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#### Newsbrief

BNP Chairman Tarique Rahman sent a bouquet of flowers to Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus, conveying his greetings. Tarique Rahman's wife Dr. Zubaida Rahman and their daughter Barrister Zaima Rahman also extended greetings to the Chief Adviser. The bouquet was delivered to the state guesthouse Jamuna in the capital yesterday, BNP media cell member Shayrul Kabir Khan said. The BNP media cell member added that Tarique Rahman's Personal Secretary and former government Secretary ABM Abdus Sattar delivered the bouquet to the Chief Adviser on his behalf.

Foreign Affairs Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain reaffirmed Bangladesh's commitment to a rule-based international order and collective global action, stressing dialogue and cooperation to address shared economic challenges. The Adviser said this while speaking at the inaugural session of the SAFA International Conference on 'Next Generation Profession: Converging Ethical AI and Sustainability Reporting' in the capital yesterday.

Housing and Public Works, Industries and Local Government Adviser Adilur Rahman Khan urged people to vote 'Yes' in the referendum scheduled for February 12 to uphold the spirit of a new Bangladesh. Speaking at a public awareness meeting on the referendum, organized by the Cox's Bazar district administration at the Public Library Hall, the Adviser said, the July Charter and the new Bangladesh were achieved through the sacrifices of the July martyrs and fighters.

Information and Broadcasting and Environment, Forests and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan urged people from all walks of life to avoid unnecessary honking as part of efforts to control noise pollution. The Adviser made the remarks while inaugurating a rally organized under the Department of Environment's ongoing Integrated and Partnership-based Project for Noise Pollution Control in Dhaka yesterday.

Women and Children Affairs Adviser Sharmeen S. Murshid said, services will be provided within 24 hours through Quick Response Teams in cases of violence against women and children. The Adviser said this while addressing an event titled 'P Ashe Achhi' in Dhaka at the Osmani Memorial auditorium in Dhaka yesterday.

Shipping, Labour and Employment Adviser Brig Gen. (Rtd.) Dr. M. Sakhawat Hossain said, the restart of Pangaon Inland Container Terminal (ICT) opened is a new horizon in the country's port management and inland water transport sector. Upgrading of the Pangaon ICT to international standards would increase inland container transportation and further strengthen multimodal transport connectivity. The Adviser said this while inaugurating the resumption of the Pangaon ICT, following a Switzerland based model, at Keraniganj in the capital yesterday.

Fisheries and Livestock Adviser Farida Akhter called upon the farmers, scientists and policymakers to protect indigenous species and biodiversity and to remain cautious about the impacts of corporate control and ensure the use of safe genetic technologies. The Adviser made the remarks yesterday while speaking at the 1st International Conference on Life Science, Health and Biotechnology (LIFETECH 2026), at Jashore University of Science and Technology with the aim of promoting knowledge exchange, research expansion and international cooperation in the fields of life sciences, health and biotechnology.

Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs Adviser, Supradip Chakma urged voters from all walks of life to cast 'Yes' vote in the ensuing referendum to be held alongside the 13th Jatiya Sangsad election. The Adviser also said that 'Yes' vote in the referendum would be the driving force for building a new Bangladesh. The Adviser made the call yesterday at a civic gathering in Rangamati, organized by the district administration, as part of a nationwide campaign in favour of 'Yes' vote in the referendum alongside the 13th Jatiya Sangsad election.

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Religious Affairs Adviser Dr. A F M Khalid Hossain said, poverty could be eradicated through proper management of zakat. The Adviser made the remarks while addressing the Zakat Conference 2026 as chief guest at Hotel Sonargaon in the capital yesterday.

Chief Adviser's Special Assistant Professor Ali Riaz said, the government has every right to campaign for 'Yes' vote in referendum on July National Charter, calling it a document that came 'in exchange of blood'. The Adviser made the comments at a view exchange meeting at BIAM Auditorium in the capital yesterday as part of a nationwide campaign for 'Yes' vote in the referendum to be held simultaneously with the scheduled general elections on February 12.

European Union Election Observation Mission (EU EOM) underscored the importance of assessing Bangladesh's electoral process holistically to ensure an impartial and fact-based evaluation, as it deployed long-term observers nationwide. EU EOM Deputy Chief Observer Inta Lase told reporters at a city hotel yesterday.

A handwritten signature in black ink, followed by the date '18/01/26' written in a similar style. The signature is stylized and appears to be 'Nizamul Kabir'.

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