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## Newsbrief

Reiterating that four crore families across the country will be brought under the Family Card programme gradually, Prime Minister Tarique Rahman told the Jatiya Sangsad that the BNP government considers family, not the individual, as the fundamental unit of development. The Leader of the House said this while replying to a tabled question from treasury bench member from Noakhali-1 Barrister AM Mahbub Uddin Khokon with Speaker Hafiz Uddin Ahmad, Bir Bikram, in the chair yesterday. The Prime Minister also reaffirmed that his government is committed to expanding women's education, ensuring women empowerment and equal opportunities in education. In responding to another tabled question from treasury bench lawmaker from Naogaon-4 constituency Ekramul Bari Tipu, the Premier said that the current government has taken the Family Card programme based on the vision of ensuring social security for citizens through a family-centric development approach.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved in-principle a total of six proposals, including procurement of 3 lakh metric tons of diesel, EPI vaccines through UNICEF and construction of two major bridges under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) initiative. The approvals came from the 9th meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs held at the Jatiya Sangsad with Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury in the chair yesterday.

Bangladesh reiterated its request to extradite deposed Sheikh Hasina and her Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal to Bangladesh from India, who have been awarded the death penalty by the International Crimes Tribunal during talks in New Delhi yesterday. Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman held meetings with Indian External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar and Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, alongside separate talks with National Security Adviser Ajit Doval following his arrival in the Indian capital, according to a statement issued by the Bangladesh Foreign Ministry in New Delh yesterday. Prime Minister's Foreign Affairs Adviser Humaiun Kobir and Bangladesh High Commissioner to India M Riaz Hamidullah were present at the meetings. During the discussions, both sides emphasised advancing bilateral relations across multiple sectors and exchanged views on regional and international developments.

Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pranay Verma paid a courtesy call on Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Abdul Awal Mintoo at his Secretariat office yesterday. During the meeting, special emphasis was placed on increasing cooperation between the two countries in environmental conservation and addressing the impacts of climate change, said an official handout. The discussion focused on capacity development, research and knowledge exchange, circular economy, waste management, renewable energy, and improving energy efficiency. They also discussed the ways to enhance mutual cooperation in green cooling, biodiversity conservation and environmentally friendly industrialization, the release said adding the meeting also emphasized on sharing experience in the Sundarbans protection.

Cultural Affairs Minister Nitai Roy Chowdhury said, Baul philosophy is an important and progressive stream of Bengal's cultural heritage, promoting humanity, love and equality. The Minister said this while speaking a seminar at the International Mother Language Institute in the capital yesterday.

Fisheries and Livestock Minister Mohammed Aminur Rashid called upon scientists to become more actively involved in research to conserve jatka and increase its production. The Minister emphasized the need to develop methods that do not compromise the natural flavour and characteristics of hilsa, yet boost production to meet national demand. The Minister made these remarks while speaking at a workshop titled 'Hilsa Research: Achievements, Jatka Conservation and Future Actions', at the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council auditorium in Farmgate yesterday on the occasion of Jatka Conservation Week 2026.

Education Minister ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon said that the government has taken various initiatives to fill vacant posts in government and MPO-listed colleges across the country. The Minister also said that currently some 656 lecturer posts under the BCS (General Education) cadre are vacant in government colleges, while 2,410 non-cadre lecturer posts remain vacant in newly nationalized colleges. The Minister said this in reply to a starred tabled question from NCP lawmaker Md. Abul Hasnat (Cumilla-4) in the House yesterday.

Health Minister Sardar Md. Sakhawat Husain yesterday informed the Jatiya Sangsad that the government has launched emergency measures to contain the measles situation. In this connection, the Minister said, a nationwide vaccination drive has already been launched while the procurement of millions of doses is underway to replenish depleted stocks. Responding to concerns raised by opposition lawmaker Barrister Rumeen Farhana during her call attention notice on urgent public important matters (Rule-71), the Minister said, a vaccination campaign began on April 5 in high-risk areas and later the program was expanded to Dhaka North and South city corporations and other major urban centers from April 12.

Dhaka sought Italy's support for Bangladesh's candidature for the Presidency of the 81st UN General Assembly. The appeal was made when Italian Ambassador to Bangladesh Antonio Alessandro paid a courtesy call on State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam at the Foreign Ministry yesterday, according to a Foreign Ministry press release. During the meeting, Migration and mobility featured prominently in the discussions, with both sides emphasized the need to promote safe, orderly and regular migration.

Bangladesh has urged Singapore to expand its manpower market for Bangladeshi workers. State Minister for Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Md. Nurul Hoque sought the support as Singapore's Chargé d'Affaires Mitchel Lee in Dhaka made a courtesy call on him at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. The State Minister also urged the Singapore government to increase the number of Singapore Overseas Testing Centres (OTCs) in Bangladesh from the current six to at least ten.

Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pranay Verma paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister's Defence Adviser Brigadier General (ret'd) Dr. AKM Shamsul Islam at his office in Dhaka canton area yesterday. During the meeting, the two sides exchanged pleasantries and discussed issues of mutual interest.

Chief Whip Md. Nurul Islam said, the Jatiya Sangsad would have to pass the ordinances within the 30-day constitutional timeframe and additional sittings, including Friday sessions, may be arranged if necessary to complete the task on time. The Chief Whip said this while briefing reporters during a recess of the Parliamentary sitting at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban tunnel yesterday.

Bangladesh welcomed the temporary ceasefire in the Middle East, describing it as an encouraging step towards de-escalation and urging all parties to pursue dialogue for a durable and peaceful resolution. In a statement yesterday, the Foreign Ministry said that Bangladesh hoped all parties involved will respect the ceasefire and use the opportunity constructively to restore lasting peace and stability in the region. Bangladesh also reiterated that all disputes can and should be resolved peacefully through dialogue and diplomacy.

The United Kingdom has proposed simplifying policy frameworks to strengthen joint initiatives and international collaboration in Bangladesh's higher education sector. UK trade Envoy to Bangladesh, Rt Hon Baroness Winterton of Doncaster DBE, made the proposal during a meeting with the Chairman of the University Grants Commission held at a hotel in the capital yesterday.

Ten more people have died of suspected measles in the country in the last 24 hours, according to the control center of the Directorate General of Health Services said yesterday.



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