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Newsbrief

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman and UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan in a phone conversation yesterday discussed implications of military escalation for regional security and stability in view of the ongoing war between Israel-US and Iran. Prime Minister's Press Secretary Saleh Shibly told reporters. During the conversation, the Press Secretary said, on behalf of Bangladesh, Prime Minister Tarique Rahman expressed solidarity with the UAE and Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries while the UAE President thanked the Bangladesh Prime Minister for the call and his kind concern. The Premier also expressed sincere thanks to the UAE President and his country for taking care of Bangladeshi people in the UAE, the Press Secretary said.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman has decided to avoid joining grand iftar programmes this year considering the overall situation in the country. The Premier will attend only two iftar mahfils at the State Guest House Jamuna - one in honour of diplomats and another in honour of orphans, Islamic scholars and religious leaders, Prime Minister's Additional Press Secretary Atikur Rahman Ruman said yesterday.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman has reduced the use of lights and air-conditioners at his office room in Bangladesh Secretariat in half in a bid to save electricity. The Premier also urged all Ministries and institutions to maintain austerity in consuming electricity. Prime Minister's Additional Press Secretary Atikur Rahman Ruman said that the Prime Minister took these steps after arriving at his office at the Secretariat yesterday.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman directed the authorities concerned to establish language training centres across the country to develop skilled manpower for overseas employment. The Premier gave the instruction at a meeting of the committee formed on increasing overseas employment opportunities and ensuring the welfare of expatriates. The premier presided over the meeting at his Cabinet Division office in the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday, said Prime Minister's Additional Press Secretary Atikur Rahman Ruman.

Former Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has been selected as one of the 15 distinguished individuals for the 'Independence Award 2026'. The Cabinet Division yesterday announced the decision, according to a press release signed by Md. Humayun Kabir, Additional Secretary. The government has decided to confer the award on 15 individuals and five institutions in recognition of their glorious and outstanding contributions at the national level.

Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Yao Wen met with Culture Affairs Minister Nitai Roy Chowdhury and State Minister Ali Newaz Mahmud Khayam at the Minister's office yesterday. Both the sides discussed strengthening of existing friendly relationship and enhancing cultural cooperation, including joint cultural events, exhibitions and training programmes.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapan said, the people welfare-oriented steps taken by the new government will be reflected in the President's address in the first session of the 13th national parliament beginning on March 12. The Minister told reporters after the cabinet meeting at the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapan has stressed the need for ensuring accurate, precise and responsible dissemination of information alongside rapid flow information. The Minister told an iftar programme organized by the BCS Information Association at the Tathya Bhaban in the capital yesterday. Secretary of the Information and Broadcasting Ministry Mahbuba Farzana attended the event as the special guest. The Information Minister emphasized the importance of providing prompt, fact-based responses to counter fake news, rumors and propaganda.

Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Afroza Khanam and State Minister M. Rashiduzzaman Millat directed Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) officials to ensure expatriate-friendly services at airports and enforce a zero-tolerance policy against irregularities. The directives came during a views exchange meeting with CAAB officials and staff at the authority's headquarters in Kurmitola yesterday. Later, the Minister and the State Minister visited the Third Terminal of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport to review the progress of its implementation.

Education and Primary and Mass Education Minister Dr. ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon has emphasized transparency, accountability and effective supervision in the education system. The Minister said, the foundation for the development of Bangladesh's education system and institutional accountability had been laid during the tenure of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman, said an official handout yesterday. The Minister made these remarks while addressing a meeting with officials of the Directorate of Inspection and Audit (DIA) at its conference in the capital.

Education Minister Dr. ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon has asked the officials of Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education (DSHE) to resolve quickly the administrative problems of teachers. The Minister said this while addressing at an exchange of views meeting with officials of the directorate at the DSHE auditorium in Dhaka yesterday.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Sardar Md. Sakhawat Hossain has warned that undisciplined doctors might face strict disciplinary action for any negligence to duties and private practice in during office hour. The Minister made the remarks while speaking at a press conference on contemporary issues at the conference room of the Ministry at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. The Minister also said, the Prime Minister has given a clear instruction urging the doctors to refrain from private practice during their office hours.

Bangladesh and India expressed optimism about further expanding their close bilateral relations as Prime Minister's Foreign Affairs Adviser Humayun Kabir held talks with Indian High Commissioner Pranay Kumar Verma in the capital. The Indian Envoy paid a courtesy call on the Prime Minister's Foreign Affairs Adviser at the Prime Minister's Office in Tejgaon yesterday. During the meeting, the two sides held fruitful discussions on the existing friendly relations between Bangladesh and India and explored ways to further strengthen bilateral cooperation on issues of mutual interest.

Libya today expressed full support for Bangladesh's candidature of Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman for the presidency of the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly for the 2026–2027 term. The assurance was conveyed when Libyan Ambassador to Bangladesh Abdulmutalib S.M. Suliman paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister's Foreign Affairs Adviser Humayun Kabir at the Prime Minister's Office in Tejgaon yesterday.

Cabinet Secretary Nasimul Ghani said, the government has decided to declare March 18 a public holiday. The Cabinet Secretary made the announcement while talking to journalists at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday after the Cabinet meeting held at the Secretariat, chaired by the Prime Minister Tarique Rahman. The Cabinet Secretary also said, with the new decision, the country will enjoy seven consecutive holidays from March 17 to March 23 on the occasion of holy Eid-ul-Fitr.

The government has finalized a new protocol regarding the presence of senior officials at the airport during the foreign trips and return of the Prime Minister. Cabinet Division issued a directive in this regard yesterday. Under the new protocol, the senior-most Minister of the Cabinet, the Chief Whip of the Bangladesh Jatiya Sangsad, the Cabinet Secretary and the Secretary to the Prime Minister will remain present at the airport on such occasions.

The International Crimes Tribunal (ICT)-2 fixed April 9 for delivering its verdict in a crime against humanity case filed over the killing of Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur student Abu Sayed during the July Mass Uprising. The three-member tribunal headed by Justice Nazrul Islam Mazumder set the date through a short order yesterday.



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