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## Newsbrief

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman said, playing an effective role in poverty alleviation would be possible within 10 to 15 years solely through the Zakat system by ensuring well-planned Zakat distribution. The Prime Minister said this while addressing an Iftar mahfil hosted by him in honor of orphan children and Islamic scholars (Ulama-Mashaikh) at the state guest house Jamuna yesterday. Considering this reality, the government has taken plans to make Zakat management more effective and goal-oriented, the Prime Minister added.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman said, his government is giving top priority to ensuring women's safety with taking a strict stance to stop cyber-bullying and online harassment against women. The Prime Minister said this in a message yesterday, marking the International Women's Day to be celebrated today. The Prime Minister said, his government is committed to ensure women's active and effective participation at all levels, including education, economy, health and politics. The day is being celebrated commemorating women's fight for equality and liberation along with the women's rights movement, focusing on the issues such as gender equality, reproductive rights and violence and abuse against women. The Prime Minister also wished a grand success of all programs undertaken on the occasion of International Women's Day.

Home Minister and BNP Standing Committee member Salahuddin Ahmed expressed confidence that the upcoming parliamentary sessions will restore public trust in the legislature, stating that citizens 'wanted to see such a parliament.' Speaking to reporters at the concluding day of a two-day training workshop for newly elected parliamentarians at the BNP Chairman's Office in Gulshan yesterday, the Home Minister emphasized the government's commitment to transforming parliamentary culture.

Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Iqbal Hassan Mahmood said that there is no fuel shortage in the country and urged citizens not to panic-buy petroleum products, as the government maintains adequate fuel reserves, ensuring an uninterrupted supply. The Minister said this during a media briefing outside the Prime Minister's Office in the capital yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapan said, Bangladesh has entered a new era under the unprecedented leadership of Prime Minister Tarique Rahman. The Minister said these while addressing an Iftar and Doa Mahfil organized by 'Begum Khaleda Zia Smriti Sangsad' in memory of former Prime Minister late Begum Zia at an auditorium of Dhaka Reporters Unity in the capital yesterday. The Minister also said, Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman brought important changes in the country's economy in a short period of time. Ziaur Rahman led famine-stricken Bangladesh towards food self-sufficiency and laid the foundation for a production-oriented economy by converting industries and factories to private ownership, the Minister added.

Agriculture, Food, Fisheries and Livestock Minister Mohammed Aminur Rashid said, there is no shortage of oil in the country despite some pressure on global supply due to the ongoing war situation in the Middle East. The Minister said this while addressing an iftar and doa programme organized by the Cumilla district unit of the Bangladesh Shop Owners Association at the Cumilla Stadium Gymnasium yesterday.

Health Minister Sardar Md. Sakhawat Hossain Bokul said, those who fail to perform their duties on time must be held accountable, stressing that negligence in healthcare services for grassroots people will not be tolerated. The Minister made the remark during a surprise visit to the Palash Upazila Health Complex in Narsingdi yesterday.

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State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam emphasized expanding women's participation in diplomacy, saying greater involvement of women in foreign policy and diplomatic service is essential for strengthening Bangladesh's global engagement. Marking International Women's Day, in an exclusive interview yesterday with Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha the State Minister said, a growing number of women are already serving in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Bangladesh Missions abroad, reflecting gradual progress in women's representation in diplomacy.

State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Sultan Salauddin Tuku has taken a unique initiative by deploying volunteers to assist the traffic department in easing congestion in Tangail town ahead of Eid. Under the overall supervision of the State Minister, a volunteer programme was launched on Thursday to help control traffic in the town. The programme will continue until the night before Eid, the State Minister added.

State Minister for Chattogram Hill Tracts Affairs Mir Mohammad Helal Uddin said, the government has declared a 'zero tolerance' policy against crime and criminal activities in the society. The State Minister stated that in order to build a new Bangladesh and maintain peace and order, anyone involved in crime regardless of identity will be brought under the law. The State Minister made these remarks while addressing an iftar mahfil organized by Chattogram Metropolitan BNP and a discussion hosted by Hefazat-e-Islam at Hathazari in Chattogram the day before yesterday.

State Minister for Social Welfare Farzana Sharmin said, the government will provide state and social recognition to the immense but often overlooked household labour performed by women. The State Minister also said, the unpaid domestic work carried out by women plays a significant role in the national economy, yet it has long remained unacknowledged. The State Minister made the remarks in an exclusive interview with the Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha yesterday on the International Women's Day billed for today.

State Minister for Social Welfare Farzana Sharmin stressed the need for increasing public awareness to control the hereditary disease thalassemia. The State Minister said this while addressing the BTS Lottery-2025 prize-giving ceremony organized by the Bangladesh Thalassaemia Samity at Taher Bhaban in the capital's Green Road yesterday.

Indian High Commissioner in Dhaka Pranay Verma said, New Delhi always supported and would continue to support a democratic, stable, peaceful, progressive and inclusive Bangladesh as he hosted an Iftar reception joined by government leaders and distinguished citizens. The Indian High Commissioner told the reception at a hotel in the capital yesterday. The Envoy also highlighted the deep-rooted friendship and enduring people-to-people ties between India and Bangladesh and described the gathering as a reflection of strong bonds of friendship and close societal and familial connections between the peoples of the two neighboring countries.



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