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Newsbrief

The government has decided to jointly work with Bishwa Shahitya Kendra (BSK) to promote reading habit among students in the country. The decision was taken at a meeting between Prime Minister Tarique Rahman and BSK founder Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed at Prime Minister's Cabinet Division office at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday, Prime Minister's Deputy Press Secretary Jahidul Islam Rony said.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman proposed forming a 10-member committee comprising lawmakers from both ruling and opposition parties to work collectively in the national interest to find a 'reasonable solution' to the ongoing energy crisis in the country. The Prime Minister placed the proposal in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday, saying that the committee will include an equal number of five members each from the government and the opposition sides. The Leader of the House said that the proposed committee would be headed by Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Iqbal Hassan Mahmood. Four other treasury bench lawmakers are: State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Aninda Islam Amit, ABM Ashraf Uddin Nizan (Laxmipur-4), Moinul Islam Khan Shanto (Manikganj-2) and Miah Nuruddin Ahmad Apu (Shariatpur-3). Speaker Hafiz Uddin Ahmad, Bir Bikram, was in the chair.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed urged the opposition to form a national unity instead of avoiding blaming game in order to face emerging energy crisis in the country. The Home Minister came up with this appeal while discussing on an urgent public important notice on energy crisis under section 68 of the rules of procedure raised by opposition leader Dr. Md. Shafiqur Rahman of Dhaka-15 at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday. Deputy Speaker Barrister Kayser Kamal was in the chair.

Bangladesh and Oman called for continued dialogue and diplomacy to secure a durable peaceful solution to the ongoing conflict in the Gulf during a bilateral meeting in Muscat. The call was made when Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman held talks with Oman's Foreign Minister Sayyid Badr bin Hamad Al Busaidi in the Omani capital yesterday. During the meeting, both sides urged the concerned parties to remain engaged in dialogue and diplomatic efforts to resolve the crisis peacefully. Foreign Affairs Adviser to the Prime Minister Humayun Kabir was also present at the meeting.

Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs Minister Dipen Dewan has expressed concern over a measles outbreak and child deaths in Kurukpata union of Alikadam upazila in Bandarban. Speaking over the phone with the civil surgeon and district officials yesterday, the Minister ordered coordinated action to ensure treatment in the remote area. The Minister also said, health workers must stay on-site due to poor network coverage and ensure no one is deprived of care. The government will provide full support, the Minister added.

Commerce, Industry and Textiles and Jute Minister Khandaker Abdul Muktadir invited Italian investors to explore burgeoning opportunities in Bangladesh, highlighting the country's readiness for high-potential industrial partnerships. The Minister made the remarks while meeting with Italian Ambassador to Dhaka, Antonio Alessandro at his Ministry office in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Textiles and Jute Minister Khandaker Abdul Muktadir said, the government has decided to reopen six jute mills under private initiative within the next 6 months. The Minister revealed this information at a press conference held at his Ministry conference room at the Secretariat yesterday. Earlier in the day, an emergency meeting was held with stakeholders on closed jute mills, factory reopening and leasing at the Ministry's meeting room. State Minister for Textiles and Jute Md. Shariful Alam and BIDA Chairman Chowdhury Ashik Mahmud Bin Harun were, among others, present at the meeting.

Road Transport, Railways and Shipping Minister Shaikh Rabiul Alam said, bus fares in Dhaka and Chattogram metropolitan areas and inter-district routes have been increased by 11 paisa per kilometre. The Minister told a press conference at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Prime Minister's Political and Agriculture Adviser Nazrul Islam Khan has called for unity among working people to secure their rights, saying that International Workers' Day symbolizes their struggles, unity and the establishment of just demands. The Adviser said this while speaking at a preparatory meeting held at the BNP central office at Palton in the capital yesterday marking International Workers' Day. The Adviser announced that a central rally will be held on May 1 at 2:30 PM in Paltan to be organized by the Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal.

The government is working to sign a deal with the US-based Boeing Company by April 30 to purchase 14 aircrafts, while planning to open Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport's (HSIA's) Third Terminal by year-end, State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism M. Rashiduzzaman Millat said. The State Minister disclosed this after receiving a briefing from Prime Minister Tarique Rahman at the Secretariat yesterday. The State Minister told reporters after the meeting.

Thirty-three stranded Umrah pilgrims have returned home following prompt initiatives taken by Religious Affairs Minister Kazi Shah Mofazzal Houssain (Kaikobad). They had travelled to Saudi Arabia on March 24 through Mask Hajj Group travel agency to perform the holy Umrah, according to a letter sent by the Counsellor of the Bangladesh Hajj Office in Saudi Arabia yesterday.

Bangladesh handed over emergency medical relief supplies to the Iranian Ambassador in Dhaka for dispatch to Iran following the decision of Prime Minister Tarique Rahman. The assistance is being sent through the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society, Foreign Ministry's press release said yesterday.

The Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) has directed all government hospitals in the country to increase beds to cope with the pressure of measles patients. It has been clearly instructed that any hospital must not turn away measles or suspected measles patients due to a shortage of beds, according to a press release issued yesterday.

A total of 174 Bangladeshi nationals detained in various centres in Libya were repatriated yesterday through a joint initiative involving Bangladesh authorities, the Libyan government and the International Organization for Migration (IOM). The Foreign Ministry said this in a press release yesterday.



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