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### Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus called upon the academics to align the education system with the youths' expectations and aspirations and stressed on revival of the SAARC to enhance regional academic cooperation. The Chief Adviser made the remarks while addressing the inaugural ceremony of the three-day 'South Asian Regional Conference on State of Higher Education and Future Pathway (SARCHE 2026)' at a hotel in Dhaka yesterday.

UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk has offered the support of his office to counter the surge of misinformation targeting the February 12 elections as Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus sought support of the organization to address the issue. The Chief Adviser said this during a phone conversation with Volker Türk yesterday, according to the Chief Adviser's Press Wing. The High Commissioner said, he was aware of the problem and offered the support of the UN human rights office to address what he described as a growing misinformation challenge.

Finance Adviser Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed said that the government has prepared a long-term energy strategy as energy remains a critical issue for the economy. The Finance Adviser was responding to the queries of reporters after chairing two separate meetings on the Advisers Council Committee on Economic Affairs and the Advisers Council Committee on Government Purchase held at the Cabinet Division Conference Room at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. The Adviser said, the Pay Commission is continuing its work without any interruption. The Adviser also said that the government would announce a date regarding the report following its submission by the commission at an appropriate time.

Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Adviser Dr. Asif Nazrul said, Probashi Kallyan Bank will launch Sharia-based loan scheme soon for Bangladeshi expatriates. The Adviser wrote this in a post on his verified Facebook account yesterday.

Social Welfare and Women and Children Affairs Adviser Sharmeen S Murshid said that although women and children are the most important segment of society, in reality they remain the most vulnerable, making it imperative to ensure their citizen rights. The Adviser made the remarks while addressing at the 'Citizen Expansion Celebration' programme held at Lakeshore Hotel in the capital's Gulshan area on Monday night.

Fisheries and Livestock Adviser Farida Akhter said, legendary singer Farida Parveen has not merely upheld the dignity of Lalon's songs; rather, she has infused them with new life. The Adviser made the remarks while speaking at a discussion and cultural programme organized by Achin Pakhi Sangeet Academy at the National Theatre Auditorium of the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in the capital yesterday, marking the birthday of the singer.

Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Adviser Muhammad Fouzul Kabir Khan yesterday said, the government is taking all possible measures to resolve the ongoing gas crisis and ensure that consumers are no longer held hostage by shortages. The Adviser made the remarks on his personal Facebook account while addressing the circulation of a fake photo card on social media.

Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs Adviser Supradip Chakma emphasized the importance of global partnerships in transforming the hill-people into skilled human resources and improving their living standards. The Adviser made the remarks while a four-member delegation led by International Labour Organization Country Director in Bangladesh Max Tunon paid a courtesy call on him at his office at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Chowdhury Ashik Mahmud Bin Harun, Executive Chairman of Maheshkhali Integrated Development Authority (MIDA), said that the government is working to establish a solid foundation for the country's future economic trajectory. The Executive Chairman of MIDA said this while speaking at a two-day northeast Indian Ocean regional dialogue on 'Sustainable Blue Economy, Connectivity and Resilience for SIDS' at a hotel in the capital yesterday.

The Foreign Ministry summoned Myanmar Ambassador U Kyaw Soe Moe and expressed deep concern of Bangladesh at the recent incident of gunfire from Myanmar towards Bangladesh near Whykong Union of Teknaf, Cox's Bazar. The Foreign Ministry said this in a press release yesterday. A 12-year-old Bangladeshi girl was severely injured during the cross-border firing. During the summon, Bangladesh asked Myanmar to take full responsibility and requisite measures to stop such cross-border firings in future. The Myanmar Ambassador assured that his government would take measures to stop such incidents and expressed their sincere sympathy to the injured and her family.

The government has released a song made on the upcoming parliamentary elections and the referendum for the Rajshahi division. The Chief Adviser's Press Wing released the song yesterday, saying that the Ministry of Cultural Affairs produced eight thematic songs, one for each of the country's eight divisions.

Bangladesh has inscribed its name in the Guinness World Records by setting a new world record for parachuting with the highest number of flags in hand on the occasion of the Great Victory Day on December 16, 2025. The World Records Management Team officially informed Team Bangladesh of the achievement, said a press release of the Chief Adviser's press wing the day before yesterday.

Bangladesh's economy grew by 4.50 percent in the first quarter (July-September) of the current fiscal year (FY26) driven by moderate performances by the agriculture, industry and services sectors. According to the latest data by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics said this information yesterday.

A court in Dhaka set February 2 for pronouncing judgment in a case against 18 people, including ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her nieces Tulip Siddiq and Azmina Siddiq, over alleged irregularities in allocating a 10-katha plot in the RAJUK New Town Project. Judge Robiul Alam of Dhaka Special Judge Court-4 passed the order yesterday.

Dhaka Mass Transit Company Limited (DMCTL) which operates the metro rail service in the capital is expected to launch its extended service up to Kamalapur station on the New Year's Day next year. DMCTL Managing Director Faruque Ahmed said this to reporters yesterday.

  
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