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Newsbrief

Power and Energy Minister Iqbal Hassan Mahmud said, in Parliament that the government is exploring all possible sources and continuing the normal supply of all types of fuel in the country although there has been instability in global fuel supply. The Minister said this in response to a question from ruling party lawmaker Md. Shawkatul Islam (Moilvibazar-2) on urgent public matters in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday. About the fuel price hike, the Minister said, there is a law for fuel oil price increase.

A high-level delegation from the Environment Committee of the German Parliament called on Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Abdul Awal Mintoo at his Secretariat office yesterday. The Minister highlighted the longstanding and cordial relations between Bangladesh and Germany, describing the partnership as a robust, multidimensional collaboration spanning trade, development cooperation and environmental sustainability. Discussions focused on strengthening technical and financial cooperation to support Bangladesh's climate and environmental initiatives, according to an official hand out said.

Commerce Minister Khandaker Abdul Muktedir conducted sudden inspections of the capital's edible oil markets to monitor the current supply and marketing situation. The Minister visited Karwan Bazar and Shantinagar kitchen markets yesterday, accompanied by Commerce Secretary Mahbubur Rahman. During the visit, the Minister spoke with dealers, wholesalers, retailers and consumers to gather firsthand information on the supply chain. While the price of bottled soybean oil remains stable, buyers reported its scarcity in the market.

Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment and Labour and Employment Minister Ariful Haque Choudhury said, the centenary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam's visit to Sylhet will be celebrated in a befitting and festive manner. The Minister called upon poet Nazrul's enthusiasts at home and abroad to actively participate in the centenary programme and extend cooperation to make it memorable. The Minister made the remarks while addressing a view-exchange meeting of the executive committee of the Central Muslim Literary Society, held at its hall room in Sylhet yesterday.

Religious Affairs Minister Kazi Shah Mofazzal Houssain (Kaikobad) said, initiatives will be taken to reduce the cost of the Hajj package for 2027 considering the overall situation and the needs and facilities of the pilgrims. The Minister said this in Parliament yesterday in reply to a starred tabled question raised by treasury bench member Lutfur Rahman (Cox's Bazar-3). The Minister also said, the Hajj operations for 2026 have reached the final stage following the announcement of the Hajj package. According to the package, various expenses for both Saudi Arabia and Bangladesh phases have already been paid.

Religious Affairs Minister Kazi Shah Mofazzal Hossain Kaikobad said, the Hajj of 2026 is approaching and all related activities must be carried out in a smooth and well-organized manner. The Minister also said, the best possible services must be ensured for Hajj pilgrims. The Minister made these remarks at a view-exchange meeting with the executive committee of the Hajj Agencies Association of Bangladesh on Hajj and Umrah management, held at the conference room of the Ministry of Religious Affairs yesterday.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Sardar Md. Sakhawat Husain informed the Parliament that necessary initiatives are being taken to recruit some 100,000 health workers in line with the current government's election manifesto. The Minister said this while responding to a starred tabled question placed by treasury bench member Ikramul Bari Tipu (Naogaon-4) in the House yesterday. The Minister also said, the government has been working relentlessly to ensure adequate manpower to improve the quality of healthcare services and maintain continuity in service delivery across the country.

Education Minister ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon said, the government is considering introducing a hybrid (online-offline) education system in metropolitan areas to reduce traffic congestion and save fuel amid the current energy situation. The Minister also stressed the need to move towards digital education. The Minister said this while speaking at a view-exchange meeting with administrative officials at the Circuit House in Barishal yesterday.

Political Adviser to the Prime Minister Advocate Ruhul Kabir Rizvi called for coordinated initiatives involving the government, the Ministry of Health, medical professionals and all public health stakeholders to prevent a potential measles outbreak. The Adviser also said that anti-vaccine propaganda, superstition and neglect in the health sector have heightened the risk of the disease spreading, stressing that failure to take timely and effective measures could worsen the situation. The Adviser made the remarks yesterday while addressing the inauguration of a rally organised by the Bangladesh Nationalist Party marking World Health Day 2026. The rally started from the Central Shaheed Minar and ended at the National Press Club.

Bangladesh and the United Kingdom (UK) yesterday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance cooperation in Public-Private Partnerships (PPP), reinforcing their shared commitment to boosting investment and sustainable infrastructure development in the aviation sector. The MoU was signed by Ashik Chowdhury, Chief Executive Officer of the PPP Authority of Bangladesh and Sarah Cooke, British High Commissioner to Bangladesh, in the presence of the UK Trade Envoy, Baroness Rosie Winterton, who is visiting Dhaka this week to reinforce and expand the longstanding and mutually beneficial UK-Bangladesh trade and economic partnership. State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism M Rashiduzzaman Millat and Civil Aviation and Tourism Adviser Humayun Kobir were also present.

State Minister for Planning Zonayed Abdur Rahim Saki underscored the prioritization of Small and Medium Enterprises as the essential driver for Bangladesh's transition from Least Developed Countries status and the realization of a balanced, sustainable economic structure. The State Minister made these remarks while speaking at the National Report of the Economic Census 2024 publication event at the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics Auditorium in the capital yesterday.

State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Bobby Hajjaj said, the demand of youths for stronger tobacco control would be properly raised in parliament, stressing that the Tobacco Control (Amendment) Ordinance -2025 must be passed into law to build a tobacco-free young generation. The State Minister told a seminar titled 'Government Commitment and Public Expectations in Controlling Tobacco-Induced Non-Communicable Diseases for Public Health Protection,' organized by Dhaka Ahsania Mission in Dhanmondi in the capital yesterday.

Adviser to the Prime Minister on the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting Dr. Zahed Ur Rahman said that although there is a slight shortage in fuel supply, the situation remains under control as the government works to ease pressure through subsidies and strict monitoring. The Adviser made the remarks while speaking at a press briefing held at the PID conference room at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. The Adviser also highlighted that the introduction of the 'Krishak (Farmer) Card' in the agriculture sector is in its final stage.

Bangladesh Bank (BB) has dismissed speculation regarding an imminent devaluation of the Taka, asserting that the national foreign exchange market remains robustly stable. BB said this in a press release yesterday.



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