne Dao, ahead of formally assuming his diplomatic assignment. Ambassador Christensen most recently served as the Senior Official performing the duties of Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security from January to October 2025, overseeing global efforts on security cooperation, security assistance, counterterrorism, counternarcotic and nonproliferation.

Rapid Pass and MRT Passes for metro rail and other public transport systems can now be recharged online through a mobile app. Chief Adviser's Special Assistant for the Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges Sheik Moinuddin inaugurated the service at the conference room of the Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority (DTCA) in Tejgaon yesterday.

A handwritten signature in black ink, followed by a date stamp '13/01/26' written in black ink. The signature is stylized and appears to be 'Nizamul Kabir'.

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