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Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus expressed satisfaction with the way the election campaign is progressing across the country, saying that campaign is being conducted nationwide in an enthusiastic, peaceful and cordial environment. The Chief Adviser made the remarks while speaking at the outset of a high-profile meeting on overall preparedness, security personnel deployment and upcoming challenges ahead of the national polls scheduled for February 12 at the State Guest House Jamuna in Dhaka yesterday.

Fisheries and Livestock Adviser Farida Akhtar said, the work in the fisheries and livestock sector is not merely an economic or scientific matter, it is deeply connected with religion, culture and social norms and practices. The Adviser said this while addressing an inception workshop at the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council in Dhaka yesterday.

Expressing deep concern over misleading reports carried out by different media outlets on Friday centering clashes between police and Inquilab Moncho, demanding justice for Shaheed Sharif Osman Hadi, Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam yesterday said, the government expected responsible journalism from the country's media outlets. The Secretary wrote this on his verified Facebook account.

Chief Adviser's Deputy Press Secretary Mohammad Abul Kalam Azad Majumder said, the Election Commission (EC) has suspended the observer accreditation of local organization Peoples Advancement Social Association (PASA). He said this at a press briefing held in front of the State Guest House Jamuna yesterday. He also said, the EC took the decision after a preliminary investigation into PASA, adding that further inquiry is currently underway.

The US Embassy in Dhaka has clarified that individuals staying in the United States on visitor visas are not permitted to work during their stay. In a message issued yesterday, the embassy said that while holders of B1/B2 visitor visas may engage in certain limited business-related activities, they are not allowed to accept employment or receive remuneration in the United States. According to the embassy, permissible activities under a visitor visa include attending conferences and meetings, as well as negotiating contracts or business deals. However, working for a US employer or receiving payment while in the country is strictly prohibited under such visas, the Embassy said.

Bangladesh and the Maldives yesterday reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening bilateral cooperation, with a focus on direct shipping connectivity and expanded collaboration in the halal food industry to boost trade, transport efficiency and sustainable supply chains. The commitment was made when Bangladesh High Commissioner to the Maldives Md. Nazmul Islam met the Maldives' Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation Mohamed Ameen in a courtesy call, according to a message. During the meeting, the two sides discussed ways to deepen economic and transport linkages.

Election Commissioner (EC) Abdur Rahmani Masud said, there will be no election engineering this time and there is a sufficiently supportive environment for the upcoming national polls. The Commissioner said this while exchanging views with local journalists on the occasion of 13th Jatiya Sangsad Election and Referendum at Rangpur Circuit House in Rangpur yesterday. The Commissioner also said that there is no pressure on the Election Commission regarding the current situation in the country. However, cooperation is required to make the election easy and acceptable.

A total of 422,960 postal ballots from expatriates registered on the "Postal Vote BD" app have reached Bangladesh ahead of the upcoming 13th Jatiya Sangsad (JS) Election and Referendum. Salim Ahmad Khan, Team Leader of the OCV-SDI project on expatriate voter registration, confirmed it yesterday, saying that 766,862 ballots have been dispatched to expatriates through the app.

Principal Information Officer (PIO) Nizamul Kabir said, media professionals must play a responsible and significant role in the upcoming National Parliament Election and the referendum. The PIO said this while virtually addressing a workshop for media personnel on the referendum and 13th National Parliament Election. The Department of Information with the Sylhet Regional Information Office organized the workshop on the occasion of the upcoming national election yesterday. He also added, PID has prepared various awareness contents on the national election, TV commercials and theme songs.

Nearly one million members from the armed forces and different law enforcement agencies will officially be deployed across the country for seven days from Sunday to maintain law and order as well as contain violation of electoral code of conduct in the referendum and parliamentary elections scheduled for February 12. Besides, 1,051 executive magistrates are being deployed throughout the country for the seven days from February 8 to 14 to prevent and punish the violation of the election code. A total of 970,948 security persons are supposed to be deployed from Sunday for the election duty, according to the statistics of the Election Commission.



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