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Newsbrief

US President Donald J. Trump has congratulated Prime Minister Tarique Rahman on his historic election victory, expressing optimism about strengthening bilateral ties and expanding cooperation in trade, defence and regional stability. The US President conveyed his warm wishes to Tarique Rahman in a congratulatory letter yesterday. Highlighting the foundation of bilateral relations, the US President said, the partnership between two countries is based on mutual respect and a shared interest in fostering a free and open Indo-Pacific where strong, sovereign nations can prosper. Expressing confidence in future engagement, the US President said, he looks forward to working with Prime Minister Tarique Rahman to make the relationship between the United States and Bangladesh stronger than ever before.

Reaffirming deeper bilateral engagement British Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer has congratulated Prime Minister Tarique Rahman on his election victory, pledging to further strengthen the longstanding UK–Bangladesh partnership across key sectors. The British Premier conveyed his warm wishes to Tarique Rahman in a congratulatory letter yesterday. The British Premier reiterated that the United Kingdom's commitment to enhancing cooperation with Bangladesh in different areas including trade and investment, climate action, migration, defence collaboration and humanitarian assistance. The British Premier also underscored continued support for Bangladesh's efforts in hosting and assisting displaced members of the Rohingya community on humanitarian grounds.

Chiefs of the three services paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Tarique Rahman. Chief of Army Staff General Waker-Uz-Zaman, Chief of Naval Staff Admiral M Nazmul Hassan and Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal Hasan Mahmood Khan met the Prime Minister at his Cabinet Division office in the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. Prime Minister's Additional Press Secretary Atiqur Rahman Rumon confirmed the matter.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman presided over an inter-ministerial meeting at the Cabinet Division meeting room at the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. The inter-ministerial meeting was held on 'Planting 25 crore trees in five years' and the national level river-canal-water bodies excavation and re-excavation programme.

Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operatives Minister Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir underscored the need for collective efforts to build an accountable and development-oriented state. The Minister made the remarks at a views-exchange meeting held at the conference room of the Local Government Division at the Secretariat yesterday.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed has directed police and other law enforcement agencies to quickly fulfill public expectations by gaining the trust of the people, emphasizing democratic reforms and institutional restructuring as top priorities. The Minister made the remarks during a view-exchange meeting with the heads of various departments and organizations under the Ministry of Home Affairs at the conference room of the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Newly appointed Women and Children Affairs Minister AZM Zahid Hossain said, the BNP, in its election manifesto, pledged to work for the development of women and children. The Minister made the remarks while exchanging views with officials of the Ministry at a meeting held at the Ministry's conference room at the Secretariat yesterday. State Minister Farzana Sharmin was also present.

Textiles and Jute Minister Khandaker Abdul Muqtadir said, policies will be reformed to increase foreign investment in jute sector. The Minister said this while exchanging views with officials and employees of the Ministry at the Secretariat yesterday. State Minister for Textiles and Jute Md. Shariful Alam was also present at the views exchanges meeting. Earlier, Textiles and Jute Secretary Bilquis Jahan Rimi presented an overview of the Ministry's overall activities.

Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Ariful Haque Chowdhury instructed the concerned officials to prepare a priority list of tasks that can be accomplished within the next six months. The Minister gave this directive at an introductory meeting with the officials and employees of the Ministry on his first working day at the Probashi Kallyan Bhaban in the capital yesterday. State Minister Md. Nurul Hoque was present on the occasion.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapan has asked Bangladesh Television (BTV) to set its course to professionally reflect people's aspirations as he visited the state-owned broadcaster's office at Rampura, an official statement said yesterday. The Minister asked all officials to perform their duties with sincerity to ensure responsible and professional role as he joined a brief meeting BTV executives. The Minister also said, the BTV needed to improve its broadcast quality alongside equipping it with state of art apparatus.

Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and Livestock Minister Mohammad Amin Ur Rashid said, agricultural products will be exported on an industrial scale within the next year. The Minister said this while exchanging greetings with senior officials of the Agriculture Ministry at its conference room yesterday.

Education Minister A N M Ehsanul Hoque Milon said, the government will continue its stance against using unfair means in examinations to improve the quality of education and build a meritorious nation. The Minister hoped there would be no need for special drives; rather, adopting unfair means would naturally stop through strengthening morality and study practices among students in the future. The Education Minister made these remarks at a press conference held at his Ministry yesterday. State Minister for Education Bobby Hajjaj responded to various questions from journalists regarding ongoing activities and reform plans in the education sector.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Sardar Md. Sakhawat Hossain announced that the government will conduct on-site monitoring at hospitals to ensure that doctors are providing proper and timely services to patients. The Minister made the announcement while speaking at an orientation meeting on the overall activities of the Ministry held at its conference room yesterday.

Science and Technology Minister Fakir Mahbub Anam said, the people of the country have elected the BNP with high expectations. The Minister said this at a reception accorded to him by the Ministry of Science and Technology at the Secretariat yesterday.

Railways Minister Sheikh Rabiul Alam said, the government will take measures to transform Bangladesh Railway from a loss-incurring entity into a profitable and service-oriented sector. The Minister told a views-exchange meeting with officials of the Ministry and Bangladesh Railway at Setu Bhaban in the capital yesterday.

The government has issued a gazette notification forming a 15-member 'Cabinet Committee for Family Card Distribution', aimed at providing protection to marginalized and low-income families. The Cabinet Division issued the notification yesterday, naming the Finance Minister as Chairman of the committee.

The government has appointed Md. Abdus Sattar Patwari as Research Officer to the Prime Minister on a contractual basis. The Ministry of Public Administration issued a gazette notification in this regard yesterday.

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has formed a four-member inquiry committee to investigate the allegations of corruption against Managing Director and Chief Editor of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha Mahbub Morshed. The Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting will serve as the Chairman of the committee, said a release of the Ministry yesterday.



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