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## Newsbrief

As part of BNP's election pledge to provide monthly honorariums and festival allowances to religious leaders of different faiths, the government has decided to launch the programme for khatibs, imams and muezzins of mosques before the upcoming Eid-ul-Fitr. The decision was taken at a meeting on strengthening religious and social harmony, held at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) in the capital's Tejgaon area yesterday. Prime Minister Tarique Rahman chaired the meeting, attended by concerned Ministers, State Ministers and senior officials. Later, Prime Minister's Adviser Mahdi Amin disclosed the information while briefing the journalists in front of the PMO about the Prime Minister's first day activities at the PMO. The Prime Minister's Adviser also said, establishing a cheerful and career-oriented education system, creating employment opportunities and expanding sports infrastructure and training facilities was also discussed at that meeting.

The first session of the 13th national parliament is expected to be held next month, possibly beginning on March 12 or a day or two earlier. Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed shared the information in a post on his verified Facebook account yesterday.

Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Iqbal Hassan Mahmood said, no one will be speared for extortion and criminal activities. The Minister said this while exchanging views at district administration office in Sirajganj yesterday. At that time, the Minister instructed all the offices of the district's power department to prepare and submit a 180-day programme.

Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Iqbal Hasan Mahmud Tuku said that national development is possible only if the importance of the mother language is recognized and domestic nationalism is strengthened. The Minister told a discussion, cultural programme, and awards ceremony held at the District Shilpakala Academy auditorium in Sirajganj yesterday. The events were organized by the district administration on the occasion of Shaheed Day and International Mother Language Day-2026.

Indian Assistant High Commissioner to Bangladesh Aniruddha Das paid a courtesy call on Commerce, Industries and Jute and Textiles Minister Khandaker Abdul Muktadir at Sylhet Circuit House in Sylhet yesterday. During the meeting, they discussed various issues of mutual interest between the two countries, especially the expansion of India's trade with the Sylhet region and industrial development.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapan said, the government will create an environment free from fear and intimidation for practicing journalism. The Minister said this while speaking to journalists after attending a discussion at Barishal District Shilpakala Academy auditorium marking the Martyrs' Day and International Mother Language Day. The Minister also said, his Ministry will work for implementing the election manifesto of the ruling BNP.

Minister for Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and Livestock Amin Ur Rashid has sought cooperation from all concerned to materialize the hopes and aspirations of the people. The Minister said this while talking with journalists at Cumilla Circuit House yesterday.

Disaster Management and Relief Minister Asadul Habib Dulu said, the radiant flame of Ekushey showed the nation the path to independence, inspiring generations with the spirit of sacrifice, protest and uncompromising struggle for rights. The Minister said this while addressing a discussion marking 'Shaheed Dibosh' and International Mother Language Day' at the Lalmonirhat Zila Parishad auditorium yesterday.

Primary and Mass Education Minister A N M Ehsanul Hoque Milon underscored the need for restructuring the education system to make it employment-oriented, skill-based and relevant to the demands of the times. The Minister made the remarks at a discussion session held at the Primary Teachers Training Institute (PTI) in capital's Mirpur area yesterday. The event was organised by the Primary and Mass Education Ministry on the occasion of Shaheed Day and International Mother Language Day.

Shipping Minister Shaikh Rabiul Alam said, extensive changes will be made in the management of Mongla Port within the next 180 days. The Minister made this remarks while speaking to journalists after visiting Mongla Port for the first time after assuming office. The Minister also said, considering the port's importance to the national economy and foreign trade, various existing problems will be identified and discussed with the Prime Minister.

Prime Minister's Political Adviser Nazrul Islam Khan said that the people of the country had regained their democratic rights through the February 12 election after being deprived of democratic practices for a long time. Speaking as the chief guest at the prize distribution and reception ceremony of the 'Election Debate Competition 2026' at the FDCI in Tejgaon yesterday, organized by Debate for Democracy, the Prime Minister's Political Adviser said, the time had now come to rebuild the country.

State Minister for Public Administration Md. Abdul Bari said, there is no precedent anywhere in the world for giving one's life for a language. The State Minister said this after paying homage by placing wreath to the Language Martyrs at the central Shaheed Minar in Jaipurhat yesterday on the occasion of the Martyrs' Day and the International Mother Language Day.



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