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Newsbrief

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman directed authorities concerned to expedite steps for opening the long-awaited Third Terminal of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, aiming to enhance passenger handling capacity and operational efficiency. The directive came at a meeting held at the Cabinet Conference Room of the Secretariat with the Prime Minister in the chair, Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Afroza Khanam told reporters afterwards yesterday.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman is expected to distribute the 'Ekushey Padak-2026' at Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital on February 26. A Cultural Ministry press release said this yesterday.

Planning Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury said that his priority would be to focus on work rather than making premature statements. The Minister said this while speaking to reporters shortly after coming to the Planning Ministry in the capital yesterday.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed said, the 13th Jatiya Sangsad will sit in its first session on March 12. Election to the Speaker and Deputy Speaker will be first agenda of the sangsad session, the Minister said. Besides, several important issues, including approval of the ordinances issued by the interim government, will also be placed before the House, the Minister added. The Home Minister said this while replying to questions of media people after a meeting with Prime Minister Tarique Rahman at the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Liberation War Affairs Minister Hafiz Uddin Ahmed Bir Bikram said, the great Liberation War is the fundamental basis of Bangladesh's freedom. The Minister said this while exchanging views with members of the Jatiya Muktiyoddha Council at the conference room of the Ministry yesterday.

Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman underscored significant potential to expand Bangladesh-Saudi Arabia cooperation in trade, investment, energy and other priority sectors, leveraging the geostrategic positions of the two countries. The remarks came as Saudi Ambassador to Bangladesh Dr. Abdullah Zafer H. bin Abiyah paid a courtesy call on the Foreign Minister at his office, said Foreign Ministry's press release yesterday.

Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar held a telephone conversation with Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman, congratulating him on his recent appointment and reaffirming commitment to stronger bilateral ties, according to the Pakistan Foreign Ministry yesterday. The two leaders expressed their shared desire to further strengthen bilateral relations between Bangladesh and Pakistan, guided by a common vision of peace, stability and prosperity in the region.

Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Yao Wen said, no external pressure or third party would be able to influence China-Bangladesh relations, reaffirming Beijing's firm support for strengthening bilateral cooperation under the new government. The Envoy made the remarks while speaking to reporters after a courtesy call on Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman and State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam at the Foreign Ministry yesterday.

Religious Affairs Minister Kazi Shah Mofazzal Hossain Kaikobad said, the new government would not compromise with any irregularity over the management of upcoming Hajj and warned of stern punitive actions over any such wrongdoing or negligence. The Minister told a view exchange meeting with officials concerned at his Ministry office yesterday adding, the same policy would as well be followed for regular official activities.

Cultural Affairs Minister Nitai Roy Chowdhury called upon all to come forward to build the country collectively under the leadership of Prime Minister Tarique Rahman. The Minister made the call while speaking at a poetry recitation program titled 'Ekusher Kobita' at the National Art Gallery Auditorium in the capital yesterday on the occasion of the Martyrs' Day and International Mother Language Day.

Commerce, Industries, and Textiles and Jute Minister Khandaker Abdul Muktadir said that the government will continue working relentlessly to uphold religious harmony and ensure social protection in Sylhet. The Minister made the remarks at a view-exchange meeting with leaders of the Hindu, Buddhist and Christian communities at the conference room of the Sylhet Circuit House the day before yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapan said, a culture of accountability must be established to ensure good governance in the country. The Minister made these remarks while speaking at a views-exchange meeting and iftar mahfil with government officials and employees working under the Gournadi upazila administration at the Upazila Parishad auditorium in Barishal yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapan said, the government has undertaken a plan to excavate 20,000 kilometres of canals across the country. The Minister said this while inaugurating the re-excavation of the Kapalatali canal at Kandapasha under Gournadi upazila in Barishal yesterday.

Food Minister Mohammad Amin Ur Rashid said, the government's target is to achieve full food self-sufficiency and eventually export food products abroad. The Minister made the remarks while addressing an introductory meeting with his Ministry officials at the conference room of the Ministry yesterday. State Minister for Food Sultan Salahuddin Tuku and Food Secretary Md. Firoz Sarker were present, among others.

Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Afroza Khanam has asked the officials to ensure hassle-free hajj arrangement. Hajj pilgrims should not face any harassment, she said adding that smooth hajj arrangement is a moral responsibility of the state. The Minister said this in review meeting on the progress of Hajj management at the conference room of the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism yesterday.

Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs Minister Dipen Dewan has announced a 180-day action plan to ensure transparency, accountability and coordinated initiatives to maintain peace and stability in the country's hill districts. The Minister said this while speaking at an exchange meeting with Ministry officials at the Ministry's conference room in the Secretariat yesterday.

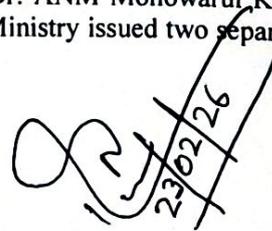
Primary and Mass Education Minister A N M Ehsanul Hoque Milon called for breaking away from outdated and conventional thinking to build a modern and time-befitting primary education system in the country. The Minister made the remarks at an introductory meeting with officials of the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education, held at the Ministry's conference room at the Secretariat yesterday. State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Bobby Hajjaj was also present at the meeting.

State Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and Livestock Sultan Salauddin Tuku said, the BNP is committed to advancing the country under the leadership of Prime Minister Tarique Rahman. The State Minister made the remarks while inaugurating a five-day orientation course for newly appointed 44th BCS (Livestock) cadre officials at the BCS Livestock Academy in Savar yesterday.

Leaders of the Online News Portal Association Bangladesh (ONAB), an organization of registered online news portal owners, paid a courtesy call on State Minister for Information and Broadcasting Yeaser Khan Choudhury at his office at the Secretariat. During the meeting, they discussed various issues related to online media, said a press release yesterday.

Disaster Management and Relief Ministry has directed all Deputy Commissioners (DCs) to submit information on two of most important canals of each upazila by March 1 as part of a nationwide initiative to boost agricultural production and ease waterlogging. The instruction was issued yesterday through an urgent letter sent to all DCs for necessary action.

The government appointed Dr Shah Aman Ullah, medical officer of Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH), as senior medical officer to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and Dr. ANM Monowarul Kadir (Bitu) as assistant personal physician to the Prime Minister. The Public Administration Ministry issued two separate gazette notifications in these regard yesterday.



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