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Newsbrief

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman yesterday visited his Political Adviser and BNP Standing Committee Member Mirza Abbas Uddin Ahmed, who is currently undergoing treatment at Evercare Hospital in the capital. Prime Minister's Press Secretary Saleh Shibly told BSS that during the visit, the Prime Minister instructed the concerned authorities to take swift measures for Mirza Abbas's treatment in Singapore.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman will inaugurate a nationwide programme on March 16 to excavate and re-excavate rivers, canals and water bodies aimed at improving irrigation, boosting agricultural production and strengthening water management across the country. A handout was issued in this regard yesterday.

Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operatives Minister Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said, the government will prioritize merit over recommendations or lobbying in all aspects of employment. The Minister made the remarks while addressing an iftar programme of the Thakurgaon Zilla Samity at the Krishibid Institute Auditorium in Farm gate of Dhaka yesterday. The Minister also acknowledged that lobbying is sometimes unavoidable for postings, but emphasized that it should not be given the highest priority.

Speaker Hafiz Uddin Ahmed Bir Bikram and Deputy Speaker Barrister Kaiser Kamal paid rich tributes to Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman and former Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia by placing wreaths at their graves at Sher-e-Bangla nagar in Dhaka yesterday. To honour the memory of the late leaders, both the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker observed a few moments of solemn silence. They subsequently participated in special prayers, seeking the eternal peace of the departed souls.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapan announced that the government has taken full responsibility for the complete construction of the Bogura Press Club building. The Minister made the remarks while speaking at a ceremony held at the Karatoya Convention Center in Bogura city yesterday. Bangladesh Journalist Welfare Trust organized the event to distribute financial grants to journalists and educational scholarships to the meritorious children of media professionals across seven districts of the Rajshahi division.

Bangladesh and Japan resumed negotiations with a Japanese consortium in a renewed effort to operationalise the long-delayed Third Terminal of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport (HSIA) on a win-win basis. The high-level meeting was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday. Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman, Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Afroza Khanom Rita, Prime Minister's Foreign Affairs Adviser Humayun Kabir, State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism M Rashiduzzaman Millat and State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam represented the Bangladesh side, among others, during the negotiations. While talking to journalists, the Prime Minister's Foreign Affairs Adviser and State Minister Millat described the discussions as positive and expressed optimism that a mutually acceptable solution could be reached soon.

Education Minister Dr. A N M Ehsanul Hoque Milon has issued strict instructions that students must not be made to stand on roads to greet Ministers or other guests. The Minister said this while delivering the keynote speech at a prize-giving ceremony in Kachua upazila, Chandpur yesterday, on the occasion of National Education Week.

Water Resources Minister Md. Shahid Uddin Chowdhury Anee conducted an extensive inspection of several vital canals in the district, signaling a major push towards restoring the nation's neglected water management systems. The Minister visited the Rahmatkhali, Wapda, Joksinand Mandari canals in the Sadar upazila to oversee restoration progress and finalize preparations for an upcoming national excavation initiative. The Minister said this to reporters yesterday after inspecting Rahmatkhali, Wapda, Joksini and Mandari canals in Lakshmipur Sadar Upazila yesterday.

Disaster Management and Relief Minister Asadul Habib Dulu said, the government wants to illuminate the district through various development activities. The Minister said this while talking to newsmen after a views-exchange with upazila-level officials and union parishad chairmen at the Sadar Upazila Parishad in Lalmonirhat yesterday.

Railways Minister Shaikh Rabiul Alam said, the government is working with maximum capacity to ensure a safe and comfortable Eid journey for home goers on the occasion of the upcoming Eid-ul-fitr. Apart from the regular service, the Minister also said, Bangladesh Railways will operate five pairs of special trains on the occasion of Eid. The Minister said this to reporters yesterday after visiting Kamalapur Railway station ahead of Eid-ul-fitr.

The Government of Australia and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) have reaffirmed their partnership to support Rohingyas and host communities in Bangladesh through a new AUD 16.5 million multi-year funding agreement for 2026-2028. The new agreement will help sustain critical sexual and reproductive health services, gender-based violence prevention and response and adolescent and youth services for some of the most vulnerable women, girls and families in Cox's Bazar, a UNFPA press release said yesterday.



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