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Newsbrief

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus called upon voters of all classes and professions of the country to exercise their respective voting rights consciously in the 13th Jatiya Sangsad (JS) Polls and Referendum. The Chief Adviser said in a message yesterday ahead of the '13th Jatiya Sangsad Election and Referendum-2026' slated for today.

The high-powered "Committee to Review the Procurement and Use of Surveillance Technology," formed by the interim government, has submitted its final report to Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus yesterday. The report reviews the legal and technical aspects of the state's surveillance capabilities and their limitations, said the Chief Adviser's Press Wing yesterday.

An election observation delegation from the Voice For Justice Observers' team paid a courtesy call on Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus. The four-member delegation, led by Prof Hasanat M Husain MBE, Convenor, Voice for Justice World Forum and Consultant, UK Ministry of Education, met with the Chief Adviser at the State Guest House Jamuna , said the Chief Adviser's Press Wing yesterday.

An election observer delegation from the Asian Network for Free Elections paid a courtesy call on Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at the State Guest House Jamuna. Rohana Hettiarachchie led the seven-member delegation, said the Chief Adviser's Press Wing yesterday. Principal Coordinator for SDGs at the Chief Adviser's Office (CAO) Lamiya Morshed and senior officials of the Foreign Affairs Ministry were present at the meeting.

Home Adviser Lieutenant General (Retd.) Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury visited the Central Control Room at Police Headquarters (PHQ) to review law enforcement preparedness ahead of general elections and referendum-2026, according to a press release yesterday. During the visit, the Adviser inquired about the overall security arrangements, real-time monitoring systems, communication mechanisms, and emergency response measures in place across the country.

Chief Election Commissioner reaffirmed the Election Commission's commitment to holding a free, fair, impartial and acceptable election, saying all preparations have already been made to ensure a peaceful and credible polls. The election will be completed as promised to the people, the CEC said while briefing international observers and media representatives at Hotel InterContinental in the capital yesterday.

The government has launched a mobile app "Shubhechcha" to increase expatriate engagement in exploring opportunities in Bangladesh and a central online ticketing platform "Druto Ticket" to ensure access to citizen services, creating sustainable social and economic impact. Special Assistant to the Chief Adviser for Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology Faiz Ahmad Taiyeb and ICT Division Secretary Shish Haider Chowdhury presented detailed briefings on the two digital services to Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at the State Guest House Jamuna yesterday.

The United Nations called for ensuring safe, inclusive and meaningful participation of women in Bangladesh's parliamentary elections, stressing that protection from intimidation, harassment and digital violence is essential for credible democratic processes. As Bangladesh prepares for the 13th national parliamentary election scheduled for

February 12, the UN underscored that participation in public life is a fundamental right, including for women and girls, women with disabilities, women from minority communities and gender-diverse individuals who may face heightened barriers, discrimination or gender-based violence.

The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors has approved a \$370 million financing to improve sanitation and solid waste management services, reducing water pollution and restoring rivers and canals in Dhaka and surrounding areas. The Metro Dhaka Water Security and Resilience Program will strengthen local and national institutions' capacity to reduce water pollution in the greater Dhaka, which generates about half of the country's formal employment and one-third of its GDP. It will provide safely managed sanitation services to 550,000 people and improved solid waste management services to 500,000 people, prioritizing communities most affected by pollution and service gaps, said a World Bank press release yesterday.

The Election Commission (EC) has warned that if any involvement in 'vote buying and selling' is found, strict action will be taken against those responsible, according to an official handout citing the EC's press release yesterday. The handout said a political party has alleged that 'vote buying and selling' is occurring in different parts of the country. The EC said such practices are punishable under the law and reiterated that strict action will be taken if any evidence is found.



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