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Newsbrief

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman met with family members of July Uprising martyrs and injured individuals present in a visitors' gallery in the Parliament yesterday during a break in the Jatiya Sangsad session. During his visit, the Premier talked to everyone and inquired about their conditions, listened to their grief and consoled them, demonstrating empathy and compassion as some were still carrying deep grief, while others showed signs of ongoing hardship.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman called for united efforts to build a happy, prosperous 'Better Bangladesh'. The Premier made the remarks at a greetings exchange event with leaders of the Protestant Church at his Cabinet Division office in the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday on the occasion of Easter Sunday.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman attended a doa mahfil seeking eternal peace for the soul of Dilara Hafiz, wife of Jatiya Sangsad Speaker Major (Retd) Hafiz Uddin Ahmed, Bir Bikram. The doa mahfil was held at the mosque of the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday after Maghrib prayers.

US Ambassador to Bangladesh Brent T. Christensen paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Tarique Rahman at his Cabinet Division office in the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. During the meeting, the US Ambassador handed over two photographs and a replica of the White House to the Prime Minister. One photograph features Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman and former US President Jimmy Carter, while the other shows former Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and former US President George Bush Sr. Foreign Minister Dr Khalilur Rahman and Prime Minister's Adviser for Foreign Affairs Humaiun Kobir were present at the meeting. After the meeting, the Foreign Minister told the reporters that Bangladesh has no secret agreement with the United States, adding that whatever agreements exist have already been made public.

BNP Secretary General and LGRD Minister Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir said that there is no scope for division over religion for political reasons. The Minister said this while speaking at a greeting exchange ceremony on the occasion of Easter Sunday for the Christian community in Bhatara in Dhaka yesterday.

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir said, the party would move towards holding its council very soon. The Minister told journalists after a meeting of the party's standing committee at the BNP Chairperson's political office in Guls han yesterday.

Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir reiterated the government's commitment to building a non-communal, democratic and humane state. Emphasizing human dignity and equality, the Minister said, a prosperous nation can only be achieved by ensuring equal rights for people of all religions and communities. The Minister also called on all to remain vigilant against any attempts to create division and stressed the need to strengthen national unity. The Minister made the remarks while addressing an Easter Sunday greetings exchange programme at the Archbishop's House in Kakrail in the capital yesterday.

French Ambassador in Bangladesh Jean-Marc Séré-Charlet made a call on Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir at latter's office yesterday. During the meeting, they held detailed discussions on expanding existing bilateral cooperation between the two countries, as well as reviewing the progress of ongoing development projects.

Finance and Planning Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury observed that Bangladesh's current readiness for Least Developed Country graduation is incomplete, necessitating a strategic three-year window. The Minister made these remarks after a National Multi-stakeholder Consultation organized by the Economic Relations Division (ERD) in collaboration with UN-OHRLLS and the UN Resident Coordinator's Office at the NEC Conference Room in the capital yesterday.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed said, the government will implement the July National Charter in line with the constitution, stressing that the constitution remains the sole basis for upholding the people's aspirations. The Minister made the remarks while participating in a discussion on an adjournment motion in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday.

The United Nations Development Programme delegation led by Resident Representative Stefan Liller held a courtesy meeting with Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed at his official residence in Bailey Road area yesterday. During the meeting, both sides discussed a range of issues, including law and order, security, police reform, the formation of an independent police commission, the National Human Rights Commission ordinance, the prevention and remedy of enforced disappearances and the Rohingya situation.

A delegation from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and UN Women met with Social Welfare and Women and Children Affairs Minister Dr. AZM Zahid Hossain at his office at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. The delegation was led by Catherine Breen Kamkong, Country Representative of UNFPA Bangladesh and Gitanjali Singh, Country Representative of UN Women. During the meeting, the two sides discussed various aspects of population, health, women and youth empowerment, gender equality and social security programmes in Bangladesh.

Cultural Affairs Minister Nitai Roy Chowdhury said, the Pahela Baishakh procession will be brought out under the name 'Baishakhi Shobhajatra' instead of 'Mangal' or 'Ananda' Shobhajatra. The Minister told journalists yesterday after a meeting at the conference room of his Ministry at the Secretariat, marking the upcoming Bangla New Year 1433.

Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Afroza Khanam Rita yesterday pledged to make airport cargo operations completely harassment-free, enforcing a strict zero-tolerance policy against corruption. The Minister made the comment when conducting a surprise inspection of overall operations at the airport to assess service standards and operational efficiency.

Commerce Minister Khandaker Abdul Muktadir underscored the necessity of a planned and phased transition for Bangladesh's graduation from the Least Developed Country status to ensure the national economy remains resilient against potential risks. The Minister said this during a high-level meeting with United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Senior Representative of UN-OHRLS Rabab Fatima at the Planning Commission in the capital yesterday.

Commerce Minister Khandaker Abdul Muktadir emphasized the urgent need to strengthen debt management and expand the tax net to navigate the country's current economic challenges. The Minister said this while speaking at the closing ceremony of a seminar titled 'National multi-stakeholder consultation on Bangladesh graduation readiness assessment' held at the NEC Conference Room of the Planning Commission in the capital yesterday.

Labour and Employment Minister Ariful Haque Choudhury provided special financial assistance to ensure proper treatment for workers injured in the recent fire in Kadamtoli, Keraniganj and to support their families. The minister handed over cheques of Taka one lakh each to the injured workers receiving treatment at the National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery in the capital yesterday.

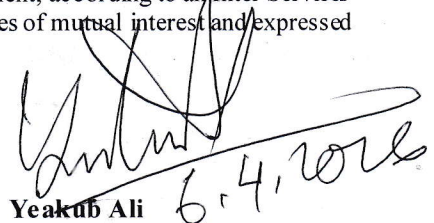
Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon said, mass media and social media play a crucial role in shaping people's mindset, as their influence continues to grow in the modern world. The Minister said this while addressing the inaugural ceremony of six short-term courses at the Bangladesh Cinema and Television Institute in Dhaka yesterday.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Sardar Md. Sakhawat Husain said, measles-rubella vaccines will be given to children simultaneously in all districts and upazilas across the country from May 3. The Minister made this statement while speaking at an event organized to inaugurate the measles-rubella vaccination programme at Nawabganj Upazila Health Complex in Dhaka yesterday.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Md. Aminul Haque said, to expand sports at the grassroots level across Bangladesh, Prime Minister Tarique Rahman will inaugurate the 'Notun Kuri Sports' programme simultaneously in 64 districts from Sylhet on April 30, The State Minister made the announcement yesterday after visiting the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protishtan in Ashulia, Savar.

State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr. MA Muhit said, the nationwide measles-rubella vaccination campaign has been launched with the highest priority to ensure the health protection of every child across the country. The State Minister said these while inaugurating the 'Measles-Rubella Vaccination Campaign' at Bhawal Mirzapur Union Parishad in Gazipur yesterday.

Russian Ambassador Alexander Grigoryevich Khozin paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister's Defence Adviser Brigadier General (Retd.) Dr. A K M Shamsul Islam at his office in the capital yesterday. The Ambassador led a three-member delegation during the meeting held at the Armed Forces Division (AFD) in Dhaka Cantonment, according to an Inter Services Public Relations Directorate press release. During the meeting, the two sides discussed issues of mutual interest and expressed hope to further strengthen bilateral military and strategic cooperation, the release added.



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