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**Newsbrief**

President Mohammed Shahabuddin and his wife Dr. Rebeka Sultana hosted a reception at the green lawn of the Presidential palace in Bangabhaban yesterday marking the country's 56th Independence and National Day-2026. Chief Justice Zubayer Rahman Chowdhury, Jatiya Sangsad Deputy Speaker Barrister Kayser Kamal, Cabinet Members, including ruling BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, Senior political Leaders, Foreign Diplomats, Supreme Court judges, Chiefs of the three services, members of parliament, academics, business community leaders, artistes, valiant Freedom Fighters and family members of 19 Birshreshtha gallantry award recipients and distinguished citizens attended the programme.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman witnessed the Independence and National Day Parade while President Mohammed Shahabuddin took the salute and inspected the parade as the chief guest. The parade was held at the National Parade Ground in the capital yesterday, marking the 56th Independence and National Day, after a gap of 18 years. The parade was organized under the auspices of the Ministry of Liberation War Affairs with support of the Armed Forces Division and overall management of the 9th Infantry Division.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman paid a courtesy call on President Mohammed Shahabuddin at Bangabhaban in the capital yesterday on the occasion of the 56th Independence and National Day. They exchanged greetings and discussed various aspects of the programmes taken on the occasion of the Independence Day, a Bangabhaban press release said.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman said that alongside the iconic children's talent hunt programme 'Notun Kuri', his government is now planning to introduce another nationwide programme named 'Notun Kuri Sports' aimed at hunting new talents in the sports arena. The Prime Minister made the remarks while distributing prize of a friendly football match at the national stadium in Dhaka yesterday. Bangladesh Football Federation organized the match on the occasion of the Independence and National Day. Earlier, the Prime Minister inaugurated the match and along with his daughter Barrister Zaima Rahman enjoyed the game.

British King Charles III has extended his best wishes to the Bangladesh President and its people on the occasion of the country's Independence Day. The British Monarch conveyed this warm congratulations in a message yesterday. King Charles also noted the significant contribution of the Bangladeshi diaspora in the United Kingdom, which continues to enrich British society and strengthen bilateral relations.

BNP Secretary General and LGRD Minister Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir vowed that a democratic and prosperous Bangladesh would be built under the leadership of Prime Minister Tarique Rahman. The Minister made the remarks after paying homage at the graves of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman and former Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia in capital's Sher-e-Bangla Nagar yesterday.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed has stated that Rajarbagh Police Lines was the first foundation for the declaration of Bangladesh's War of Independence. The Minister also said that the first genocide of March 25, 1971, began at Rajarbagh Police Lines, which subsequently created the backdrop for the declaration of independence. The Minister made the remarks while briefing journalists after laying a wreath at the Rajarbagh Police Memorial in the capital yesterday, paying tribute to the martyred police members of the Liberation War on the occasion of the Independence and National Day.

Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister and freedom fighter Iqbal Hasan Mahmud Tuku said, Bangladesh was not created through any foreign conspiracy but emerged from the struggle to establish rights and build a progressive state. The Minister said this while addressing a reception accorded to freedom fighters, organized by the district administration marking Independence and National Day 2026 at the district Shilpakala Academy auditorium in Sirajganj yesterday. The Minister also said, the War of Liberation was a people's war in which common working people participated and secured the country's independence.

Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman has called for intensified global efforts to confront slavery and oppression, urging renewed international action while addressing a UN General Assembly commemorative meeting. The Minister made the call while speaking at a meeting marking the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade at the United Nations headquarters in New York on Wednesday, according to a message yesterday.

Land Minister Mizanur Rahman Minu expressed a firm stance against those who opposed the independence of the count. The Minister also said that those who resisted the country's independence will remain hated by the nation forever. The Minister made these remarks while speaking to journalists after placing a wreath at the Shaheed Memorial in front of the Rajshahi Deputy Commissioner's Office yesterday, on the occasion of the Great Independence and National Day

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapan left Dhaka for Turkey yesterday to attend the 'International Strategic Communication Summit (StratCom) 2026' at the invitation of the Turkish government. According to a press release of the Ministry yesterday, the two-day international conference will be held on March 27 and 28 at the Conrad Bosphorus Hotel in Istanbul. The Minister will speak as a panelist at the first session titled 'A New Framework for the World Order: A Strategic Communication Perspective' on March 27.

Deputy Speaker Barrister Kayser Kamal and Chief Whip Md. Nurul Islam paid tribute to the graves of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman and former Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia in the capital's Sher-e-Bangla Nagar area yesterday. They observed silence for sometimes there and offered Fateha and supplications seeking forgiveness for the departed souls.

State Minister for Social Welfare Farzana Sharmin urged all to work together to build a safe, inclusive and child-friendly Bangladesh ensuring protection for women and children. The state minister made the call while addressing a discussion, prize-giving ceremony and cultural programme held at Bangladesh Shishu Academy auditorium in the capital yesterday, marking Independence and National Day-2026. The state minister also called for raising collective voices on violence against women and other injustice.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio has congratulated the people of Bangladesh on the occasion of Independence Day, reaffirming Washington's commitment to strengthening bilateral ties and partnership. The US Secretary said this in a press statement yesterday.



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