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Newsbrief

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman directed authorities concerned to find ways to make the country's Zakat management system more effective and well organized. The Premier issued the directive at a meeting on Zakat management held at the Cabinet Division in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir sought effective cooperation from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) for the development of the rural population of Bangladesh. The Minister sought this cooperation when IFAD Country Director Dr. Valentine Achancho paid a courtesy call on him at his office at the Secretariat yesterday. During the meeting, the IFAD Country Director reaffirmed the organization's commitment to working jointly with the Bangladesh government to address the impacts of climate change and support communities affected by natural disasters.

Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury said that the government's 'Family Card' programme will be implemented in a transparent and non-partisan manner to ensure that eligible citizens across the country receive its benefits. Speaking at a press conference at the Multipurpose Hall of the Finance Ministry on the launching of the 'Family Card' programme, the Minister described the initiative as one of the largest poverty alleviation programmes undertaken in the history of Bangladesh.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed said that the government is making strong efforts to bring back the main accused in the Inqilab Mancha Spokesperson Osman Hadi murder case and his accomplice, who were recently arrested in West Bengal, India. The Minister made the remarks after attending a Law and Order Committee meeting held at the Deputy Commissioner's Office in Cox's Bazar. Speaking to reporters after the meeting, the Home Minister said that his Ministry has already taken steps to bring the accused back to Bangladesh.

Women and Children Affairs Minister Dr. AZM Zahid Hossain said, the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) always works for women's empowerment, recognition and economic self-reliance. The Minister made the remarks while speaking at a programme marking International Women's Day 2026 held at the National Photo Gallery auditorium in the capital yesterday.

Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman sought support for Bangladesh's candidature for the UN General Assembly Presidency during bilateral meetings in London yesterday, receiving assurances from several counterparts while discussing issues of mutual interest yesterday. The Foreign Minister led the Bangladesh delegation to the 26th Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers Meeting, held a number of bilateral meetings on the sidelines of the event held at Lancaster House in London. Prime Minister's Adviser on Foreign Affairs Humayun Kabir accompanied the Foreign Minister during the engagements.

Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman highlighted the importance of multilateralism at the Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers Meeting in London yesterday, calling for concrete actions to confront existential global challenges, particularly climate change and growing economic uncertainty. Foreign Ministers and representatives from 56 Commonwealth member states attended the meeting, which set the agenda and policy direction for the upcoming Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting scheduled for November this year.

Commerce Minister Khandaker Abdul Muktadir issued a firm assurance that the country maintains an adequate supply of edible oil and prices will not increase even by a single drop, following a strategic review meeting with producers and suppliers to address market concerns and ensure price stability. The Minister told this to reporters after a high-level meeting with importers and refinery owners at the Ministry of Commerce conference room in the capital yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapan said, he will move a proposal in national parliament to include the words - 'ban on use in public' instead of the word 'control' in the existing anti-tobacco law. The Minister also said, the word 'control' has a reluctant connotation, which can be established as a strict legal offense inserting the words 'ban on use in public'. The Minister made the remarks while speaking at a roundtable titled 'Tobacco Control in Public Health Protection: Government's Success, Promise and Public Expectation' at National Theatre seminar room of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy yesterday.

A delegation led by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations Representative to Bangladesh Dr. Xiaokun Shi paid a courtesy call on Food, Fisheries and Livestock Minister Mohammad Aminur Rashid at his office in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. They discussed Bangladesh's progress in the agriculture, fisheries and livestock sectors, as well as sustainable management in these fields. The Minister informed the delegation that Bangladesh welcomes any cooperation from the FAO to strengthen food security, promote agro-processing, expand exports of agricultural products and reinforce the foundation of the agriculture-based economy.

Bangladesh sought Japan International Cooperation Agency's (JICA) assistance to expedite the commencement of operations of the third terminal of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport. The appeal was made when JICA Chief Representative in Bangladesh Ichiguchi Tomohide paid a courtesy call on Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Afroza Khanam at her office in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism M. Rashiduzzaman Millat was also present at the meeting.

Water Resources Minister Md. Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anee said, Prime Minister Tarique Rahman will formally inaugurate the canal excavation programme in the country by re-excavating a canal involving a cost of Tk 5 crore in Sahapara area of Kaharol upazila in Dinajpur on March 16. The Minister made the remarks while addressing a meeting at Deputy Commissioner's office after inspecting a canal in Balrampur Sahapara, Kaharol upazila in Dinajpur yesterday.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam said, Bangladesh has sought consular access to two suspects detained in India in connection with Osman Hadi murder case. The State Minister told this to reporters at her Ministry yesterday.

State Minister for Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Md. Nurul Haque told four Bangladeshis have been killed since the outbreak of the Iran-Israel conflict. The State Minister revealed this after receiving the body of Ahmed Ali, a Bangladeshi national from Barlekha upazila of Moulvibazar district who was killed in Dubai, at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport yesterday along with State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam.

State Minister for Information and Broadcasting Yeaser Khan Chowdhury said, all media outlets in the country will work independently. About formulating new policies for journalists the State Minister also said, necessary steps will be taken after taking the opinions of all concerned, including the representatives of the journalist community. The State Minister told journalists after a meeting of the 'District Law and Order Committee' at the conference room of the Mymensingh Deputy Commissioner office yesterday.

Bangladesh strongly condemned an aerial attack in Saudi Arabia that killed two of its nationals and injured others, urging all parties to exercise restraint and calling for urgent international efforts to prevent further loss of innocent lives. The Foreign Ministry issued a press release in this regard yesterday.

The government has instructed the authorities concerned to conduct mobile courts across the country to ensure smooth fuel supply and maintain discipline in the market. A letter containing the directive has been issued to the Deputy Commissioners of all districts yesterday.

A delegation of the European Union Election Observation Mission paid a courtesy call on Inspector General of Police Md. Ali Hossain Fakir at the Police Headquarters yesterday. The delegation was led by the Head of the Mission Roger Clayton. During the meeting, the head of the delegation highly appreciated the professionalism, dedication and coordinated efforts of the Bangladesh Police in maintaining law and order during the elections.

The newly appointed Inspector General of Police Md. Ali Hossain Fakir has announced that law enforcement agencies will conduct nationwide block raids to capture criminals, terrorists, extortionists and teenage gang members as part of the government's top priority to maintain law and order. The Police Chief said this while speaking at a press briefing at the Police Headquarters Media Centre yesterday.



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