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Newsbrief

Italy's Undersecretary for Defence (Deputy Minister for Defence) Matteo Perego di Cremona said, Italy has expressed its full support for Bangladesh's democratic transition and the July Charter, which aims to introduce sweeping reforms for the country's democratic renewal. The Italian Deputy Minister made the remarks during a courtesy call on Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka on Tuesday, said the Chief Adviser's Press Wing yesterday. The two leaders also held wide-ranging talks on issues including trade and defence cooperation, migration, the upcoming February 12 general elections and referendum, European Union election observation and the July Charter.

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus stressed on holding the forthcoming general elections slated for February 12 in a manner that it can set a standard for polls in the country in future. The Chief Adviser made the remarks while chairing a high-level meeting on the overall law and order situation at his office in the capital's Tejgaon area ahead of the upcoming 13th Jatiya Sangsad election and the referendum on the implementation of the July National Charter. Later, Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam briefed the media about the meeting at the Foreign Service Academy in the capital yesterday.

Ninth National Pay Commission submitted its report to Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday. The 23-member Commission, led by its Chairman Zakir Ahmed Khan, presented the report to the Chief Adviser, three weeks ahead of its deadline, said the Chief Adviser's Press Wing.

The government has decided to provide a total of Taka 2 crore in financial assistance to the family of Inqilab Mancha Convener Shaheed Sharif Osman Hadi, including Taka 1 crore for purchasing a flat in Dhaka and another Taka 1 crore for livelihood support. Finance Adviser Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed disclosed the decision while speaking to journalists yesterday after chairing a meeting on the Advisers Council Committee on Government Purchase held at the Cabinet Division Conference Room at Bangladesh Secretariat.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Adviser Dr. Asif Nazrul said, the E-Bail Bond management system is a landmark step in the digital transformation of the country's judiciary, significantly improving transparency, accountability and efficiency in the bail process. The Law Adviser made the remarks while virtually launching the E-Bail Bond system in eight additional districts from his Secretariat office yesterday.

Foreign Affairs Adviser Md. Touhid Hossain said, the government is sincere about preserving the country's ancient historical and religious establishments during a visit to heritage sites in Barguna. The Adviser said this while visiting the historic Bibichini Shahi Mosque at Betagi in Barguna on Tuesday.

Energy Adviser Muhammad Fouzul Kabir Khan asked the officials concerned to arrange electricity connections to all polling stations nationwide within next seven days to uninterrupted power during the national election slated for February 12. The Adviser said this at a meeting on electricity generation and supply during the Ramadan, the 13th parliamentary election and the summer at Bydut Bhaban in the capital yesterday.

Brigadier General (Retd) Dr. M Sakhawat Hossain, Adviser to the Ministries of Shipping, Labor and Employment urged the people of the country to vote 'Yes' aimed at building a democratic environment. The Adviser said this while responding to questions of journalists after a meeting organized as part of the referendum campaign at the Mirza Ruhul Amin Auditorium in Thakurgaon yesterday.

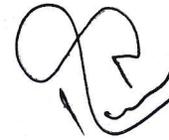
Fisheries and Livestock Adviser Farida Akhter said that the message of constitutional reform outlined in the July National Charter can only be conveyed through a 'yes' vote in the upcoming referendum, stressing that the ballot seal represents not just a symbol, but a profound responsibility to move the country forward. The Adviser made the remarks at a public awareness meeting held at Kazipara bus stand in Narayanganj Sadar yesterday. The event was organized by the Narayanganj District Administration and Sadar Upazila Administration to promote the referendum and encourage voters' participation.

Election Commission (EC) has completed the allocation of symbols for 1,973 candidates contesting 298 constituencies across the country for the upcoming 13th national parliamentary election. With the symbol allocation completed, candidates will be able to start their campaigns from today, said Md. Ruhul Amin Mallick, Director (Public Relations) and information officer of the EC Secretariat.

Expatriate voters registered through the 'Postal Vote BD' app will be able to cast their ballots for the upcoming 13th Jatiya Sangsad (JS) elections and referendum from 5:00 pm yesterday. The Election Commission (EC) has instructed that voters follow the prescribed procedure available on its website or app to select their candidate and symbol in the respective constituency. According to the EC schedule, expatriates must send their completed postal ballots to the office of the Returning Officer of their constituency in Bangladesh by January 25. The EC issued a message yesterday.

A total of 305 candidates have withdrawn their nominations for the upcoming 13th Jatiya Sangsad (JS) elections, leaving 1,967 contenders in the fray. Election Commission Secretariat Director (Public Relations) and Information Officer Md. Ruhul Amin Mallick confirmed the figure the day before yesterday.

Former Ghanaian president Nana Akufo-Addo will lead the Commonwealth Observer Group for Bangladesh's 13th parliamentary elections and the referendum on the July Charter, scheduled for February 12. The Commonwealth Secretary-General Shirley Botchwey announced the 14-member Observer Group in London following an invitation from the Bangladesh Election Commission, according to a message yesterday.



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