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Newsbrief

The allocation for Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat has been made Tk 290.60 crore, with Tk 289.90 crore earmarked for operational expenditure and Tk 70 lakh for development expenditure for the next 2026-2027 fiscal year. The decision was taken at the 37th meeting of the Parliament Secretariat Commission held at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday with Speaker Hafiz Uddin Ahmad, Bir Bikram, in the chair. Prime Minister and Leader of the House Tarique Rahman, Leader of the Opposition Dr. Shafiqur Rahman, Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury, Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Md. Asaduzzaman, Deputy Speaker Barrister Kayser Kamal and by special invitation, Chief Whip Nurul Islam attended the meeting, according to a press release. The meeting also approved the revised budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year for the Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman said, the government will provide assistance to farmers affected by heavy downpours for the next three months. The Prime Minister said this in the Jatiya Sangsad while replying to a question from treasury bench lawmaker from Sunamganj-5 constituency Kalim Uddin Ahmed yesterday with Speaker Hafiz Uddin Ahmad, Bir Bikram, in the chair. In another question from treasury bench lawmaker from Chattogram-10 constituency Sayeed Al Noman, the Prime Minister called upon the Members of Parliament to take initiatives to create public awareness to resolve waterlogging. Besides, in responding to the question from opposition bench lawmaker from Gaibandha-1 constituency, Md Mazedur Rahman, the Prime Minister informed the Jatiya Sangad that Bangladesh Water Development Board has already completed a survey for the implementation of the Teesta Master Plan.

Prime Minister Tariqur Rahman called for increasing Japanese investment in the Bangladesh's agricultural, electronics and automobile sectors. The Prime Minister also expressed interest in exporting skilled Bangladeshi manpower especially to Japan's health care and agricultural sectors. The Premier expressed his interest when the visiting high-level Japanese delegation led by Agriculture Minister and Special Envoy of the Japan government Suzuki Norikazu called on him at his Sangsad Bhaban office in Dhaka yesterday.

Finance Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury said that the government's maiden budget would likely fall short of providing tax breaks demanded by business community during these 'difficult times.' However, the Minister assured that the legal, institutional and bureaucratic obstacles of doing business and additional costs they impose on business would be removed soon. The Minister made the remarks at the 46th consultative committee meeting of the National Board of Revenue at a hotel in the capital yesterday. The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry organized the meeting with the presence of major trade bodies of the country.

The three-member UNESCO delegation led by Country Representative Susan Vize met with Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed at his office in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday, where both sides discussed cooperation in police training, media relations and freedom of expression, according to a press release. The Country Representative reaffirmed UNESCO's commitment to ongoing projects related to training for both police and journalists.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed expressed interest in technical cooperation in agricultural sector from Belarus, noting Bangladesh's agrarian economy. The Minister made the interest when Belarus's non-resident Ambassador Mikhail Kasko paid a courtesy call on Home Minister at his office in Jatiya Sangsad yesterday. During the meeting, the two sides discussed a range of issues of mutual interest, including law and order, security cooperation, defence, agricultural mechanization, fertilizer imports, trade expansion and criminal justice matters, according to a Home Ministry press release.

Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman has urged coordinated international action to contain the global energy crisis, warning that developing countries could face severe economic shocks if supply disruptions persist. Speaking at an interview during ADF Talks on the sidelines of the Antalya Diplomacy Forum recently the Minister said, the present turmoil in energy markets could have consequences broader than the oil shocks of the 1970s if left unresolved. The Minister also stressed the importance of keeping strategic sea lanes open for navigation and global commerce, saying the free flow of trade through maritime routes is essential for economic stability.

Labour and Employment Minister Ariful Haque Chowdhury urged the United States (US) government to continue their existing cooperation for enhancing Bangladesh's global image and expand its labour sector. The Minister made this request when the US Ambassador to Bangladesh Brent T. Christensen paid a courtesy call on him at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. During the meeting, the two sides discussed various issues of mutual interest and the Minister expressed his gratitude to the United States for its continued support in various sectors.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon said that BNP has consistently guided the nation through periods of crisis by adhering to democratic and constitutional processes. Participating in the discussion on the motion of thanks on the President's address in the Jatiya Sangsad, the Minister said, BNP has historically chosen political and democratic pathways rather than relying on state power during difficult times. The session was chaired by Speaker Hafiz Uddin Ahmed, Bir Bikram. The Minister also said, BNP has played a significant role in addressing various crises throughout Bangladesh's political history and remains committed to resolving future challenges through democratic means.

Agriculture Minister Mohammad Amin Ur Rashid said in Jatiya Sangsad that the government has undertaken a series of initiatives to modernize the agriculture sector, increase production and ensure fair prices for farmers through the use of advanced technologies and market reforms. The Minister said this while replying to a starred tabled question from opposition lawmaker Masum Mostafa (Netrakona-5) in the House yesterday.

Deputy Speaker Barrister Kayser Kamal said that people of different religions and communities in his constituency have long been living in peaceful coexistence. The Deputy Speaker said this when a 12-member delegation from the Brahmin priest community paid a courtesy call on him at his office in the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday. To help citizens from all walks of life gain firsthand knowledge about the Jatiya Sangsad, the Deputy Speaker said, initiatives have been taken to invite them in phases to visit the Parliament Building and observe parliamentary sessions, according to a press release.

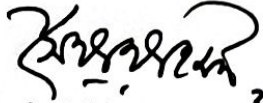
The Jatiya Sangsad yesterday offered doa and munajat for the victims, marking the 35th anniversary of the devastating cyclone that struck Bangladesh's coastal districts on this day in 1991. The doa and munajat was held following a request by Chief Whip Nurul Islam, in remembrance of the tragic incident, with Deputy Speaker Barrister Kayser Kamal in the chair. Seeking eternal peace for the departed souls, Religious Affairs Minister Kazi Shah Mofazzal Hossain Kaykobad administered the doa and munajat.

A total of 49 candidates have been elected unopposed to the reserved women's seats in the 13th Jatiya Sangsad. The announcement was made at a briefing held at the Election Commission building in Agargaon yesterday by Returning Officer and EC Joint Secretary Md. Moin Uddin Khan.

Bangladesh has called for accelerated global action on nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation, urging nuclear-weapon states to honour commitments under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Bangladesh Permanent Representative to the United Nations Ambassador Salahuddin Noman Chowdhury made the call at the 11th Review Conference of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on Tuesday, according to an official handout yesterday.

A high-level delegation from the United States paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister's Defence Adviser Brigadier General (Retd.) Dr. AKM Shamsul Islam at the Armed Forces Division office at Dhaka Cantonment, according to a press release issued by the Inter-Services Public Relations yesterday. The two sides also discussed potential areas of cooperation to enhance the capacity and professional skills of the forces through the Indo-Pacific Defense Security Cooperation University. Both sides also expressed optimism about further strengthening and expanding existing defence cooperation between Bangladesh and the United States.

In a major move, the Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) inaugurated nine new software systems and online platforms aimed at strengthening crime control, traffic management and citizen services through advanced use of information technology. Inspector General of Police, Md. Ali Hossain Fakir and Acting DMP Commissioner Md. Sarwar were present at the inauguration programme held at the sixth floor of the DMP Headquarters in the capital yesterday.


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