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Newsbrief

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman sought the cooperation of government officials and employees to implement the commitments made in his party's election manifesto, including those in health and education, women's education, employment and sports. The Prime Minister expressed hope that officials and employees would extend full cooperation in eliminating corruption from the country. The Premier made the remarks while addressing his first view-exchange meeting with serving officers and employees at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) at the Shapla Hall of the PMO in the capital's Tejgaon area yesterday. The country's people are looking to the government with great expectations, the Premier added.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman said, political parties should take an oath to work together to change the destiny of the countrymen. Referring to the recent national elections through which his party formed the government with landslide victory the Prime Minister said, through this election, the journey of democracy has begun anew in the country. The Premier made the remarks while delivering his welcome address at the Iftar mahfil hosted by Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami for political parties and eminent citizens at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the capital yesterday.

LGRD Minister Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said, a strong team has already started working to inspect the construction of Thakurgaon Medical College Hospital. They are looking after the site and have assured that they will be able to start admitting students by 2027, the Minister added. The Minister made the remarks at a press briefing after exchanging of views with the heads of government offices at the Deputy Commissioner's conference room in Thakurgaon yesterday.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed vowed exemplary punishment for those responsible for the recent attacks on leading newspapers Prothom Alo and The Daily Star, directing the Detective Branch (DB) of police to submit charge-sheets within two months following a fair investigation. Speaking to journalists after inspecting the burned-out office of Prothom Alo at Kawran Bazar of the capital yesterday, which was set ablaze as a planned and coordinated attack the Minister said, the incidents had tarnished Bangladesh's image globally.

Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman said, Member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) will actively campaign worldwide in support of Bangladesh's candidature for the Presidency of the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly. Speaking to reporters at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport yesterday upon his return from Saudi Arabia the Minister said, Bangladesh has received full and unequivocal backing from OIC member states for its bid.

Religious Affairs Minister Kazi Shah Mofazzal Hossain Kaikobad warned of punitive actions against Hajj agencies if pilgrims under their management were found to be mistreated while performing the holy ritual. The Minister also said, Hajj pilgrims are the guests of Allah and therefore they deserved the best possible services and treated with respect. The Minister made the comments at a discussion followed by an iftar gathering organized by Hajj Agencies Association of Bangladesh at the Police Convention Hall in the capital yesterday.

Cultural Affairs Minister Nitai Roy Chowdhury warned government officials in Magura that negligence in duty, corruption and inefficiency would not be tolerated under any circumstances. The Minister also said, people expect the establishment of a democratic and corruption-free society. The Minister said this while addressing a meeting of government officials at Shalikhā Upazila in Magura yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapan has reaffirmed the government's commitment to ensuring media freedom, describing any attack on the press as an attack on civilization itself. The Minister also underscored the importance of accountability, asserting that all crimes must be brought under judicial scrutiny. The Minister made the remarks while speaking to reporters after visiting the office of the daily *Prothom Alo* at Karwan Bazar in the capital yesterday. Prime Minister's Education Adviser Mahdi Amin was also present during the visit.

Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock and Food Minister Mohammad Amin Ul Rashid said, if everyone stands together for the development of Cumilla, it will be possible to bring back the lost tradition. The Minister said this while addressing an iftar mahfil organized by the Cumilla Samity in Dhaka at the Rawa Convention Hall in the capital yesterday.

Water Resources Minister Shahid Uddin Chowdhury Annie asked officials concerned to make their sincerest efforts for flood management in deluge-prone Sylhet region implementing dredging and embankment projects in particular with accountability. The Minister told reporters after a view exchange meeting with officials at the Circuit House in Sylhet yesterday along with Commerce Minister Khandaker Abdul Muktadir Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Ariful Haque Chowdhury.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Sardar Md. Sakhawat Hossain said, steps will be taken to promptly fill the vacant posts in the health sector. The Minister also said the government is working to ensure healthcare services reach the doorsteps of the people. The Minister made the remarks while speaking to journalists after a views-exchange meeting with government officials held at the Belabo Upazila premises in Narsingdi yesterday.

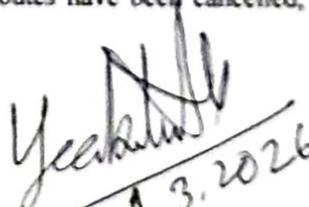
Posts, Telecommunications and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Minister Faqir Mahbub Anam said, the government will create employment for one million people in the promising ICT sector. The Minister said that since the formation of the government under Prime Minister Tarique Rahman, efforts have been underway from day one to bring development and services to the doorstep of the people. The Minister made the remarks while addressing the inaugural ceremony of a 700-metre road construction at Sathi Mor, Madhupur, Tangail yesterday.

Road Transport and Bridges and Shipping Minister Sheikh Rabiul Alam issued a stern warning to stakeholders in the transport sector, saying that no fare hike will be allowed. The Minister issued this warning while responding to journalists' questions during a visit to Narayanganj Terminal yesterday. Earlier, the Minister inspected Narayanganj Terminal, the under-construction Khanpur Inland Container Terminal and Bulk Terminal, Narayanganj Dredger Base and the terminal building being constructed near the fish market of Narayanganj river port with World Bank funding. After the inspections, the Minister held a discussion meeting with officials of the relevant departments.

State Minister for Liberation War Affairs Ishraque Hossain held a meeting with Dhaka South City Corporation administrator Md. Abdus Salam at his office and discussed civic problems of the capital yesterday. After the meeting while talking to journalists the State Minister said, they had very fruitful discussions on several important issues, including the need to expand mosquito killing drives extensively before the upcoming dengue season. The State Minister also said, there are many other multifaceted problems that need to be addressed.

Bangladesh Missions in several Gulf countries have urged expatriate nationals to exercise heightened caution and strictly follow host government directives amid escalating regional tensions linked to the Iran-Israel conflict. In separate urgent notices, the Bangladesh Embassies in Bahrain, Kuwait, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar yesterday advised nationals to avoid military installations, remain indoors unless absolutely necessary and comply fully with official instructions until the situation stabilizes.

Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) yesterday issued urgent directives to all airlines following the temporary closure of several Middle Eastern airspaces amid heightened regional tensions triggered by the Iran-Israel situation. As a result, several scheduled commercial flights on the affected routes have been cancelled, delayed or rescheduled, CAAB added.



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