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Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus called upon the countrymen to participate in the referendum during the upcoming elections and cast 'Yes' vote to build the state according to their expectations. The Chief Adviser said this in a pre-recorded message aired on different media outlets yesterday. The Chief Adviser urged the citizens not only to vote themselves, but also to encourage everyone they know to vote 'Yes' and to bring them to the polling stations.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus sought cooperation from all political parties to hold the forthcoming general elections in a free, fair and festive manner. The Chief Adviser made the remarks at a meeting with a four-member delegation of the National Citizen Party led by its Convener Nahid Islam at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday, said the Chief Adviser's Press Wing.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus said, the supreme sacrifice of Shaheed Asaduzzaman Asad would inspire the new generation to fulfill their responsibilities for the country and stand for the truth for ages. The Chief Adviser said this in a message yesterday on the occasion of Asad's martyrdom anniversary to be observed today.

Finance, Science and Technology Adviser Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed urged the people of the country to extend their cooperation for holding the upcoming general election in a free and fair manner. The Adviser also said that to ensure judicial independence, speedy trial and maintenance of the law and order situation, any government must carry out reforms. The Adviser made the remarks while responding to queries of journalists after inaugurating a referendum campaign, voter's motivation programme and 'Voter Gari' at Hasan Ali Government High School ground in Chandpur yesterday.

Home Adviser Lieutenant General (Retd) Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury said, the government will deploy nearly nine lakh members of law enforcement agencies and support services across the country to ensure a free, fair, peaceful and impartial 13th national parliament election and referendum-2026 slated for February 12 next. The Adviser made the disclosure at a press briefing after the 20th meeting of the Law and Order Advisory Council Committee at the Home Ministry in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Russian Federation handed over 30,000 tonnes of Muriate of Potash fertilizer to Bangladesh as a gift under the World Food Programme. Russia's leading fertilizer producer Uralchem is providing the fertilizer as a gift to Bangladesh, according to an official release yesterday. On the occasion, a programme was held at BARC auditorium in Dhaka in which Agriculture and Home Affairs Adviser Lt. Gen. (retd) Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury and Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Bangladesh Alexander G. Khozin were present.

Industries and Housing and Public Works Adviser Adilur Rahman Khan said that those who are raising questions about the government campaigning for the upcoming referendum are basically fugitive forces. The July Charter was framed through the initiative of comrades who sacrificed their lives during July-August mass uprising and a referendum has been arranged to implement this charter, the Adviser added. The Adviser made the remarks while talking to journalists after paying tributes at the July Memorial set up at Gurudayal Government College ground in Kishoreganj town yesterday.

Land Adviser Ali Imam Majumdar urged the land owners to pay land development tax regularly and voluntarily saying this tax is one of the state's most important and reliable sources of revenue. The Adviser said this while speaking at a workshop on 'Determining measures for collection of land development tax' at the conference room of Bhumi Bhaban in the capital yesterday.

Emphasizing the significance of creativity, skill, and innovative thinking, Education Adviser Professor Dr. Chowdhury Rafiqul Abrar said, these qualities are essential for societal progress and people's well-being. The Adviser said this while delivering a speech at the 3rd convocation of Chattogram Independent University at the Navy Convention Center in Tiger Pass yesterday.

Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Adviser Muhammad Fouzul Kabir Khan said, the responsibility for carrying out the referendum campaign is not only the government's job but it is the responsibility of all political parties. The Adviser made the remarks while speaking during the referendum campaign at Shaheed Smriti Municipal Park in Tangail town yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting, Environment, Forests and Climate Change and Water Resources Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan said that China wants to start Teesta Master Plan work as soon as possible. The Adviser made the remarks while talking to local reporters after visiting the erosion-prone area of the river Teesta along with Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Yao Wen in Tepamadhupur Taluk Shahbazpur area of Kawnia upazila in Rangpur yesterday. The Adviser also said that political parties of the country are also promising to implement the Teesta Master Plan in their manifestos for the upcoming 13th Jatiya Sangsad elections.

Health Adviser Nurjahan Begum said that since the government itself is the proponent of the 'yes' vote, it is the responsibility of the administration to clearly present the referendum's content and raise public awareness. The Adviser said this while speaking to journalists after a view-exchange meeting with district-level officials, held at Pabna Circuit House yesterday under the auspices of district administration.

Fisheries and Livestock Adviser Farida Akhter said, the referendum is being held so that no fascism or autocracy can ever rise again in the country in future. The Adviser made the remarks while addressing a rally at Pirojpur Government Boys' High School yesterday, aimed at promoting the referendum.

Women and Children Affairs Adviser Sharmeen S Murshid said, the referendum means a new Bangladesh and a new system, adding that it also signifies bringing all political parties back to the path of democracy. The adviser made the remarks while inaugurating a public awareness 'mock Voting' programme on the referendum at the Jashore Collectorate premises yesterday.

Newly appointed US Ambassador to Bangladesh Brent T. Christensen paid a courtesy call on BNP Chairman Tarique Rahman at its Chairman's political office in Gulshan yesterday. During the meeting, they discussed ways to develop bilateral relations and enhance cooperation between their respective countries.

Bangladesh has reaffirmed its commitment to addressing crime with transparency, accuracy and determination, as a yearlong review of official police records shows that most incidents involving members of minority communities in 2025 were criminal rather than communal in nature. Chief Adviser's Press Wing yesterday said this following the release of a police headquarters report on incidents affecting minority communities and the broader law and order situation in the country from January to December in 2025.



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