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### Newsbrief

Shipping and Labour and Employment Adviser Brigadier General (Rtd.) Dr. M Sakhawat Hossain has laid the foundation stones for four new launch terminals and inaugurated three others in Barishal, Bhola and Noakhali. The initiatives are being implemented by the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) under the World Bank-financed Bangladesh Regional Inland Water Transport Project-1 (RIP-1). Joining the programmes virtually yesterday, the Adviser laid the foundation stones for the Hizla Launch Terminal in Hizla Upazila of Barishal, Laharhat Launch Terminal in Barishal Sadar Upazila, Ilisha Launch Terminal in Bhola district, and Ramnewaz Launch Terminal-2 in Monpura Upazila.

Religious Affairs Adviser Dr A F M Khalid Hossain called upon the Hamdard University graduates to work for changing the country with the knowledge acquired from the university. The Adviser made the remarks while presiding over the first convocation programme of the Hamdard University held at its permanent campus in Hamdard Nagar, Gazaria, Munshiganj yesterday. Addressing the graduates, the Adviser said university graduates are key drivers of the nation and called on them to work with honesty and integrity to change the country, noting that Bangladesh's 54-year journey includes both achievements and failures.

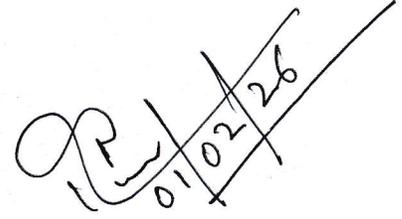
Special Assistant to the Chief Adviser for the Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology Faiz Ahmad Taiyeb has emphasized the need for policy support to reduce the country's dependency on imported digital devices. Real success will come when the country moves towards local production by reducing import dependency on various digital devices, special Assistant to the Chief Adviser said. Special Assistant to the Chief Adviser made the remarks as the chief guest while addressing the closing ceremony of the three-day Digital Device and Innovation Expo-2026 at Hotel InterContinental yesterday.

Election Commissioner Brig. Gen. (Retd.) Abul Fazal Md. Sanaullah said this election is not for merely fulfilling a procedural requirement; it is an election to meet the expectations of the people and protect national and social stability. The Election Commissioner made these remarks while addressing a meeting of the district's Law Enforcement Cell and Vigilance and Observation Team, held in the conference room of the Bhola Deputy Commissioner's office yesterday.

Six international organisations, including the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), have agreed to deploy at least 63 observers to oversee the upcoming 13th general election and the referendum on the July National Charter slated for February 12. They will join observer missions from the European Union, 16 countries, and 32 individuals affiliated with various global bodies, bringing the total number of confirmed international observers for the dual polls to 330 so far, said the Chief Adviser's Press Wing yesterday.

Policies should focus on safeguarding fiscal sustainability and strengthening macro-financial stability, while implementing comprehensive structural reforms over the medium-term to strengthen governance, create jobs, and promote economic diversification in Bangladesh. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) highlighted this as its Executive Board concludes 2025 Article IV Consultation with Bangladesh. The IMF said following the recent economic slowdown, Bangladesh's GDP growth is expected to rebound to 4.7 percent in FY26 and FY27.

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) has taken extensive security measures ahead of the upcoming 13th National Parliament Election and the Referendum, deploying more than 37,000 members across the country to ensure a peaceful, free and fair voting environment. BGB Dhaka Sector Commander Colonel SM Abul Ehsan made the disclosure at a media briefing at the Mirpur National Swimming Complex after inspecting several election base camps in the capital yesterday. According to the BGB official, the force has been deployed in 489 of the country's 495 upazilas, while operating independently in 61 border upazilas.

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