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Newsbrief

President Mohammed Shahabuddin called upon all political parties to work with a common purpose to build a secure Bangladesh for future generations. The Head of the State said this while delivering his speech at the maiden session of the 13th Jatiya Sangsadyesterday.

President Mohammed Shahabuddin yesterday administered the oath to the newly elected speaker Major Hafiz Uddin Ahmed, Bir Bikram, of Bhola-3 Constituency. Newly elected Speaker Hafiz Uddin Ahmed was a six-term lawmaker, previously served as the Liberation War Affairs Minister from which he resigned before taking this position. Subsequently, the President also administered the oath to Barrister Kaiser Kamal, a lawmaker from Netrokona-1 constituency as the Deputy Speaker of the 13th parliament.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman said, the newly formed Jatiya Sangsad (JS) belongs to the people of Bangladesh, saying that citizens are looking toward it with expectations. The Prime Minister said this while delivering a greeting speech after the address of the newly elected Speaker at the maiden session of the 13th Jatiya Sangsad. Earlier, senior BNP Parliamentarian Major (Retd.) Hafiz Uddin Ahmed, Bir Bikrom, and another BNP Lawmaker Barrister Kayser Kamal were unanimously elected as the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker of the parliament respectively yesterday.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman said that a people-accountable and truly representative parliament elected by the people has begun its journey again in the country through the tears of countless victims of fascism and the sacrifice of thousands of lives. The Prime Minister, also the Leader of the House, made the remarks in his welcome speech while he was proposing the name of BNP's senior leader and lawmaker from Cumilla-2 constituency Dr. Khondoker Mosharraf Hossain to preside over the House temporarily for the election of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker by the Members of Parliament.

Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Major (Retd) Hafiz Uddin Ahmed, Bir Bikrom, expressed strong optimism that both the treasury and opposition benches will work together in the national interest to realize the dreams and aspirations of the people through constructive parliamentary practices. The Speaker said this while addressing the inaugural sitting of the 13th Jatiya Sangbad yesterday,

Senior parliamentarian Dr. Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, who chaired the first sitting of the 13th Jatiya Sangsad yesterday, called upon the members of parliament to work together to strengthen the country's democratic system, ensure transparency and uphold accountability in the country. Addressing the inaugural session, Mosharraf Hossain welcomed and congratulated the newly elected members of parliament, saying the new parliament marks a significant moment in the country's democratic journey following the national election on February 12, 2026.

Finance and Planning Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury said, Fuel loading at the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant will begin on April 7, marking a key milestone in Bangladesh's nuclear power programme. The Minister made these remarks following a meeting with Russian Ambassador to Bangladesh Alexander Grigoryevich Khozin at the Planning Ministry in Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in Dhaka yesterday.

Home Minister and BNP Standing Committee Member Salahuddin Ahmed said, a discrimination-free Bangladesh would be built in line with the vision of BNP Chairperson and former Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia. The Minister said this while taking part in a discussion on a condolence motion in the maiden session of the 13th National Parliament yesterday.

Home Minister and BNP Standing Committee member Salahuddin Ahmed said, the Jatiya Sangsad (JS) will be centre for discussion of all the issues to transform Bangladesh into a powerful democratic country. The Minister said this while speaking to journalists after coming out of the maiden session of the 13th parliament at Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday.

Social Welfare and Women and Children Affairs Minister AZM Zahid Hossain said, the nation must move forward under the leadership of Prime Minister Tarique Rahman through unity and collective effort. The Minister was addressing an iftar mahfil organized by former leaders of Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal of Rangpur Medical College at Emmanuelle's Convention Center in the capital yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapan said, the government is committed to protecting the country's cable television industry and the entrepreneurs involved in the sector. The Minister told an iftar programme organized by the Cable Operators Association of Bangladesh (COAB) at Dhaka Ladies Club in the capital yesterday.

The 13th JatiyaSangsad at its first session unanimously adopted a condolence motion expressing profound grief over the death of former three times Prime Minister and BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia. The House also adopted the condolence motion at the death of former Indian Prime Minister and Congress leader Monmohon Singh, 86-year-old supreme leader of Iran Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and first Latin American leader of the Roman Catholic Church Pope Francis. Speaker Major (Retd.) Hafiz Uddin Ahmed, Bir Bikrommoved the condolence motion at the outset of the first session of the 13th parliament held at the JatiyaSangsad Bhaban in Dhaka yesterday.

The 13th Jatiya Sangsad formed five parliamentary committees on different Ministries. Chief Whip of the 13th Jatiya Sangsad Nurul Islam Moni on behalf of the Leader of the House and Prime Minister Tarique Rahman proposed formation of the committees. Later, the proposals were adopted by voice votes with Speaker Hafiz Uddin Ahmad in the chair yesterday.

Maldivian, the national airline of the Maldives, resumed its Male-Dhaka-Male service yesterday with a ceremonial water cannon salute at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, restoring direct connectivity between the two South Asian neighbours ahead of the Eid travel rush. The inaugural flight landed at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, operated by an Airbus A320 carrying a full passenger load and departed at 6:20 am yesterday.



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