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## Newsbrief

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman said, empowering women is crucial as it is quite impossible to advance the country leaving half of the population behind. The Prime Minister said, the government will bring four crore families, headed by women, under the Family Card programme within the next five years. The Premier made the remarks while speaking at the inauguration ceremony of the Family Card programme, organized by the Ministry of Social Welfare, at T&T playground in Banani yesterday. The Prime Minister also hoped that his government would be able to introduce 'Farmer Card' programme within next month.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman has congratulated the Nepal government and its people on successful parliamentary polls. The Prime Minister also said, Bangladesh looks forward to working closely with the new Nepal government and its people to further strengthen their longstanding friendship and cooperation. The Prime Minister wrote this in a post shared on his verified Facebook account yesterday.

Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operatives Minister Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir said, the government is working tirelessly to ensure women's empowerment in the country. The Minister made the remarks at a programme organized by the Local Government Engineering Department at its headquarters in Agargaon in the capital yesterday to mark the International Women's Day.

Finance and Planning Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury said; the 'Family Card' scheme for female as household head was a first step of Prime Minister Tarique Rahman's plan towards establishing a welfare-oriented state. The Minister said this while addressing a function to distribute Family Card at Ward No. 41 of Patenga in Chattogram yesterday.

Bangladesh and the United Kingdom explored ways to further strengthen their trade and business relations, including unlocking investment in Bangladesh's blue economy, broadening the 'Made in Bangladesh' brand and expanding cooperation in education and multilateral platforms. The discussion took place when Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman and Prime Minister's Adviser on Foreign Affairs Humayun Kabir held a bilateral meeting with UK Minister of State for Trade Sir Chris Bryant MP in London, according to a message yesterday.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Abdul Awal Mintoo stressed on ensuring security for developing the livelihood of the people. The Minister made this remark while addressing at the exchange of views with the government employees at Dhaganbhuiyan upazila council auditorium in Feni yesterday.

Commerce, Industries and Textiles and Jute Minister Khandaker Abdul Muktadir said, the government is giving special emphasis to ensuring irrigation facilities in order to increase agricultural production. The Minister made the remarks while laying the foundation stone of the project titled 'Excavation of Bangshi Khal from Jangail Surma River to Bolaura Jilkar Haor' in Sylhet Sadar upazila yesterday.

Labour and Employment and Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Ariful Haque Choudhury said, the government is providing maximum support to the expatriates living in the Middle East. The Minister said this before attending the Namaj-e Janaza of deceased Ahmed Ali who was killed in Dubai during the war between Iran, Israel and the United States, at Barolekha of Moulvi Bazar yesterday.

Water Resources Minister Md. Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anee said that the Musapur Regulator is not only a concern for Musapur but also a critical issue affecting the lives and livelihoods of people across greater Noakhali. The Minister made the remarks yesterday while addressing an inspection and views-exchange meeting in Companiganj after visiting the Musapur reservoir area and the erosion-affected banks of the Choto Feni River.

Disaster Management and Relief Minister Asadul Habib Dulu said, disasters strike without prior warning and can suddenly engulf lives and settlements, stressing the need for constant preparedness to mitigate their impacts. The Minister made the remarks while addressing a discussion organized by the Ministry marking the National Disaster Preparedness Day-2026 at the Secretariat yesterday.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Md. Asaduzzaman said, the government has formally begun its initiative to ensure economic empowerment of women at all levels through the distribution of 'Family Cards'. The Minister said this while addressing a seminar titled 'Fight, Justice, Action for All Women and Girls' at the Bangladesh Military Museum in the capital yesterday. The seminar was organized by Manusher Jonno Foundation with financial support from the European Union marking International Women's Day. UN Women and the embassies of Switzerland, Canada and Sweden provided overall support to the programme.

Chattogram Hill Tracts Affairs Minister Dipen Dewan said, the government has started distribution of 'Family Card' to strengthen women's empowerment, ensuring their rights, dignity and economic independence. The Minister said this while speaking at the inauguration ceremony of the Family Card distribution programme at Lama Upazila Parishad auditorium in Bandarban yesterday.

Education and Primary and Mass Education Minister Dr. ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon called for strengthening cooperation with the World Bank to accelerate reforms in the country's education sector and improve the quality of education. The call came during a courtesy meeting between the Minister and World Bank Country Director for Bangladesh and Bhutan Jean Pesme at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Education and Primary and Mass Education Minister Dr. ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon said, cooperation from international development partners is very crucial for improving the quality of the country's education system. The Minister expressed hope that the existing partnership and cooperation of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in the education sector would continue in the future. The Minister made the remarks during a meeting with an ADB delegation led by Director of Human and Social Development Division Gi Soon Song at the Education Ministry at the Secretariat yesterday.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Sardar Md. Sakhawat Husain stressed the need for monitoring and bringing the mushrooming private clinics across the country under proper regulation. The Minister also said, the private sector must be given due attention to improve the country's healthcare services. The Minister made the call while speaking at an iftar gathering organized by the Private Hospital, Clinic and Diagnostic Association at a hotel in Dhaka yesterday.

Prime Minister's Political Adviser Mirza Abbas said, attempts to embarrass the government in a bid to gain power will not bring development to the country. The Prime Minister's Political Adviser made the remarks while addressing an iftar and doa mahfil, organized by the Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College and Hospital Unit BNP at the Shaila Hafez Auditorium in the capital yesterday.

State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Anindya Islam Amit said, there is no cause for concern as the country has sufficient reserves of fuel oil. The State Minister told this to reporters at his Ministry at the Secretariat yesterday.

BIMSTEC Secretary General Indra Mani Pandey has underscored the Bangladesh's leadership role as the current chair of the regional bloc and expressed the secretariat's readiness to work closely with the new government to strengthen regional cooperation. The BIMSTEC Secretary General made the remarks while hosting an Iftar-dinner in Dhaka on Monday evening. State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam and State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism M Rashiduzzaman Millat also joined the gathering.

State Minister for Road Transport and Highways and Railways Habibur Rashid said, the government is working to bring future Bangladesh under a safe, modern and integrated transport system. The State Minister made the remarks in an exclusive interview with Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha at his Secretariat office yesterday.

State Minister for Housing and Public Works Ahammad Sohel Monzoor has directed authorities to start operations of the 250-bed Pirojpur District Hospital without waiting for the installation of lifts in order to reduce the sufferings of patients. The directive was given at a meeting of the Pirojpur District Hospital Management Committee yesterday.

The Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment has opened a control room to ensure the welfare and safety of Bangladeshi expatriate workers amid the ongoing war situation in the Middle East. The control room set up at the Expatriate Call Center on the seventh floor of the Expatriate Welfare Bhaban in Eskaton, Dhaka yesterday. In view of the prevailing situation in the Middle East, Bangladeshi migrant workers can contact the Ministry's hotline number +8809610102030 at any time for assistance.



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