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Newsbrief

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman is expected to launch Farmer Card formally on pilot basis on April 14 on the occasion of first day of the Bangla New Year 1433. The decision was taken at a review meeting held at the Cabinet Division Conference Room in the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday with Prime Minister in the chair. Prime Minister's Press Secretary Saleh Shibly confirmed the matter to BSS, saying a four-member Secretary committee headed by Finance Secretary was formed in the meeting to oversee the programme.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman yesterday issued a directive for intensifying the tree plantation programme across the country. The Premier gave the directive while he was presiding over a meeting of the cell formed over planting 25 crore trees throughout the next five years. The meeting, held at the Cabinet Division Conference Room in Bangladesh Secretariat, reviewed the latest progress of the cell's activities, said Prime Minister's Additional Press Secretary Atikur Rahman Ruman.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman directed the members of Bangladesh Ansar and Village Defence Party (VDP) to maintain the highest preparedness to protect the country's sovereignty alongside ensuring peace and security. The Premier gave the directive when Ansar and VDP Director General Major General Abdul Motaleb Sazzad Mahmud paid a courtesy call on him at the Prime Minister's Cabinet Division office in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir visited the Dasherbandi Sewage Treatment Plant in the capital's Dasherbandi area yesterday and inspected its ongoing development works. During the visit, the Minister reviewed the overall progress of the project and exchanged views with the relevant officials and staff. Emphasizing the need to ensure the highest standards of service the Minister said, effective sewage management is crucial for safeguarding public health and protecting the urban environment. The Minister also stressed the need to increase the use of modern technology to provide a sustainable solution to Dhaka's longstanding drainage problems.

Ambassador of Switzerland to Bangladesh Reto Renggli met Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir at his office at the Secretariat yesterday. At the beginning of the meeting, the Ambassador reiterated Switzerland's interest in continuing and expanding cooperation in Bangladesh's rural development sector. The meeting underscored the need to further expand and strengthen bilateral cooperation between the two countries. The Ambassador expressed his desire to build positive, constructive and forward-looking relations based on mutual benefit.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed said, the government has begun preparing comprehensive lists of criminals and extortionists across the country as part of a decisive drive to restore law and order. The Minister made the remarks after a meeting with senior officials of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) and officers-in-charge (OCs) of 50 police stations under its jurisdiction at the DMP headquarters yesterday.

Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Iqbal Hassan Mahmood sought assistance from the United States to help meet the country's energy demand in the current global context. The Minister made the remarks after a meeting with US Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs S. Paul Kapur at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. The US Assistant Secretary assured him that he would convey the matter to the higher authorities.

Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman urged early resolution of ongoing Gulf conflicts through dialogue and diplomatic means to minimize loss of life and prevent wider destabilization. The Foreign Minister made the urges when the U S Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs Paul Kapur met him at the Foreign Ministry yesterday. During the meeting, the two sides reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthening Bangladesh–United States bilateral relations, particularly in economic engagement, based on mutual respect and shared interests, according to a Foreign Ministry’s statement.

Commerce Minister Khandaker Abdul Muktadir said, the recent trade agreement between Bangladesh and the United States is a state level deal and described the US tariff issue as an evolving situation being closely monitored by the government. The Minister also said that the deal should not be viewed as ‘wholesale negative or wholesale positive’. The Commerce Minister said this after US Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs S. Paul Kapur met him at his office at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. State Minister for Commerce Md. Shariful Alam and US Ambassador to Bangladesh Brent T. Christensen were also present on the occasion.

Labour and Employment Minister Ariful Huq Chowdhury warned that no negligence will be accepted in the public service. The Minister made this remark while addressing in exchange of views meeting with the official and employees of different agencies under the Labour and Employment Ministry at Shrama Bhaban at city’s Bijoy Nagar Area yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapan said, the government is working to empower the people rather than rule over them. The Minister told a view-exchange meeting with journalists after visiting the Chattogram Press Club yesterday.

Education and Primary and Mass Education Minister Dr. ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon advised the University Grants Commission (UGC) to formulate an integrated plan on its own initiative to improve the quality of higher education instead of remaining confined only to supervising the activities of the country’s universities. The Minister also suggested introducing skill- and demand-based education curricula in universities to develop human resources suited to the needs of the global labour market. The Education Minister made the remarks at an exchange of views meeting with UGC officials and employees at the UGC Bhaban in the capital yesterday.

Education and Primary and Mass Education Minister Dr. ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon said, technical and vocational education must be made modernised and market-oriented aiming to transform the country's large number of population into skilled human resources. The Minister made the remarks while addressing a view-exchange meeting with the officers and employees of the Directorate of Technical Education at its meeting room in Dhaka yesterday.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Sardar Md. Sakhawat Hossain announced a strict stance against broker syndicates in government hospitals across the country. The Minister made the remarks during a surprise visit to Dhaka Medical College Hospital in the capital yesterday.

A special meeting was held at the Cabinet Room of the Jatiya Sangsad Secretariat yesterday to brief the Chief Whip and Whips on the activities of the Bangladesh Jatiya Sangsad and its Secretariat. Chief Whip of the 13th Jatiya Sangsad, Md. Nurul Islam, MP (Barguna-2) chaired the meeting. The Whips present were Alhaj Md. G.K. Gaus, MP (Habiganj-3), Rokibul Islam, MP (Khulna-3), Mia Nuruddin Ahmed Apu, MP (Shariatpur-3), M. Ruhul Quddus Talukdar Dulu, MP (Natore-2), Md. Akhtaruzzaman Mia, MP (Dinajpur-4) and A.B.M. Ashraf Uddin (Nizan), MP (Lakshimpur-4).

State Minister to the Ministry of Youth and Sports Md. Aminul Haque has called upon leading corporate institutions of the country to come forward in supporting underdeveloped sports federations and promising athletes. The State Minister made the call while speaking at an exchange of views meeting with representatives of top corporate institutions at the conference room of the National Sports Council in Dhaka yesterday.

US-Bangla Airlines yesterday announced additional special flights to Abu Dhabi alongside previously declared Dubai services to repatriate stranded Bangladeshi nationals from the United Arab Emirates amid ongoing Middle East airspace disruptions. The private carrier earlier announced two special wide-body flights on the Dhaka-Dubai-Dhaka route to facilitate the return of Bangladeshi nationals affected by the regional aviation crisis.



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