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Newsbrief

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman said, the ruling BNP is willing to engage in any discussion with the opposition party to protect the interests of the country and its people. The Leader of the House said this taking part in a discussion titled 'Undertaking immediate effective and visible measures by the government to resolve the current energy crisis in the country and reduce public suffering' in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday. Opposition Leader Dr. Md. Shafiqur Rahman placed the issue in the House. In response to another question from treasury bench lawmaker from Natore-4 Md. Abdul Aziz, the Prime Minister said, effective initiatives have been taken to introduce the much-anticipated online payment gateway PayPal to create large-scale employment through the expansion of information technology in the country. Besides, a question from Chief Whip Nurul Islam Moni, the Prime Minister said that his government will take quick action to remove dealers of ration and fertilizer recruited during the tenure of the fallen fascist government.

Earlier, members of the National Executive Committee of Bangladesh Scouts paid a call on Prime Minister Tarique Rahman at the Prime Minister's special meeting room at the Cabinet Division in the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. During the meeting, the Prime Minister was briefed about the current activities and future plans of the Scouts. The Scouts Members sought support from the Prime Minister to run the activities of the Bangladesh Scouts. The Prime Minister also praised the role of the scouting movement in raising the young generation as skilled, patriotic and humane citizens.

The government will distribute jute-made bags and school uniforms among students of primary educational institutions in every upazila across the country. The decision was taken at a meeting, regarding the distribution of jute bags in schools, at the Prime Minister's Cabinet Division office in the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday with Prime Minister Tarique Rahman in the chair.

Speaker Hafiz Uddin Ahmad, Bir Bikram described China as one of Bangladesh's oldest and most trusted friends, noting that 1977 marked a milestone in the history of diplomatic relations between the two countries. The Speaker said this when Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Yao Wen paid a courtesy call on him at his office in Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday. Later, the Chinese Ambassador also paid a courtesy call on Deputy Speaker Barrister Kayser Kamal at his office at Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed said that the government will begin a nationwide drive to procure paddy, rice and wheat from May 3, continuing until August 31. The Home Minister also said, the government has set a target to procure 500,000 metric tons of paddy, 12.50 lakh metric tons of parboiled rice, 100,000 metric tons of non-parboiled rice and 50,000 metric tons of wheat this year. The Minister told at a press conference at the Press Information Department (PID) in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. Disaster Management and Relief Minister Asadul Habib Dulu, Health Minister Sardar Md. Sakhawat Husain and State Minister for Food Md. Abdul Bari attended the meeting.

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 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 at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday.

Bangladesh and Ethiopia stressed the need to strengthen bilateral ties, focusing on trade, investment and sectoral cooperation, as Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman and Adviser to the Prime Minister for Foreign Affairs Humayun Kabir met Ethiopian President Taye Atskeselassie Made at his office in Addis Ababa yesterday. The meeting discussed avenues to enhance cooperation in trade, investment, education, agriculture and cultural exchanges between the two countries. The Ethiopian President appreciated Bangladesh's continued contributions to United Nations peacekeeping operations, particularly in Africa.

Minister for Religious Affairs Kazi Shah Mofazzal Houssain (Kaikobad) informed the Jatiya Sangsad that the government has taken a series of effective measures to reduce Hajj expenses and ensure safe travel, healthcare, immigration and pre-departure services for pilgrims during the current Hajj season. The Minister replied this in a scripted question from NCP lawmaker Abdul Hannan Masud (Noakhali-6) in the House yesterday.

Land Minister Md. Mizanur Rahman Minu said, all people have equal rights to water bodies as it is a public property. The Minister told the 90th meeting of the committee on leasing government water bodies (jalmahals) at the Ministry of Land at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. State Minister for Land Barrister Mir Mohammad Helal Uddin was also present at the meeting. Addressing the meeting, the Minister said that the authorities must move toward fair and sustainable management of water bodies, aiming to protect public interest, the environment and the livelihoods of the poor communities.

Labour and Employment Minister Ariful Haque Chowdhury urged factory owners to settle workers' wages and bonuses within the stipulated time. The Minister made the call at a meeting held at the Deputy Commissioner's conference room in Gazipur yesterday. The meeting was organized to discuss overall stability in the industrial area and issues related to wages and bonuses ahead of the upcoming Eid-ul-Azha.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon called for an effective roadmap with technical assistance from UNESCO to address the growing challenges posed by misinformation and disinformation. The Minister made the call when UNESCO Country Representative to Bangladesh Dr. Susan Vize paid a courtesy visit to him at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. During the meeting, Dr. Vize briefed the Minister on UNESCO's ongoing activities in Bangladesh, highlighting the organization's efforts in strengthening media development and policy frameworks, as well as its global initiatives to combat misinformation and disinformation, which have emerged as major concerns worldwide. Welcoming the initiative, the Minister said, there is significant scope to expand cooperation between the Government of Bangladesh and UNESCO in the media sector.

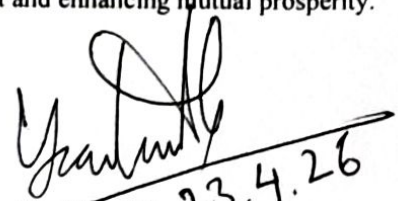
Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon said that lack of gender sensitivity is not merely a psychological issue of individuals; rather it reflects a broader deficit in collective values. The Minister said this while addressing the unveiling of the manual titled 'Gender Sensitivity in Journalism' at a seminar held at the Press Institute Bangladesh (PIB) in the capital yesterday. PIB, Jago Foundation and Plan International Bangladesh jointly organized the event. Information and Broadcasting Secretary Mahbuba Farjana also spoke at the event.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Sardar Md. Sakhawat Hossain said, there will be no problem administering vaccines over the next six months, as the country has a sufficient stock of all types of vaccines. The Minister told reporters after signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to launch the Bangladesh-China Joint Surgical Clinic at Shahbagh in the capital yesterday. The MoU was signed between Bangladesh Medical University and Kunming Medical University of China.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam held a series of bilateral meetings in Dakar, Senegal underscoring Bangladesh's efforts to deepen engagement with African nations through expanded trade, investment and multilateral cooperation. The meetings took place on the sidelines of the Dakar International Forum on Peace and Security in the Senegalese capital Dakar, said a Foreign Ministry's press release yesterday. During her meeting with Guinea's Foreign Minister Morissanda Kouyaté, both sides agreed to strengthen collaboration in agriculture, particularly contract farming and enhance trade and investment through increased business-to-business exchanges.

State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Mir Shahe Alam has called upon the administrators of city corporations to reach out to the citizens and demonstrate their competence in carrying out their duties to serve the people. The State Minister said this while addressing at a review meeting on the progress of development activities of city corporations at the conference room of the Local Government Division in Dhaka yesterday.

US Ambassador to Bangladesh Brent T. Christensen has expressed optimism over advancing bilateral relations, saying Washington is working to elevate ties with Dhaka under a clear vision set by President Donald Trump. The Ambassador said this in a video message released yesterday marking 100 days since his arrival. The Envoy noted that Bangladesh and the United States have signed a 'historic trade agreement' aimed at balancing the trade deficit and enhancing mutual prosperity.



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