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Newsbrief

Chief Adviser to the interim government Professor Dr. Muhammad Yunus urged the country's people to come forward to addressing the ongoing devastating flood. The Chief Adviser said this after a meeting with the representatives of non-government organisations (NGOs) at state guest house Jamuna yesterday.

Home and Agriculture Affairs Adviser Lt. Gen. Md. Jahangir Alam Chowdhury (Retd.) laid emphasis on quick assessment of actual damage in the agricultural sector in the flood-affected areas for launching rehabilitation programmes. The Adviser made the call during a view exchange meeting with the heads of departments and organizations under the ministry and senior officials of the ministry at agriculture ministry's conference room in the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology Adviser Md. Nahid Islam directed the telecom regulator to provide free diesel for the generators to keep the mobile network tower operational in Feni district. The Adviser said this in a press release of the Ministry yesterday. In this context of the flood situation, it is very important to ensure uninterrupted mobile phone communication for the people of affected areas, he added.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Adviser Syeda Rizwana Hasan said, all the public employees have to work to comply with the expectations of the masses. The Adviser told the public servants in a view exchange meeting at Chunarughat Upazila of Habiganj district yesterday. Water Resources Adviser also said the countrymen have to be informed about the works of the government and its latest developments.

The officials and employees of the Fisheries and Livestock Ministry decided to donate an amount equivalent to one day's salary to the flood relief fund of the Chief Adviser of the interim government to help flood-affected people in the country. The Adviser also urged the countrymen to come forward from their respective positions and help the flood-affected people however they can, so that all can overcome this critical period. The Adviser to the fisheries ministry said this in a press release yesterday.

Advisor of the interim government on Chattogram Hill Tracts (CHT) Affairs Supradip Chakma said the CHT areas would be developed under a neutral leadership as a region completely free from all discrimination. The Adviser was speaking at a views-exchange meeting with representatives of Rangamati administration, civil society members, journalists and students' representatives at Deputy Commissioner's Conference Room in Rangamati district yesterday.

Different units and contingents of Bangladesh Armed Forces working tirelessly to rescue flood victims in Moulvibazar, Habiganj, Cumilla, Feni, Chattogram and Khagrachari as the flood situation worsened in the country's north-eastern and south-eastern regions. In the last 24 hours, Bangladesh Armed Forces' personnel rescued approximately 9,500 flood-affected people and sent them to various shelters through around 55 boats and helicopters in the flood-hit districts, said an ISPR press release yesterday.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) Commissioner Md. Mainul Hasan said police would work with the highest professionalism to maintain law and order in the metropolitan areas. He was speaking his maiden "Meet the Press" after taking charge of the DMP as its chief at its headquarters in capital yesterday.

Metro Rail will resume its operation from today with a new schedule. Said a press release of Dhaka Mass Transit Company Limited (DMTCL) yesterday.

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