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**Newsbrief**

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman has paid rich tributes to the martyrs of the 1952 Language Movement, marking the great Martyrs' Day and the International Mother Language Day. After paying homage to the Language Movement martyrs, the Prime Minister offered prayers seeking forgiveness for the martyrs standing the Central Shaheed Minar premises in the capital yesterday. Special prayer was offered seeking divine blessings for Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman and former three-time Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia. The prayer also sought welfare for the country and success for the present government under the leadership of Prime Minister Tarique Rahman.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman yesterday called upon all concerned to work collectively to uphold and protect the dignity of languages worldwide. The Premier said this in message marking the Great Martyrs' Day and International Mother Language Day to be observed today. Extending his heartfelt greetings and warm felicitations to all people and linguistic communities across the world, including the speakers of the mother tongue, Praying for the eternal peace of all language martyrs, the Prime Minister wished every success the programmes undertaken in observance of Martyrs' Day and International Mother Language Day.

Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim phoned his counterpart Prime Minister Tarique Rahman congratulating him on assumption of the country's 11th Prime Minister. Prime Minister's Press Secretary Saleh Shibli told this to reporters yesterday. The Press Secretary also said, during the conversation, the both leaders exchanged greetings and stressed strengthening bilateral relations between the two friendly nations.

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.

Finance and Planning Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury said, future budgets would prioritize the welfare of the people rather than cater to specific individuals or groups. The Minister made the remarks during his first visit to his constituency in Chattogram yesterday after assuming office as Finance Minister. The Minister also said, patronage politics would not continue and stressed the need for responsible budgeting.

Newly appointed Religious Affairs Minister Kazi Shah Mofazzal Hossain Kaykobad said that ensuring security at all religious institutions is a responsibility and the government will make all-out efforts in performing that duty. The Minister said this while talking to journalists at his residence at Muradnagar upazila in Cumilla yesterday.

Land Minister Mizanur Rahman Minu said that there is no question of any irregularity or corruption. The Minister made this remarks while speaking to journalists at the Rajshahi Circuit House yesterday. Later, the Minister joined a view-exchange meeting with divisional and district-level officials of Rajshahi Division at the conference room of the Circuit House.

Commerce, Industries and Textiles & Jute Minister Khandaker Abdul Muktedir said, the country has adequate food stock to ensure price stability of essential commodities during the upcoming Ramadan. The Minister made the remarks while replying to questions from journalists after exchanging greetings with officials of different government departments and leaders of his party at Osmani International Airport in Sylhet yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapan has sought cooperation of journalist community to effectively implement the important responsibilities entrusted to him by Prime Minister Tarique Rahman for the welfare of media professionals. The Minister made the call while addressing an Iftar and doa-mahfil organized by the Jatiya Press Club at its Kazi Nazrul Islam auditorium in the capital yesterday.

Water Resources Minister Shahid Uddin Chowdhury Annie declared that the government is set to launch a massive nationwide canal excavation initiative within the next 180 days. Speaking to journalists following a high-level view-exchange meeting with the district administration, police and Water Development Board officials at the Lakshampur Circuit House yesterday.

Disaster Management and Relief Minister Asadul Habib Dulu said, the government is working to launch the 'Family Card' scheme ahead of the holy Eid-ul-fitr as part of its 180-day priority action plan. The Minister made the remarks while exchanging greetings with people at Lalmonirhat Sadar yesterday.

Education Minister ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon announced a strict stance against drugs, terrorism and eve-teasing in educational institutions, following the ongoing drive to eliminate copying. The Minister made the remarks while replying to questions from journalists after an exchange meeting with officials at the Kachua Upazila Parishad auditorium in Chandpur yesterday.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Sardar Md. Sakhawat Hossain said, the Health Ministry will be transformed into a corruption and syndicate-free, service-oriented institution. The Minister made the remarks while speaking to journalists after exchanging greetings with administrative officials and party leaders at his residence in Monohardi upazila of Narsingdi yesterday.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Sheikh Rabiul Alam has asked the officials to prepare a plan for 45-days including the days of Eid holidays to ensure safe journey of home bound passengers during Eid-ul-Fitr. During the visit to Padma Bridge site and its toll plaza yesterday the Minister said, Prime Minister Tarique Rahman has given necessary instructions to ensure safe, smooth and comfortable travel.

State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Anindya Islam Amit said, the government is striving to maintain uninterrupted electricity supply despite current shortages. The State Minister said this while speaking to journalists after a meeting with Jashore District Electricity Department officials at the Circuit House in Jeshore yesterday.

State Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and Livestock Sultan Salahuddin Tuku said that through regular monitoring and supervision, artificial crisis created by syndicates in the food and agriculture sectors will be addressed properly. The State Minister made these remarks while talking to the journalists after a meeting with district administration officials in Tangail yesterday.

State Minister for Water Resources Forhad Hossain Azad said, the BNP government will ensure no evil or bigoted force can ever again bind the nation in the shackles of dependency. The State Minister made these remarks while addressing an exchange meeting with the Sanatan community at the Bodeshwari Temple in Boda upazila in Panchagarh yesterday.

State Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Sheikh Faridul Islam warned that anyone attempting to engage in acts of vengeance would not be spared. The State Minister made the remarks during his first visit to his home area of Rampal in Bagerhat yesterday after assuming office.



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