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### Newsbrief

A delegation of the Pabna Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) paid a courtesy call on President Mohammed Shahabuddin at Pabna Circuit House yesterday. During the meeting, PCCI vice-presidents and directors, led by its President Forkan Reza Biswas Badsha, were among others present. During the meeting, the Head of the State was apprised of the overall activities of the organization, including the initiative to create employment for five thousand people in Pabna district, according to a Bangabhaban press release said.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman joined the namaz-e-janaza of noted educationist Professor Dilara Hafiz at the south plaza of the Sangsad Bhaban yesterday. Before the janaza, Deputy Speaker Barrister Kayser Kamal presented a brief biography of the late Dilara Hafiz. Speaking on the occasion Speaker Hafiz Uddin Ahmad, Bir Bikram, recalled his 56-year conjugal life with Dilara, highlighting her contributions as a teacher and administrator.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman called on athletes not to be affiliated with any political party or group during professional sports tenure, saying rather they should represent the country through sporting excellence. The Prime Minister made the call while addressing the inaugural ceremony of the sports card and allowance distribution programme at his office in Dhaka yesterday. The Prime Minister urged the sports persons to lead Bangladesh to a higher position in the global sports arena by winning games at home and abroad. The Prime Minister also announced that a nationwide programme titled 'Notun Kuri Sports' aimed at finding out children's sporting talent will kick off in Sylhet on April 30.

Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister and BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir said, exploring talents from grassroots level is the actual way to enrich the country's sports arena. The Minister also said, Bangladesh has a huge potential in sports and if talent can be developed among players through proper care, they would be able to bring more honours for the country in the world arena. The Minister made the remarks while speaking at the inaugural session of the 'sports card and allowance distribution' programme at the Prime Minister's Office in capital's Tejgaon area yesterday.

Recalling former Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia with deep respect, BNP Secretary General and LGRD Minister Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir said, the shadow of late leader Begum Khaleda Zia's affection is the 'biggest achievement' in his life. The Minister said this in a recent interview with Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Finance and Planning Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury told Parliament that on average some 13.6 lakh people aged 15 years and above enter the job market every year in the country, according to the Labour Force Survey, 2024. The Minister unveiled the statistics while replying to a starred question from treasury bench lawmaker Joynal Abdin (Feni-2) during the question-and-answer session in the House yesterday.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed said that there will be no 'mob culture' in Bangladesh. The Minister also warned that programs like road blockades will not be allowed in the name of pressing for demands. The Home Minister said this in response to a supplementary question raised by independent lawmaker Rumeen Farhana (Brahmanbaria-2) during the question-answer session in the House yesterday.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed said, the government has attached special importance to attain the three-dimensional capability of Bangladesh Police to maintain law and order and thus ensure the safety of people's lives and property. The Minister said this while replying to a starred question from ruling party MP from Noakhali-5 Mohammed Fakrul Islam in Parliament yesterday.

Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Iqbal Hassan Mahmood assured the nation that Bangladesh currently has no deficit of energy as the supply has increased this year compared to last year. The Minister also said that the government has taken comprehensive preparations to ensure uninterrupted energy supply in the country despite global uncertainty. The Minister said this while making a statement under rules 300 of the Rules of Procedure in the House yesterday.

Citing the successes of past BNP governments to repatriate displaced Rohingyas in late 1970s and early 1990s, Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman said, the current BNP government will take effective measures based on past experiences in this regard despite internal instability and conflicts in Myanmar. The Minister said this while replying to a starred question from opposition bench (Jamaat) lawmaker Shahjahan Chowdhury (Chattogram-15) during the question-answer session in the House yesterday.

The government has issued a gazette notification forming an executive committee for Hajj management, with Religious Affairs Minister Kazi Shah Mofazzal Hossain Kaikobad as its Chairman. The notification was issued on Sunday, according to press release yesterday. The committee will be headed by the Religious Affairs Minister and will formulate an action plan for smooth Hajj management, ensure approval of Hajj packages and oversee the implementation of decisions taken by the national committee, according to the gazette notification.

Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Afroza Khanam Rita called for joint efforts to make Biman Bangladesh Airlines a profitable, modern and passenger friendly airline, stressing improved service, transparency and accountability. The Minister made the call while addressing an exchange meeting with Biman officials and employees at the national carrier's headquarters at Balaka Bhaban in Kurmitola yesterday. State Minister M Rashiduzzaman Millat also attended the programme as special guest.

Education Minister Dr. A N M Ehsanul Hoque Milon said that youth are the driving force behind the country's future and emphasized that proper guidance and training can build a strong, self-reliant and disciplined nation. The Minister made the remarks during a view-exchange meeting with officials of the Bangladesh National Cadet Corps (BNCC) at the Ministry yesterday.

Health Minister Sardar Md. Sakhawat Husain said, the government is procuring measles vaccines from UNICEF. The Minister also said, the vaccines will be supplied by UNICEF, with deliveries expected to begin in the first week of April. The Minister told reporters after a meeting with the US Ambassador at the Ministry's conference room at the Secretariat yesterday.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam told Parliament that there is now no energy crisis in Bangladesh. The State Minister also stressed that the government is taking comprehensive measures to ensure uninterrupted energy supply and safeguard Bangladeshi citizens abroad amid the ongoing Middle East conflict. Replying to a supplementary question from Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami lawmaker Mir Ahmad Binquasem (Dhaka-14) in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday.

Prime Minister's Foreign Affairs Adviser Humayun Kabir handed over a letter of solidarity from Prime Minister Tarique Rahman to Qatar's Amir and held talks with top Qatari leaders to strengthen bilateral ties. The Adviser met Qatar's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Sultan bin Saad Al Muraikhi and delivered the Prime Minister's letter addressed to Qatar Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani in Doha yesterday.

The government has declared a reward of up to Taka 1 lakh for individuals who would provide accurate information regarding illegal storage and smuggling of fuel oil, aiming to strengthen oversight and discipline in the energy sector. Energy and Mineral Resources Division issued a press release in this regard yesterday.

A tanker named 'PVT Solana' carrying 27,300 tons of refined diesel from Malaysia is set to arrive at Chattogram port yesterday. Chattogram Port Secretary Syed Refayet Hamim confirmed the matter, saying the tanker is heading towards the port with the diesel consignment from Malaysia.

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