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**Newsbrief**

Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus has said that the repatriation of more than one million Rohingyas to their homeland in Myanmar's Rakhine State remains the only viable and sustainable solution to the crisis. The Chief Adviser urged the UN refugee agency to continue its active engagement to facilitate their safe return. The Chief Adviser made the remarks when the newly appointed country representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Ivo Freijsen, paid a courtesy call on him at the State Guest House Jamuna here on Wednesday, said the Chief Adviser's Press Wing yesterday.

The Council of Adviser at its weekly meeting approved a proposal to declare March 23 as Bangladesh National Cadet Corps (BNCC) Day to be celebrated every year. Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus chaired the meeting at his office in the city's Tejgaon yesterday. Later, Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam shared about the outcomes of the meeting at a briefing at the Foreign Service Academy yesterday.

Reiterating that February 12 national election is vital for shaping the country's future, Home Adviser Lieutenant General (Retd) Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury has instructed all officials and law enforcers involved in the process to carry out their duties with full honesty, efficiency and professionalism. The Adviser made the remarks while addressing a law and order exchange meeting at the Bangladesh Police Auditorium in Rajarbagh organized by the Home Ministry and Dhaka divisional commissioner's office, aimed at ensuring the smooth conduct of the upcoming national election and referendum yesterday.

Religious Affairs Adviser Dr AFM Khalid Hossain has said February 12 election would be a milestone in Bangladesh's history. The "Yes" vote in the referendum would prevent the return of autocracy by ensuring a balance of power and advancing the country's democratic development, the Adviser said. The Adviser made the remarks at a referendum campaign and a views exchange meeting on voter's motivation held at Dharmarajika Buddhist Monastery in the capital's Basabo area yesterday. The adviser urged all to build public opinion in favour of the "Yes" vote.

Chief Adviser's Special Assistant Professor Ali Riaz has said the core message of the July Charter is to restore people's rights for which people liberated the country in 1971 and for which a mass uprising took place in 2024. After traversing a long and bloodstained path, an opportunity has once again emerged, 54 years later, to restore the people's rights. We will not lose this opportunity through negligence, Chief Adviser's Special Assistant said, according to a press release yesterday.

The government cleared the draft of the Import Policy Order 2025-2028 aimed at strengthening the country's overall trade and export performance. The Council of Advisers gave the approval at its weekly meeting at the Chief Adviser's Office in the city. Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus chaired the meeting. Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam briefed the media about the outcomes of the meeting at the Foreign Service Academy yesterday.

Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Shafiqul Alam expressed hope that the security situation would improve with the gradual deployment of security forces ahead of the elections. The Press Secretary was responding to a question while briefing journalists at the Foreign Service Academy yesterday.

Envoys from Italy, Germany, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands has expressed support for Bangladesh's Prevention and Suppression of Human Trafficking and Smuggling of Migrants Ordinance 2025. The envoys expressed

the support for the ordinance at a meeting at the office of the Chief Advisor's Special Envoy, Lutfey Siddiqi, on Wednesday, said the Chief Adviser's Press Wing yesterday.

The Election Commission (EC) has said employees of the republic are not permitted to campaign in favor of either 'Yes' or 'No' in the upcoming referendum scheduled for February 12. However, the EC clarified that government employees may engage in activities to inform the public and raise awareness about the referendum, provided they remain neutral and do not advocate for any particular outcome. In this regard, the Election Commission has issued a directive to all returning officers.

Bangladesh's non-resident High Commissioner to Lesotho, Shah Ahmed Shafi, formally presented his Letters of Credence to King Letsie III, reaffirming Dhaka's commitment to strengthening bilateral relations. High Commissioner, based in Pretoria, presented the credentials to Lesetho King Letsie III at a formal ceremony held at the Royal Palace in Maseru, according to a message received here. On the occasion, the High Commissioner held separate meetings with the Permanent Secretary of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Lesotho yesterday.

Both the lower and upper houses of Indian parliament have paid tribute to Bangladesh's former prime minister Begum Khaleda Zia, Press Trust of India (PTI) said. According to India's premier Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency as soon as the House met after the President's address to the joint sitting of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha, the secretary general laid copies of the address. Speaker Om Birla read out obituary reference on Begum Zia along with several prominent Indians.

Direct air connectivity between Dhaka and Karachi was formally resumed with the inauguration of a Biman Bangladesh Airlines flight at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, marking a significant step towards strengthening regional aviation links. The inaugural flight, BG-341, operated by Biman Bangladesh Airlines, departed Dhaka at 8:15 pm carrying 149 passengers and one infant on a Boeing 737 aircraft. The Dhaka-Karachi route was reopened after a long suspension and is being seen as an important milestone in enhancing aviation connectivity between Bangladesh and Pakistan yesterday.



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