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### Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus called for an early start to Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations with the European Union (EU), stressing the need to safeguard Bangladesh's trade preferences in its largest export market once the current duty-free access expires in the coming years. The Chief Adviser made the call when Nuria Lopez, chairperson of the European Chamber of Commerce in Bangladesh, met with him at the State Guest House Jamuna, said the Chief Adviser's Press Wing yesterday.

Foreign Affairs Adviser Md Touhid Hossain expressed optimism that the upcoming parliamentary election, scheduled for February 12, will be held in a fair and peaceful manner. The Adviser expressed the hope while speaking at the closing session of a training programme organised by the Diplomatic Correspondents Association, Bangladesh (DCAB) at a city hotel yesterday. The Adviser also said voter turnout in the upcoming national election would exceed 55 percent, citing political consensus and past electoral participation.

Home Adviser Lt Gen (retd) Md Jahangir Alam Chowdhury said steps would be taken as per the law if anyone tries to disrupt internet services during the election period. The Adviser made the remarks while responding to questions from journalists following a meeting with administrative and law enforcement officers from various levels of Chattogram Division at the city's World Trade Center yesterday.

Adviser for Information and Broadcasting, Environment, Climate Change and Water Resources Syeda Rizwana Hasan said Bangladesh Television (BTV) must be transformed into a channel of 180 million people of the country. Public expectation from the BTV is high and all of its programmes must be planned and implemented in line with people's demand and needs of the time, the Adviser said, adding that this has not yet been done properly. The Adviser made the remarks during a view exchange meeting with the officials and employees of the BTV at its auditorium in city's Rampura area yesterday.

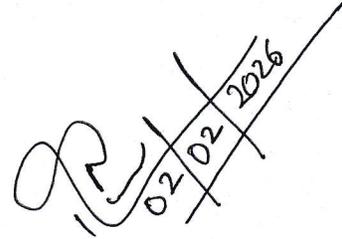
Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Affairs Adviser Supradip Chakma said the main goal of the interim government is to provide socioeconomic development to the CHT residents, ensure quality education and create a beautiful and peaceful environment for all. The Adviser made the remarks while speaking as the chief guest at a view-exchange meeting with district officials and various professionals at the Rangamati District Commissioner's Office yesterday.

Special Assistant to the Chief Adviser Professor Ali Riaz has said the July Charter has been formulated to block the return of dictatorship permanently in Bangladesh. The Special Assistant to the Chief Adviser said the existing constitution has scopes for the emergence of authoritarian rule, the Special Assistant said while speaking as the chief guest at a discussion organized to motivate voters ahead of the upcoming referendum at the Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST) auditorium in Sylhet yesterday.

The Chief of Army Staff of Bangladesh General Waker-Uz-Zaman put special emphasis on performing duties through professionalism, impartiality, discipline, patience and citizen-friendly behavior in the 13th Jatiya Sangsad (JS) Election and Referendum. The Army Chief came up with this statement while visiting Mymensingh prior to the upcoming national polls slated for February 12, 2026, said a release of the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) Directorate yesterday.

Election Commissioner Brig Gen Abul Fazal Md. Sanaulah (retd) warned that the consequences would be “very severe” if evidence of bias is found against anyone involved in the election process. The Commissioner made the remarks while addressing a meeting with law enforcement agencies, vigilance and observation teams of Barishal district at the Circuit House auditorium yesterday. The Election Commissioner said all concerned must work to ensure transparency in the election process, stressing that there should be no secrecy or concealment in carrying out election-related duties.

The Bangladesh High Commission in the Maldives organised a commemorative programme honouring late former Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, documenting messages of condolence from Maldivian leaders, diplomats and the Bangladeshi Diaspora to preserve her enduring legacy. Following the Bangladesh government's observance of three days of national mourning, the High Commission undertook a formal initiative to compile, archive and preserve condolence messages received from the Maldivian leadership, the diplomatic community and Bangladeshi expatriates residing in the Maldives.

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