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**Newsbrief**

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman said, the government will take initiatives to establish agro-processing industries in the Dinajpur region to utilize its agricultural potential, strengthen the local economy and create employment opportunities. Highlighting various government initiatives involving the country's commoners, the Prime Minister also said, his party's political vision is to change the people's fortune. The Premier made the remarks while addressing a civic gathering and iftar mahfil at Dinajpur Circuit House ground yesterday. Earlier, the Prime Minister offered the ziarat at graves of his grandfather Md. Iskander Majumder, grandmother Taiba Majumder and aunt Khurshid Jahan Haque and close relatives at Sheikh Farid Model Graveyard in the district town. Besides, the Prime Minister distributed Black Bengal goats among beggars as part of a government initiative aimed at rehabilitating people engaged in begging and creating alternative employment opportunities for them.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman inaugurated free Wi-Fi service at Saidpur Airport in Nilphamari yesterday as part of the government's initiative to expand digital facilities and improve public services at airports and other busy locations across the country. The Prime Minister launched the service while returning to Dhaka yesterday after concluding his visit to Dinajpur.

Finance and Planning Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury said, the implementation of canal excavation projects will have a massive positive impact on the country's agriculture, environment and rural economy. The Minister made the remarks while inaugurating Bamansundar canal re-excavation project in Mirsarai Upazila of Chattogram yesterday.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed has reiterated the Bangladesh government's strict 'zero tolerance' policy against terrorism, drugs, human trafficking and corruption. The Minister said this while addressing at a high-level discussion titled "National Commitments/Pledges on Combating Fraud" at the Vienna International Centre yesterday.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Abdul Awal Minto inaugurated the re-excavation work of the Dadnar Canal in Daganbhuyan Upazila in Feni yesterday, aiming to improve irrigation facilities and restore the natural water flow in the area. Speaking at the event, the Minister said that Sheheed President Ziaur Rahman had once launched a nationwide voluntary canal excavation program to increase agricultural production.

Land Minister Mizanur Rahman Minu said, the nationwide canal excavation programme begun across the country was pioneered by Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman. The Land Minister made these remarks while inaugurating the Damdama canal excavation programme in Godagari Upazila of Rajshahi yesterday.

Cultural Affairs Minister Advocate Nitai Roy Chowdhury inaugurated a canal re-excavation programme at Binodpur Union under Mohammadpur Upazila of Magura as part of the government's nationwide initiative. Speaking on the occasion the Minister said, the government has given priority to the canal excavation programme to expedite country's development.

Commerce, Industries and Textiles & Jute Minister Khandaker Abdul Muktadir said, the re-excavation of the Champatali canal will bring approximately 1,500 bighas of land under new cultivation by addressing irrigation shortages during the dry season. The Minister made the remarks while speaking at the inaugural session of the canal re-excavation programme in Osmaninagar Upazila, Sylhet yesterday.

Labour and Employment and Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Ariful Haque Chowdhury said that the canal excavation programme will add a new dimension to the local economy to increase agricultural production and protect the environment. The Minister said this while inaugurating the excavation work of the Katagang canal at Sadar Upazila of Moulvibazar yesterday.

Information Minister Zahir Uddin Swapan said that canal excavation projects cannot be carried out for earning money by contractors and engineers, but water flow in canals must be ensured. The Minister said this while inaugurating the two-kilometre long re-excavation work of Kutubpur Swanirbhar Canal in Nalchira Union of Gournadi Upazila in Barishal yesterday.

Agriculture Minister Mohammad Amin Ur Rashid said, the government has already taken initiatives to implement the pledges made to the people before the election. The Minister told this to reporters at Lalmaiupazila in Cumilla yesterday.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Md. Asaduzzaman said, the government is committed to implementing the July Charter through constitutional and legal processes. The Minister made the remarks while speaking at the inauguration ceremony of the re-excavation of the Shirishkath canal, originally excavated by Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman, at village Kanyadah in Harinakunda Upazila of Jhenaidah yesterday.

Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology Minister Faqir Mahbub Anam inaugurated the re-excavation, beautification and environmental conservation works of the Gacha canal of Gazipur City Corporation yesterday. Speaking on the occasion the Minister said, canal re-excavation is very important for environmental protection and agricultural development of the country.

Education Minister Dr. ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon said, the government has decided to abolish the existing lottery system for school admissions and reintroduce admission tests for all classes from Grade One onward, aiming to ensure quality improvement and proper assessment of merit in the education system. The Minister told a press conference at the conference room of the Education Ministry yesterday.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Sardar Md. Sakhawat Husain said, the government has taken initiatives to implement its election manifesto. The Minister made the remarks while inaugurating the 'Mahishakhali Canal Excavation and Re-excavation Project' in Monohardi Upazila of Narsingdi yesterday.

Road Transport and Bridges and Shipping Minister Shaikh Rabiul Alam warned that unfit vehicles would not be allowed to ply on roads. The Minister made the warning after visiting the capital's Mohakhali Bus Terminal yesterday.

Shipping, Road Transport and Bridges and Railways Minister Shaikh Rabiul Alam inaugurated three new vessels of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation to make the upcoming Eid journeys more comfortable for passengers. The Minister also inaugurated free wheelchair and trolley services for passengers at the terminal.

State Minister for Textiles and Jute Md. Shariful Alam said, the excavation of the Aribil canal in Kishoreganj will improve irrigation facilities for farmers and help reduce agricultural production costs. The State Minister said this while speaking at the inauguration ceremony of the Aribil canal excavation in Nikli Upazila of Kishoreganj yesterday.



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