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## Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus said that the main purpose of technology is not merely to boost productivity but to make people's lives easier, create new opportunities and reduce inequality in society. The current interim government has taken various initiatives in the technology sector, the Chief Adviser said, adding that ordinances have been formulated to expand the country's digital public infrastructure, establish a strong data governance framework and ensure cybersecurity, including the protection of personal data. The Chief Adviser made the remarks in a message issued marking the Digital Device and Innovation Expo 2026 (DDIExpo 2026), to be held at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre (BCFCC) in the capital yesterday.

The National Taskforce on Restructuring the Tax System submitted its report to Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus, outlining specific short-and long-term recommendations aimed at raising Bangladesh's tax-to-GDP ratio to the desired level. The report proposed necessary restructuring of the tax system to support overall economic development and to formulate tax policies conducive to both domestic and foreign trade. An eleven-member taskforce led by its head and Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh (PRI) Chairman Dr Zaidi Sattar handed over the report to the Chief Adviser at the State Guest House Jamuna, said the Chief Adviser's Press Wing yesterday.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus formally inaugurated the e-Learning Programme in 12 schools across the three hill districts in Chattogram. The Chief Adviser launched the programme virtually from the state guest house Jamuna and exchanged views with teachers and students of the 12 schools- three primary and nine secondary schools, said the Chief Adviser's Press Wing yesterday. The e-Learning Programme will be launched in phases in 149 selected primary and secondary schools in the three hill districts within the shortest possible time.

Home Adviser Lieutenant General (Retd) Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury asked every law enforcement agencies to remain extra vigilant against violence or unpleasant incidents during the ongoing election campaign. Law enforcement agencies have been instructed to ensure that no clashes or unwanted incidents occur among political parties and candidates during this period, the Adviser told reporters after a meeting of the "law and order core committee" at the ministry yesterday.

Home Adviser Lieutenant General (Retd) Md Jahangir Alam Chowdhury asserted that no corruption took place in the recruitment process of any force under the Home Ministry during his tenure, despite corruption being widely regarded as one of Bangladesh's most deep-rooted challenges. The Chief Adviser made the remarks while attending the closing parade of the 63rd batch of the Women Prison Guards' Basic Training Course at the Prison Training Centre in Kashimpur yesterday.

Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Adviser Dr. Asif Nazrul has lauded the Omani government's move to regularise undocumented Bangladeshi workers without fines. The Adviser appreciated this initiative during his meeting with Oman's Minister of Labour Dr. Mahad bin Saeed bin Ali Baowain Salim Al-Busaidi on the sidelines of the Global Labor Market Conference in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The Adviser also discussed avenues to ease the entry of skilled Bangladeshi professionals, including engineers, doctors and nurses, into Oman's labour market. At the same time, the Adviser urged a review of the suspension on visas for unskilled and semi-skilled Bangladeshi workers yesterday.

Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Adviser Muhammad Fouzul Kabir Khan said the government has not ruled out participating in the international cricket tournaments, rather sought alternative venues to ensure the safety of its players and spectators. The Adviser was speaking to reporters after attending a meeting of the Advisers Council Committee on Economic Affairs held at the Cabinet Division Conference Room at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

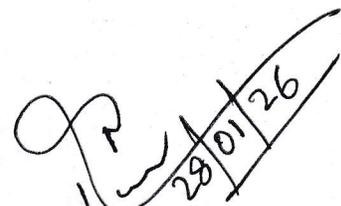
Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Adviser Muhammad Fouzul Kabir Khan said the government had only received the Pay Commission's report and is yet to take any decision to enforce it. The Adviser also stressed that the matter has been left for further scrutiny. The Adviser made the remarks while responding to queries of reporters after attending two separate meetings on the Advisers Council Committee on Economic Affairs and the Advisers Council Committee on Government Purchase held at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Road Transport and Bridges Adviser Muhammad Fouzul Kabir Khan said the government is introducing a mandatory 60-hour training programme for drivers under new regulations to ensure that driving licences are issued only to qualified individuals. The existing system of issuing driving licences through committees is one of the most unusual practices in the world, the Adviser said, adding that licences would now be issued based on driving skills, physical fitness, eyesight and other health tests after proper training. The Adviser was speaking as the chief guest at a training programme on skill development and awareness raising on noise pollution for professional transport drivers and workers, organised under the "Integrated and Participatory Project for Noise Pollution Control (3rd Revised)" at the BRTC Training Institute in Tejgaon yesterday.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan said excessive use of horns causes the greatest harm to drivers themselves as 65 percent of drivers in the country suffer from hearing impairment. The Adviser made these remarks while speaking as a special guest at the inauguration of the training programme titled "Skill Development and Awareness Training on Noise Pollution for Professional Transport Drivers/Workers" at the BRTC Training Institute in the capital's Tejgaon yesterday.

Adviser for Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Affairs Supradip Chakma said that Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus has opened a new chapter in modern education and regional integration by launching e-learning in the Chittagong Hill Tracts. The Adviser made the remarks at the formal inauguration ceremony of e-learning activities in 12 schools across the three hill districts. The program was officially launched virtually by Professor Yunus from the State Guest House, Jamuna, in Dhaka yesterday.

United States Ambassador to Bangladesh Brent T. Christensen has reaffirmed Washington's commitment to expanding commercial and economic cooperation during his first official visit to Chattogram ended yesterday. The two-day visit was aimed at strengthening bilateral ties through engagements with business leaders, civil society representatives and academic institutions, according to the US Mission Spokesperson Poornima Rai. During his visit to Chattogram Port, the ambassador marked the arrival of nearly 60,000 metric tons of high-quality US wheat, highlighting growing trade between American farmers and Bangladeshi agricultural importers, according to the spokesperson. The envoy also met with US agricultural commodity importers to promote American agricultural products and discuss trade and shipping challenges.



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