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**Newsbrief**

The Interim Government reiterated its unwavering commitment to ensure justice for Sharif Osman Hadi killing, saying that it will formally send a letter to the relevant United Nations (UN) agency on Sunday, seeking an investigation into the Hadi killing case. The government is deeply reviewing the legal aspects of conducting an investigation under the United Nations (UN), said a statement issued by the Chief Adviser's Press Wing yesterday.

The Interim Government issued a statement clarifying the circumstances surrounding the protest in front of Jamuna demanding justice for Sharif Osman Hadi killing, saying that "no lethal weapon was used" to control the situation. Reiterating its unwavering commitment to ensure justice for the killing of Sharif Osman Hadi, the government urged all to show restraint and responsibility during the sensitive pre-election period. The statement was issued by the Chief Adviser's Press Wing yesterday.

Election Commissioner Md Anwarul Islam Sarker has said that all preparations of the Election Commission (EC) for the 13th Jatiya Sangsad (JS) Elections and Referendum, scheduled for February 12, have been completed. Now there is no preparation left except for the voters to go to the polling stations and exercise their right to vote, the Commissioner told BSS in an interview yesterday. The Commissioner also noted that ballot papers have not yet reached some constituencies but assured that the process will be completed within the next few days.

Ivars Ijabs., Chief Observer of the European Union Election Observation Mission (EU-EOM), said the EU wants Bangladesh's national election slated for February 12 to be free, fair and peaceful. The Chief Observer made the remarks at a briefing at Sylhet Press Club yesterday, attended by Press Club President Muktabis Un Nur and EU-EOM Press Officer Eberhard Laue.

In a landmark milestone for bilateral relations, Bangladesh and Japan officially signed the 'Economic Partnership Agreement' (EPA) in Tokyo. This marks the first time Bangladesh has signed an EPA with any country, signaling a new era of bilateral cooperation, said a press release yesterday. The agreement was signed at the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs by Commerce Adviser Sheikh Bashir Uddin, on behalf of the Government of Bangladesh, and HORII Iwao, Japan's State Minister for Foreign Affairs.

A total of 401,460 postal ballots have reached Bangladesh from expatriates registered on the "Postal Vote BD" app for 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 to BSS yesterday, 766,862 ballots were dispatched to expatriates through the app. Of them, 526,498 voters have received their ballots, while 482,817 have already cast their votes, the Team Leader said, adding that in addition, 449,006 expatriates have submitted their ballots to the postal authorities of their respective countries.

Bangladesh Ansar and Village Defence Party (Ansar-VDP) has taken comprehensive, technology-based and professional preparations nationwide to ensure a free, fair and peaceful 13th national parliamentary election and referendum. As part of the preparations, an election preparatory rally was held in Bogura yesterday. Alongside on-site participation, Ansar and VDP members from Rangpur, Dinajpur and Nilphamari districts joined the rally virtually through a giant screen.

Bangladesh has secured encouraging business prospects at Texworld Apparel Sourcing Paris Spring/Feb 2026, held on 2-4 February, with strong interest from international buyers in Bangladeshi apparel and textile products. According to information received from the 18 Export Promotion Bureau (EPB)-sponsored Bangladeshi companies, the total value of prospective and confirmed work orders reached US\$8.02 million, reflecting the growing global confidence in Bangladesh's ready-made garment (RMG) and textile sector, said a Bangladesh Embassy in Paris press release yesterday.

BNP has pledged to ensure press freedom and professional security for journalists in its election manifesto, alongside forming a retirement welfare board for media professionals. The assurances were announced during the unveiling of the BNP's election manifesto at a programme held at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel in the capital yesterday.



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