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**Newsbrief**

Power, Energy and Mineral Resources; Road Transport and Bridges; and Railways Adviser Muhammad Fouzul Kabir Khan said, the people of the country will determine their destiny for the next 50 years through the national parliamentary election scheduled for February 12. The Adviser said this while inspecting specially designed 'Voter Gari' (the Super Caravan) at Gor-E-Shahid Boro Maidan in Dinajpur yesterday. In the past, people were deprived of exercising their voting rights. The July Mass Uprising by students and the masses reflected public protest against that deprivation, the Adviser added.

Environment, Forest, Climate Change and Water Resources Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan said, continuity of the works taken to protect the environment, forests, biodiversity and rivers must be maintained. The Adviser also said, the interim government has amended the laws and formulated new policies to resolve the long-standing environmental problems. The Adviser made the remarks while addressing the inaugural session of a three-day national conference, organized jointly by Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (BAPA) and Bangladesh Environment Network (BEN) at Krishibid Institution Bangladesh (KIB) auditorium at Farmgate yesterday.

National Security Adviser Dr. Khalilur Rahman met with US Trade Representative Ambassador Jamieson Greer in Washington DC on Thursday. The Adviser also had a separate meeting with Assistant USTR Brendan Lynch, said the Chief Adviser's Press Wing in Dhaka yesterday. During the meeting with Ambassador Greer, Dr. Rahman briefed him on the progress in reducing trade gap between Bangladesh and the United States.

Special Assistant to the Chief Adviser Professor Ali Riaz said, the upcoming referendum, if it passed, will prevent the ways of the future governments to be fascist one. The Special Assistant said this while speaking as the main discussant at a workshop titled 'Upcoming Referendum and What NGOs Should Do' at the NGO Affairs Bureau conference room in Dhaka the day before yesterday.

Chief Adviser's Special Assistant on Posts, Telecommunications and ICT, Faiz Ahmad Taiyeb emphasized the importance of managing the services of various government departments in an integrated manner to make public services easy, coordinated and citizen-friendly. The Special Assistant made the remarks while delivering the keynote speech at an orientation and skill-enhancement workshop for entrepreneurs on 'Citizen Services Bangladesh' held at the Circuit House auditorium in Comilla yesterday.

The Election Commission (EC) has completed sending postal ballots to 767,028 expatriate voters in 121 countries to enable them to vote in the upcoming 13th National Parliament Election and the referendum. Assistant Postmaster General of the Airport Sorting Office Shamim Sohani told reporters that the Bangladesh Postal Department completed the dispatch of all postal ballots received from the EC to overseas destinations the day before yesterday.

The Election Commission (EC) has directed the concerned authorities to ensure the display of a referendum-related banner at a visible place in every polling centre across the country during the upcoming 13th national election and referendum scheduled for February 12. The directive was issued through a circular released yesterday by Mohammad Monir Hossen, Deputy Secretary (Polls Operation-2) of the EC secretariat.

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