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#### Newsbrief

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman has called upon the countrymen to take preventive measures against dengue and chikungunya, announcing that a nationwide cleanliness campaign will begin from March 14 to help protect citizens from the mosquito-borne diseases. In a special video message to the nation, the Premier yesterday drew attention to the urgent public health issue, saying dengue and chikungunya have become deadly diseases causing loss of lives.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman held a meeting with ruling party lawmakers at the Jatiya Sangsad Secretariat in the capital yesterday. The meeting took place at the West Block of the Parliament Secretariat. Members of Parliament from the ruling BNP attended the meeting.

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister and BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir has called on all stakeholders to act responsibly in safeguarding the freedom of the media in Bangladesh. The Minister made the call while speaking at an Iftar mahfil organized by the Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists and the Dhaka Union of Journalists at the National Press Club yesterday. The Minister noted that a free environment has been created in the country through a long struggle and movement, adding that it is a blessing to be able to gather with journalists again in such an atmosphere. The Minister also expressed gratitude for the support journalists provided during different democratic movements, saying that their cooperation would always be remembered.

The government yesterday approved separate proposals for procuring some 1.80 crore liters of rice bran oil to meet the growing demand for edible oil in the country and thus keep the supply chain stable in the domestic market. The decisions were taken at the 8th meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Government Purchase for 2026 and also the first meeting under the new government with Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury in the chair through virtual platform.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed said, most of the ordinances issued by the interim government are likely to be accepted, though several will require discussion and possible amendments in parliament, including the Human Rights Commission Ordinance. The Minister made the remarks while speaking at a dialogue titled 'Human Rights Commission Ordinance 2025: Expectations for the New Parliament', organized by Citizen Platform Bangladesh for Implementation of SDGs. In his speech, the Minister warned against imposing decisions coercively, saying such actions never bring good results for the nation.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Abdul Awal Mintoo said, the government will plant 25 crore trees across the country on a priority basis over the next five years. The Minister said this while addressing a discussion marking World Wildlife Day 2026 at the Ban Bhabhan in Agargaon in the capital yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapan said, the media must play a strong role in institutionalising the country's parliamentary democratic culture. The Minister said this while addressing an iftar gathering organized by the Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists and Dhaka Union of Journalists on the premises of the Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday.

China expressed interest in increasing flight frequencies on the Beijing and Guangzhou routes from Bangladesh to strengthen air connectivity, tourism cooperation and economic engagement between the two countries. The issue came up when Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Yao Wen paid a courtesy call on Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Afroza Khanam (Rita) at her office at the Secretariat yesterday. State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism M. Rashiduzzaman Millat was also present at the meeting. During the talks, both sides expressed optimism about elevating Bangladesh-China bilateral relations to new heights, with particular emphasis on expanding cooperation in the tourism sector, ministry's officials said.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Md. Asaduzzaman said, the government is working to ensure protection of human rights and has already brought illegal arrests and the practice of filing false cases largely under control, alongside taking effective initiatives to end the culture of enforced disappearances and extrajudicial killings. The Minister made the remarks while addressing a seminar titled 'Rights, Justice and Implementation for All Women and Girls' organised by Manusher Jonno Foundation marking International Women's Day 2026 at the Military Museum auditorium in Bijoy Sarani in the capital, according to an official release of PID yesterday.

Chief Whip Nurul Islam Moni said, the government wants to build an effective and lively parliament. The Chief Whip told reporters after Prime Minister Tarique Rahman's meeting with the ruling party parliamentarians at Sangshad Bhaban in Dhaka yesterday.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam sought support from Denmark and Germany for Bangladesh's candidature for the Presidency of the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly for the 2026–2027 term. The issue came up when Ambassador of Denmark Christian Brix Møller and Ambassador of Germany Dr. Rüdiger Lotz paid separate courtesy calls on the State Minister at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Dhaka yesterday. The Ambassadors expressed optimism that bilateral relations between Bangladesh and their respective countries would further strengthen under the present government. During the meetings, the State Minister acknowledged the longstanding development cooperation of Denmark and Germany with Bangladesh across key sectors.

Bangladesh and Indonesia reviewed progress in negotiations on a Preferential Trade Agreement and stressed the importance of concluding the pact at an early date to expand bilateral trade and economic cooperation. The issue came up when Indonesian Ambassador to Bangladesh Listyowati paid a courtesy call on State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Dhaka yesterday. During the meeting, the State Minister reaffirmed Bangladesh's commitment to further strengthening the longstanding friendly relations between Bangladesh and Indonesia.

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism M. Rashiduzzaman Millat said, it may take six to nine months to launch operations from third terminal of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport. The State Minister told reporters at the Secretariat yesterday.

National flag carrier Biman Bangladesh Airlines has decided to resume its suspended Dhaka-Sylhet-Manchester route from July 1 following completion of this year's Hajj operations, responding to passenger demand and government directives. The decision was taken in line with the instructions of the Minister and State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism, according to a Biman press release issued yesterday.

Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) yesterday directed its marketing companies to ensure direct supply of fuel oil to registered customers to maintain uninterrupted fuel distribution across the country. The BPC has already given necessary instructions to the marketing companies under its supervision to supply fuel oil directly to registered customers and supply process is continuing accordingly.

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Md. Ali Hossain Fakir said that future traffic management must be technology-based, emphasizing that modern urban management is not possible without smart traffic systems. The Police Chief made the remarks while addressing a day-long workshop titled 'Urban Traffic Management in Dhaka: Challenges, Innovations and Directions for Progress' held at Police Staff College Bangladesh yesterday.

  
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