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## Newsbrief

Chief Observer of the European Union Election Observation Mission Ivars Ijabs said, the EU is going to send a large election observation team to Bangladesh, noting that the forthcoming election will be historic for the country. The Chief Observer said this at a meeting with Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday. Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam said this at a media briefing at the Foreign Service Academy.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus said that his post-election work would focus primarily on three areas - digital healthcare development, youth development and 'Three Zero' agenda. The Chief Adviser revealed it as Akie Abe, head of Foundation for Encouragement of Social Contribution, sought to know about the Chief Adviser's plans and priorities for the period following Bangladesh's national election at a meeting at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday. Later, Chief Adviser's Deputy Press Secretary Mohammad Abul Kalam Azad Majumder briefed the media about the meeting at the Foreign Service Academy, saying that Akie Abe, also wife of late Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, is currently visiting Bangladesh leading a delegation over work of her foundation.

Information and Broadcasting Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan visited Bangladesh Film Development Corporation (BFDC) in the capital. Secretary of the Ministry Mahbuba Farjana was present during the visit. BFDC Managing Director Masuma Rahman Tani showed the Adviser around BFDC's various activities and department-wise facilities - digital services, shooting floor, sound studio and editing lab. The BFDC Managing Director also informed the Adviser about the various projects of the organization and several positive steps undertaken recently. After the inspection, the Adviser gave necessary instructions to take necessary measures for the speedy implementation of BFDC's plans and to further enhance the facilities of the institution.

The Religious Affairs Ministry asked Hajj agencies and airlines strictly follow the Saudi government instructions over pilgrimage management as the first aircraft carrying pilgrims to fly on April 18. The Ministry said this in a statement yesterday. According to the Saudi government's instruction, Hajj agencies would need to send pilgrims under their management using the same airlines under a fixed ratio.

Primary and Mass Education Adviser Professor Dr. Bidhan Ranjan Roy Podder said, the government is taking special measures, including the school feeding programme, to reduce the rate of student dropouts at the primary level. The Adviser also said, initiatives are being implemented to ensure students remain in school and complete their primary education.

The Adviser made the remarks while visiting Golha Government Primary School in his native village under Sadar Union, Jamsherpur Government Primary School and Madhyanagar Bazar Government Primary School at Madhyanagar upazila of Sunamganj yesterday.

Special Assistant to the Chief Adviser, Professor Dr. Ali Riaz called upon the citizens to vote 'yes' in the upcoming referendum to prevent a repeat of enforced disappearances, murders and other heinous crimes that he said marked the country's governance over the past 16 years. The Special Assistant made the remarks while addressing the Barishal Divisional Imam Conference at Bells Park in Barishal city yesterday organized to promote the referendum and motivate the voters.

The government has formulated a unified and standardized policy on the use of scribes to ensure equal access to public and class examinations for visually impaired students, addressing long-standing inconsistencies and challenges faced by examinees across the education boards and institutions. Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam said this at a briefing at the Foreign Service Academy in the capital yesterday.

The Election Commission (EC) has asked returning officers to send reports on activities undertaken by the law and order maintaining cells to the EC Secretariat to ensure a free and fair national election and referendum slated for February 12. The EC sought the reports in a letter sent to returning officers yesterday.

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