

Advisory council to stay on till new govt takes over

Interim govt clarifies Mahfuj Alam's earlier remarks

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The advisory council will continue performing its regular duties and holding meetings as usual until power is handed over to the elected government, the interim government said yesterday.

The clarification followed media reports interpreting comments by Information Adviser Mahfuj Alam as suggesting a possible early cessation of council activities.

At a "Meet the Reporters" event organised by Dhaka Reporters Unity on Sunday, Mahfuj hinted that advisory council meetings might not continue beyond November.

However, the interim government's statement said, "It is not correct that the reform activities and policy formulation undertaken by the government must be completed by November. Rather, the reform activities will continue in full swing."

Six more die of dengue

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At least six dengue patients died while 983 others were hospitalised in the 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday.

According to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), among the deaths, four were reported from Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) area, while one each in Dhaka South and Barishal division.

With the new deaths and cases, the total number of deaths this year rose to 269, while total cases rose to 66,423.



Potter Santosh Pal from Kalaskathi village in Barishal's Bakerganj upazila arranges chitoi pitha moulds and rosher hari (earthen pots for storing date juice) on a traditional kiln for firing. During winter, he sells 100 rosher haris for Tk 2,500, with pitha moulds priced similarly. The photo was taken yesterday.

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Salauddin, who lost sight

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