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Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus urged all to come forward towards building a truly democratic social system, being imbed with the values of the 1969 mass uprising. The Chief Adviser said this in a message issued yesterday on the occasion of the '1969 Mass Uprising' Day' to be observed today. The Chief Adviser said the 1969 Mass Uprising is a significant chapter in the history of Bangladesh's struggle for freedom and independence. Besides, the Chief Adviser said, the nation achieved great independence through the Language Movement of 1952, the historic 6-point movement, the 11-point and 1969 Mass Uprising and the 1971 Liberation War. Praying for the forgiveness of the souls of all the martyrs of the country's liberation struggle, the Chief Adviser also paid deepest respect to all the martyrs of the mass uprising.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus said, the February 12 general elections would set a benchmark for all future polls in Bangladesh. The Chief Adviser made the remarks when the newly appointed US Ambassador to Bangladesh, Brent Christensen, paid his maiden courtesy call on the Chief Adviser at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka on Thursday, according to the Chief Adviser's Press Wing yesterday. During the meeting, the two sides discussed a wide range of issues, including the upcoming general elections, sweeping labour laws approved by the interim government, the planned Bangladesh-US tariff agreement and Rohingya crisis. The Chief Adviser also highlighted key foreign policy initiatives of the interim government including Dhaka's planned bid for ASEAN membership and the need to revive SAARC as a key platform for regional and economic cooperation in South Asia.

Local Government, Rural Development (LGRD) and Cooperatives, Industries and Housing and Public Works Adviser Adilur Rahman Khan said that only the defeated forces in the July uprising can stand against 'Yes' vote in the referendum. The Chief Adviser said this to local journalists after laying a wreath at the memorial erected in memory of the martyrs of the July Uprising in Rangpur the day before yesterday. The July Charter has been prepared keeping in mind the spirit of those who gave their lives to bring about the fall of fascism in the country. Therefore, the referendum is in favor of the July Charter, the Adviser added.

Labour, Employment and Shipping Adviser Brigadier General (Retd) Dr. M. Sakhawat Hossain emphasized the need to give maximum importance to science and technology-based education in order to keep pace with the modern world. The Adviser made the remarks as the chief guest while addressing the second convocation-2026 of CCN University of Science & Technology in Cumilla yesterday.

Fisheries and Livestock Adviser Farida Akhter today emphasized the need to protect biodiversity and natural resources to effectively confront the adverse impacts of climate change, which the World Health Organization has identified as one of the biggest threats to global health in the 21st century. The Adviser made the remarks while addressing the Saraswati Puja, one of the major religious festivals of the Hindu community at North South University in the capital yesterday.

Bangladesh has strongly rejected Myanmar's recent submissions to the International Court of Justice, saying references to the Rohingya as 'Bengalis' distort history, undermine their identity and seek to justify atrocities committed during the 2016-17 violence. Foreign Ministry issued a statement in this regard yesterday. In the statement, the government also recalled its protest on July 18, 2023, against Myanmar's unsubstantiated claim that half a million Bangladeshis took refuge in Rakhine during Bangladesh's 1971 Liberation War, noting the absence of any documentary or demographic evidence.

Nasrin Khan

Election Commission (EC) Senior Secretary Akhter Ahmed said, nearly 500 foreign observers and journalists are expected to come to Bangladesh to observe the 13th National Parliament Election and the referendum scheduled for February 12. The EC Senior Secretary said this at a press briefing held at Nirbachan Commission Bhaban in Agargaon on Thursday. The EC Senior Secretary said, the EC has invited 83 observers from different international organizations, of whom 36 have so far confirmed their participation, while five organizations have declined the invitation. The EC Senior Secretary also said, a total of 78 foreign observers and 50 foreign journalists have already expressed interest in coming to Bangladesh to oversee the election.

Bangladesh has significantly reduced annual airport surcharge rates on airlines, lowering the maximum penalty from 72 percent to about 14.25 percent in a move expected to ease financial pressure on struggling carriers and align charges with regional standards. Civil Aviation and Tourism Ministry issued a gazette notification in this regard yesterday.

Bangladesh formally launched e-passport services at its embassy in Libya yesterday, expanding secure and modern consular facilities for expatriates living in the country and neighbouring regions, according to Home Affairs Ministry. The inauguration ceremony, organised by the Bangladesh Embassy in Libya, was attended as the chief guest by the Embassy's Charg, d'Affaires, Kazi Asif Ahmed.



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