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## Newsbrief

President Mohammad Shahabuddin summoned first session of the 13th Jatiya Sangsad on March 12. An official release of the Jatiya Sangsad Secretariat said this yesterday.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman chaired an inter-ministerial meeting on launching 'Farmer Card' aimed at ensuring fair prices for crops produced by farmers. The Prime Minister presided over the meeting at his special meeting room at the Cabinet Division in the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman yesterday attended his office at the Armed Forces Division in Dhaka Cantonment for the first time. PM's Additional Press Secretary Atikur Rahman Ruman said this yesterday. The Premier also exchanged pleasantries with the Chiefs of the three services before joining his scheduled engagements.

Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Yao Wen has invited Prime Minister Tarique Rahman to visit China and conveyed warm congratulations and greetings from Chinese President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Qiang. The Chinese Envoy extended the invitation when he paid a call on the Premier at his Cabinet Division office in the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. Prime Minister's Foreign Affairs Adviser Humayun Kabir disclosed this while briefing the journalists at the Secretariat after the meeting.

Local Government Minister and BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said that even though administrators have been appointed, local government elections will be held at the right time. The Minister made these remarks in response to journalists' The Minister arrived at the BNP central office in Naya Paltan yesterday and exchanged greetings with leaders, activists, supporters and office staff.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed announced that the government will review and potentially cancel firearms and ammunition licenses issued during the 17-year tenure of the fascist Awami League government, alleging that many were granted on political considerations. Speaking to journalists after a meeting with chiefs of forces under the Home Ministry at the Bangladesh Secretariat, the Minister said, authorities will scrutinize all firearms licenses issued during the 'fascist regime. The Home Minister also said, the government will constitute a commission to reinvestigate the 2009 BDR carnage inside Pilkhana in the capital.

The European Union (EU) is eagerly awaiting the beginning of a new chapter in its relations with Bangladesh, EU Ambassador to Dhaka Michael Miller said. The EU Ambassador made the remarks to reporters following a courtesy call on Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman and State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam at the Foreign Ministry in the capital yesterday.

Dhaka and Washington expressed optimism that Bangladesh-United States relations will reach new heights in the coming years through enhanced collaboration across all sectors, reaffirming their commitment to deepen the longstanding bilateral partnership. It was reflected when The U.S. Ambassador in Dhaka, Brent Christensen, paid a courtesy call on Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman at the Foreign Ministry yesterday.

Commerce Minister Khandaker Abdul Muktadir said, the market situation remains satisfactory and that visible improvements in market management will come very soon. The Minister told journalists after making a surprise visit to Mohammadpur Town Hall kitchen market in the capital yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapan said, they have decided to launch a smart 'Farmer Card' for all farmers across the country alongside the 'Family Card'. The Minister made the disclosure yesterday after a high-level meeting held at the Cabinet meeting room of the Bangladesh Secretariat.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapan nominated State Minister Yeaser Khan Chowdhury as the new Chairman of Bangladesh Journalist Welfare Trust in its 39th board meeting. The Minister also directed the authorities to prepare a comprehensive database of beneficiaries and prospective beneficiaries to ensure greater discipline and transparency in the trust's assistance activities. The Minister issued the directives while addressing the 39th board meeting of the Trust held on Circuit House Road in Dhaka yesterday.

Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Afroza Khanam Rita said, the government, led by Prime Minister Tareque Rahman, would not tolerate corruption, illegal toll collection and terrorism in society. The Minister made the remarks while addressing a view-exchanging meeting with print and electronic media journalists at the Manikganj Circuit House yesterday.

Disaster Management and Relief Minister Asadul Habib Dulu said that gaining people's trust is the main goal of the present government. The Minister said this to the government officials of Rangpur division in a views-exchange meeting held at the Rangpur Divisional Commissioner's conference room in the city yesterday.

Chattogram Hill Tracts Affairs Minister Dipen Dewan directed the authorities concerned to strengthen law and order and administrative activities in the hill areas during the Ramadan. Speaking from his office at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday, the Minister held telephone conversations with the Deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police of Rangamati, Khagrachhari and Bandarban districts.

Road Transport and Bridges, Railways and Shipping Minister Sheikh Rabiul Alam urged all officials to dedicate themselves to the interests of the state and perform their duties with honesty and integrity. The Minister made the call while addressing the closing ceremony of a seven-day induction training course for 32 newly joined officers of the 44th BCS (Roads and Highways) cadre at the conference room of the Road Transport and Highways Division in the capital yesterday.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam reaffirmed Bangladesh's unwavering support for revitalizing the SAARC process, underscoring Dhaka's commitment to regional peace, stability and prosperity in South Asia. The State Minister made the remarks when Md. Golam Sarwar, Secretary General of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), paid a courtesy call on her at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Md. Aminul Haque said, all stakeholders must work in unity to take the country's sports arena to a new height, emphasizing that sports is one of the most powerful means of uniting people beyond party lines, caste and creed. The State Minister was addressing a consultative meeting on 'Implementation and Development of Sports Planning' held at the conference room of the National Sports Council yesterday with representatives of various sports federations, associations and organizations.



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