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Newsbrief

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman has directed the authorities concerned to take initiatives, involving private entrepreneurs, to reopen sick and closed industrial establishments in the country. Prime Minister's Additional Press Secretary Atikur Rahman Ruman said this to reporters yesterday. Reopening sick and closed industrial establishments to create employment was one of the BNP's election pledges, he added.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman will inaugurate the distribution of the "Family Card" on March 10 on pilot basis with launching the programme in 14 upazilas across the country. Under the scheme, each selected family will receive Taka 2,500 per month as financial assistance. Social Welfare Minister Dr. A Z M Zahid Hossain disclosed the information to reporters at the Secretariat yesterday following a meeting of the high-level Cabinet Committee chaired by the Prime Minister.

The government has formed the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) with Prime Minister Tarique Rahman as its Chairperson. The committee was constituted through a gazette notification issued yesterday. The notification was signed by Md. Humayun Kabir, Additional Secretary (Committee and Economic Affairs) of the Cabinet Division. According to the notification, Prime Minister Tarique Rahman will serve as Chairperson of the ECNEC while Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives, has been appointed as its Alternate Chairperson.

Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said, the Jatiya Sangsad (JS) will decide whether local government elections, including city corporation polls, will be held with 'party symbols'. The Minister made the remarks responding to a question from journalists after the formal joining ceremony of the newly-appointed administrators of six city corporations at the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. The Minister also said, the main goal of the government is to make all local government institutions operational by holding elections as soon as possible.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed has announced that approval has been granted to withdraw 1,202 additional political harassment cases filed against opposition party leaders, activists and individuals from various professions during the previous 17-year government tenure. The Minister made the disclosure while briefing reporters at the Home Ministry at the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman sought views from SAARC Secretary General Md. Golam Sarwar on revitalizing the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) and enhancing Bangladesh's proactive role in the regional body. The discussion was held when the SAARC Secretary General paid a courtesy call on the Foreign Minister at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday. Speaking to reporters after the meeting the SAARC Secretary General said, SAARC was included in the election manifesto of the present government and that the new administration is attaching special importance to SAARC-related issues.

Bangladesh and Malaysia have pledged to strengthen bilateral cooperation in religious affairs during a virtual meeting between Malaysia's Minister for Religious Affairs, Senator Dr. Zulkifli Hasan and Religious Affairs Minister Kazi Shah Mofazzal Hossain (Kaikobad). The meeting held yesterday focused on Hajj management, Zakat administration and modernisation of religious education. Both sides emphasized improving efficiency, technology-based management, transparency in Zakat and curriculum development to promote tolerance and social harmony.

Land Minister Md. Mizanur Rahman Minu said, transparency and accountability must be ensured in land services to dispel public doubt and mistrust. The Minister said this while visiting the Citizen Care Center and the Land Ministry's call center (16122) at the Land Bhaban in Tejgaon area yesterday. State Minister for Land Barrister Kayser Kamal was also present at that time. The Minister directed the authorities concerned to expand the scope of services of both the Citizen Care Center and the call center so that at least 2,000 people can receive services daily, instead of the current 200 to 300.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapan unveiled the cover of a book titled 'Abisongbadito Tarique Rahman' at the seminar room of the National Theatre Hall of the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in the capital yesterday. The book, edited by Tarique Choyon, is a compilation of 19 essays written in 2013. While speaking the Minister said, Prime Minister Tarique Rahman has emerged as an undisputed leader of the people by successfully overcoming various adversities and challenges.

Food, Fisheries and Livestock and Agriculture Minister Mohammad Amin Ur Rashid expressed his resolute commitment to bequeathing a beautiful example and a Beautiful Bangladesh for future generations through the robust implementation of food security and uncompromising quality assurance. The Minister said this while speaking at a view exchange meeting with high-level officials of the Directorate General of Food at the Khaddo Bhaban conference room in the capital yesterday.

Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Afroza Khanam directed authorities to strengthen cleanliness measures at all airports to ensure passenger comfort and safety, including immediate mosquito control initiatives. The Minister issued the directives while addressing the ADP implementation progress review meeting for January of the 2025-26 fiscal year at the Ministry's conference room, according to a Ministry's press release yesterday.

Water Resources Minister Md. Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anee asked the ministries concerned to submit their action plans within the next three days to make the canal excavation programme visible and effective. The Minister made the call while speaking at an inter-ministerial meeting held at the Ministry of Water Resources at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. The meeting was arranged aiming to implement the countrywide 'excavation and re-excavation of rivers, canals and waterbodies' programme.

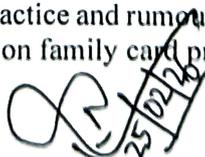
Disaster Management and Relief Minister Asadul Habib Dulu called upon officials to take an oath to build a prosperous nation by avoiding all forms of irregularities, corruption and criminal activities and by adhering to the path of truth, integrity and righteousness. The Minister made these remarks while speaking at an introductory meeting with officials of the Disaster Management and Relief Ministry and its subordinate departments at the Ministry's conference room at Secretariat yesterday.

Bangladesh and China have pledged to enhance cooperation in education, technology and language learning. The commitment came during a courtesy call by Chinese Ambassador to Dhaka Yao Wen on Education and Primary and Mass Education Minister A N M Ehsanul Hoque Milon at the Secretariat yesterday. State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Bobby Hajjaj was present there. The meeting focused on developing Bangladesh's youth as skilled human resources through technical and Chinese language education. Around 10,000 students are expected to benefit from Chinese language and technical training, opening employment opportunities in at least 17 countries.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Sardar Md. Sakhawat Hossain has directed authorities to ensure maximum medical care for victims injured in separate gas explosion incidents in Haliashahar of Chattogram and Daudkandi of Cumilla. The Minister gave the instruction while visiting the injured at the National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery (NIBPS) in Dhaka yesterday. Disaster Management and Relief Minister Asadul Habib Dulu was also present during the visit.

Road Transport and Bridges, Railways, and Shipping Minister Sheikh Rabiul Alam said, infrastructure projects would play a vital role in accelerating the country's economic growth, enhancing regional connectivity and expanding international trade. The Minister told this at a meeting with a delegation of the Japan International Cooperation Agency at the conference room of the Ministry of Shipping at the Secretariat yesterday.

The government said that any financial transaction through brokers or other intermediaries to obtain the Family Card is illegal. The Family Card is a priority programme of the present government and it is firmly committed to implementing the initiative. The information was disclosed in a press release of the Ministry of Social Welfare, a PID handout said yesterday. PID designed a photo card to prevent fake news, illegal practice and rumours and widely disseminated through mass media along with social platforms to create public awareness on family card program.



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