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Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus said that the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Maheshkhali Integrated Development Authority (MIDA) and Japan's renowned Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF) will help conserve ocean and protect marine fisheries. The Chief Adviser made the remarks after witnessing the signing ceremony of the MoU at the State Guest House Jamuna yesterday, said the Chief Adviser's Press Wing. Chowdhury Ashik Mahmud bin Harun, Executive Chairman of MIDA, and Professor Mitsutaku Makino, President of the Ocean Policy Research Institute (OPRI) of SPF, signed the MoU on their respective sides to enhance cooperation in fisheries and marine affairs in support of a sustainable blue economy.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus stressed that the Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC) must remain a strong and profitable organization. The Chief Adviser made the remarks at a function at the State Guest House Jamuna as the Chief Adviser received a cheque for Taka 203.47 crore from the BSC, said the Chief Adviser's Press Wing yesterday.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus on Tuesday reaffirmed his government's commitment to hold the general elections and the referendum as scheduled on February 12. The Chief Adviser made the remarks when two former senior United States diplomats Albert Gombis and Morse Tan, both of whom served during the Donald Trump administration called on him at the State Guest House Jamuna, said the Chief Adviser's Press Wing yesterday.

Foreign Adviser Md Touhid Hossain said that the government would not take any step that could harm Dhaka's relations with any country, even as reports emerged about a possible government-to-government agreement with China on military drone manufacturing. The Adviser made the remarks at responding to a journalist's question at the foreign ministry about the possible impact of such an agreement on Bangladesh's relations with Washington yesterday. The Adviser said that Bangladesh would act cautiously in safeguarding its foreign relations.

Shipping Adviser Brigadier General (Retd) Dr M Sakhawat Hossain directed the authorities to strengthen regular monitoring to protect the environment in the Ramgarh Land Port area of Khagrachhari and to take strict legal action against those involved in illegal hill cutting. The Adviser issued the directive while receiving the report of an investigation committee formed to look into allegations published in the daily Amar Desh under the headline "Hills cut and land filled for port construction for India," at a meeting at the Ministry, said a press release yesterday.

Food and Land Adviser Ali Imam Majumder said that land is required in every sector, from food production to housing, pointing to scarcity of land in the country. All the development activities have to be carried out within limited land and this abnormal scarcity of land is the country's foremost challenge, the Adviser said while addressing a view-exchange workshop at a hotel yesterday.

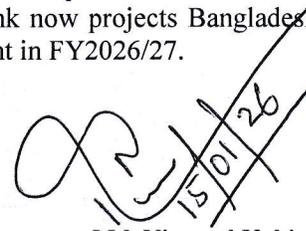
Information and Broadcasting, Environment, Forests and Climate Change, and Water Resources Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan has called upon the citizens to dedicate them for the welfare of the nation by setting aside the personal gain. The Adviser made the remarks while speaking at the "Roots to Legacy: Platinum Jubilee Celebration", marking the 75th anniversary of Viqarunnisa Noon School and College at its Bailey Road campus in Dhaka, organized jointly by the school authorities and the alumni association yesterday.

Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Affairs Adviser Supradip Chakma stressed on global partnership in transforming the people living in the CHT region into skilled human resources aimed at improving their living standard. The Adviser made the remark when a four-member delegation from the International Labour Organization (ILO) led by its Country Director Max Tunon paid a courtesy call on him at his office in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

European Union Election Observation Missions (EU EOM) members, who are now in Bangladesh to observe the upcoming parliamentary polls, met Chief Adviser's Special Assistant Professor Ali Riaz and briefed him about their monitoring plan. Political Analyst Marcel Nagi and Election Analyst Vasil Vashchanka met Prof Riaz, the Chief Coordinator of public awareness campaign on the 13th National Parliamentary Election and the Referendum, in the city. The Chief Adviser's Special Assistant Monir Haider was present at the meeting, said the Chief Adviser's Press Wing yesterday.

Swiss President Guy Parmelin has conveyed his best wishes for peace and prosperity for Bangladesh and its people ahead of the country's general elections scheduled for February 12. The message was delivered when newly appointed Bangladesh Ambassador to the Swiss Confederation, Nahida Sobhan, presented her Letters of Credence to President Parmelin at the Federal Palace in Bern on Tuesday following a formal ceremony, according to a press release received yesterday. After the presentation, President Parmelin and Ambassador Sobhan held a cordial meeting in the presence of Terence Billeter, Head of Protocol of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs.

Bangladesh's medium-term economic outlook has improved, with growth expected to strengthen steadily over the next two fiscal years, according to the World Bank's latest Global Economic Prospects report. The outlook has revised up its projections partly due to a stronger outlook for the country. The World Bank now projects Bangladesh's economic growth to rise to 4.6 percent in FY2025/26 and accelerate further to 6.1 percent in FY2026/27.



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