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Dhaka hopes
Indian visa
services will
resume soon
Says foreign adviser

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka wants a good working relationship with New Delhi and hopes the Indian high commission will soon resume issuing visas to Bangladeshis, said Foreign Adviser Touhid Hossain yesterday.

"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-I).

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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ST MARTIN'S ISLAND

Tourism curb sparks ecological revival



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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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.



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 Gias for seven years and fined him Tk 40 crore.

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