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Dhaka hopes Indian visa services will resume soon Says foreign adviser

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

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H o s s a i n y e s t e r d a y.

"We have always said
we want a good working
relationship with India --
we have a clear position on
it," he told reporters at the
foreign ministry.

Both countries want
to maintain a good
relationship, and Chief
Adviser Muhammad
Yunus made it clear in his
interview with BBC Bangla,
he added.

Asked if there is any
update on when the Indian
High Commission would

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SECONDARY SCHOOL 5pc quota for July martyrs' families revoked One seat per class to be reserved

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Ministry of Education
has revoked its decision
to allocate a five percent
quota in government
secondary schools for
family members of those
injured or killed during
the July Uprising and has
instead instructed that
one extra seat per class be
reserved for such students.

The ministry's
Secondary and Higher
Education Division
issued a new directive on
Monday, signed by Rahima
Akter, deputy secretary
(Secondary-1).

This directive will be
applicable only for the
2025 academic year.

The directive states that
in government secondary
schools, one additional seat

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Rural areas to get 2,000 more doctors Says Rizwana after advisory council meeting

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will recruit 2,000 additional doctors
to strengthen healthcare services in rural areas, said
Environment Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan yesterday.

This will be in addition to the ongoing recruitment of
3,493 doctors through the Public Service Commission
(PSC), she told the media at the Foreign Service Academy
following a meeting of the advisers' council.

The adviser emphasised that rural communities are not
receiving adequate healthcare and that the government
is taking steps to bridge this gap by appointing the 2,000
doctors.

She also mentioned that Energy Adviser Muhammad
Fouzul Kabir Khan recently visited Saudi Arabia and met
with Saudi Aramco, the world's largest LNG supplier.

"We currently import LNG from Qatar and Oman.
Aramco has agreed to supply LNG to us at lower prices,"
she said.

The advisory council also decided to rename two
institutions -- the Bangabandhu Science and Technology
Fellowship Trust and the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur
Rahman Novo Theatre.

"The name of Bangabandhu will be omitted from the
two institutions," said Rizwana.

Additionally, the council reviewed its progress,
reporting that out of 135 decisions made, 92 (about 68
percent) have already been implemented.

"This is good progress," said Rizwana, adding that the
council also agreed to set global standards for regulating
saturated fat content in food products.



ST MARTIN'S ISLAND

Tourism curb sparks ecological revival

MOKAMMEL SHUVO

Abdul Aziz, a resident of St Martin's Island
in Teknaf upazila of Cox's Bazar, was on a
morning walk along the island's southern
shoreline when he noticed a thick layer of
snail and oyster shells deposited along the
coastal kaya trees.

In recent days, the number of snails and
oysters washing ashore has visibly increased.

"These changes might be happening
because the island has remained undisturbed
for over a month after the tourist season
ended," said Aziz, an environmental activist.

Speaking to locals, it was learned that
the island's biodiversity is undergoing a
remarkable restoration.

A layer of snail and oyster shells has
sedimented along the shoreline, the number
of turtles arriving to lay eggs has increased,
and mangrove forests in different parts of the
island are flourishing as human and vehicular
movement has significantly declined.

Local resident Joynal Abedin said a
mangrove forest is emerging over more than



an acre of rocky coastline in the island's
southern region, including Diyar Matha.

Md Jamir Uddin, deputy director of the
Department of Environment's (DoE) Cox's
Bazar office, said with tourist activities and
battery-powered vehicles restricted, at least
seven to eight kilometres of beach along the
island's southeast and west have seen an
accumulation of seashells.

These shells help prevent beach erosion and
protect the island's dunes. Previously, locals
collected and sold these shells to traders who
used them to make showpieces and jewellery.

He said drones were used to locate waste

deposits, leading to the collection of over 930
kilogrammes of waste in a cleanup operation
that began on February 12.

Around 90 percent of the waste consisted
of chips packets, polythene bags, and biscuit
wrappers.

He said the number of Olive Ridley turtles
coming to the island to lay eggs is rising, as
artificial lights and loudspeakers -- major
deterrents for turtles -- have been restricted.

Authorities are also protecting the turtles
and their eggs from stray dogs that previously
attacked them.

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Repeal CSA right away

Demands DSA Victims Network,
slams govt for lack of commitment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The DSA Victims Network, a platform of 28 individuals
previously imprisoned under the Digital Security Act
(now the Cyber Security Act), yesterday said the interim
government has continued to file cases under the CSA,
even after seven months.

This undermines the spirit of the July Uprising, they said.

In a statement, the
network said, "We
have been victims
of repression under
the draconian ICT
Act (Section 57), the
DSA, and now the
CSA, enforced by
the previous mafia
government. We are
deeply disappointed
that even in post-
uprising Bangladesh,
the infamous CSA has
not been repealed."

"Instead, new cases continue to be filed under this law.
Rather than halting prosecutions, the government and
administration are regularly accepting new cases, and
arrests are being pursued without proper investigations,"
it added.

The statement pointed out that one of the interim

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'We stay out of political debate' Says CEC Nasir Uddin

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission is taking preparations
to hold the national election, and it chooses to
stay out of political debates, said Chief Election
Commissioner (CEC) AMM Nasir Uddin yesterday.

"We are preparing for the national election as
per the chief adviser's announcement. We cannot
engage in any political debate," he told journalists
at a press briefing at the
Election Commission office
in the capital's Agargaon.

Asked about the National
Citizen Party's (NCP) demand
to hold both national
and constituent assembly
elections simultaneously, the
CEC said, "Political parties
make various statements, but
we cannot get involved in political debates."

"The head of government has announced a
timeframe -- either in December or early January.
We are preparing under the assumption that the
election will be held in December, and our focus
remains entirely on that," he added.

Addressing another query, the CEC said, "We
cannot make any statement without reviewing
recommendations. Until we receive the National



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Heavy traffic congestion in Tejgaon yesterday, with long tailbacks on both sides of the road. Despite adjusted office hours for Ramadan, the capital's roads remain crowded during the pre-iftar rush.

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MONEY LAUNDERING SC verdict on Tarique's appeal tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court will
deliver its verdict tomorrow
on an appeal challenging
the High Court judgement
that sentenced BNP's
acting chairman Tarique
Rahman and his close aide
Gias Uddin Al Mamun to
seven years' imprisonment
in a money laundering
case.

The Appellate Division
of the SC yesterday fixed
tomorrow for delivering
the verdict on the appeal
filed by Gias Uddin Al
Mamun challenging the
HC judgement.

A four-member bench
of the Appellate Division
headed by Chief Justice
Syed Refaat Ahmed set
the date after concluding
hearing on the matter.

In 2013, the lower court
acquitted Tarique and but
jailed him for seven years
and fined him Tk 40 crore.

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