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Newsbrief

A meeting of the Committee on Water Management was held with Prime Minister Tarique Rahman in the chair at the Cabinet Division office of the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. Water Resources Minister Md. Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anee, State Minister Forhad Hossain Azad, water resource management expert Professor Ainun Nishat, and senior ministry officials were present. Later, the Water Resources Minister told journalists that the meeting focused on preparatory issues ahead of the upcoming monsoon.

Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Iqbal Hassan Mahmood apprised the Prime Minister of the country's fuel oil situation at a separate meeting at the same venue. Prime Minister's Additional Press Secretary Atikur Rahman Ruman confirmed the matter. State Minister Aninda Islam Amit was also present.

Finance and Planning Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury said that the adjustment of domestic fuel prices was driven by global market volatility, not by conditions set by the International Monetary Fund. Speaking to reporters at the Ministry of Finance yesterday, he noted that oil prices have surged worldwide, doubling in the United States and rising by 25 percent in Sri Lanka. He emphasized that there is no link between the IMF and the decision to raise fuel prices.

Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman stressed the need to revive South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation and strengthen regional cooperation. In an interview with TRT World on the sidelines of the Antalya Diplomacy Forum, he said Bangladesh's recent democratic transition has laid a strong foundation for stable governance and a forward-looking foreign policy.

Commerce Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktedir emphasized transforming the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry into a truly representative, effective, and non-political body. Speaking at a meeting with business leaders at the Ministry of Commerce yesterday, he said the FBCCI must play a more active role in protecting business interests and presenting them effectively to the government.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon urged Bangladeshi expatriates to contribute more actively to the country's sustainable development. He made the call when Councilor Shibley Alam, Civic Mayor of Tameside Council in Manchester, paid a courtesy call on him at the Secretariat. He added that expatriates are invaluable assets whose knowledge and hard work strengthen the economy. During the meeting, the councilor praised Bangladesh's progress in women's empowerment.

The Ambassador of the Netherlands to Dhaka, Joris van Bommel, met Fisheries, Livestock and Agriculture Minister Mohammad Amin Ur Rashid at his office at the Secretariat yesterday. They discussed cooperation in agriculture, livestock, and climate adaptation.

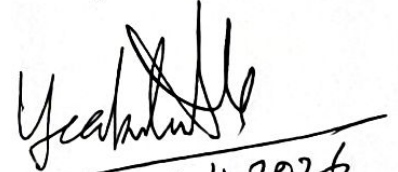
Education Minister Dr. ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon urged the United States to simplify student visa procedures for Bangladeshi students. He made the request when US Special Envoy for Best Future Generations Charles J. Harder met him at his office at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday.

Railways and Shipping Minister Sheikh Rabiul Alam said the government aims to increase cargo transport by rail from Chattogram Port from the current 4 percent to 16–18 percent. Speaking at a meeting with stakeholders at the port, he noted that capacity has already improved despite a shortage of locomotives.

State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Sultan Salahuddin Tuku said the government plans to transform the poultry sector into an export-oriented industry by 2030 with financial support. Speaking at a consultation meeting in Dhaka, he emphasized the importance of small-scale farmers, noting that the sustainability of large farms depends on them.

State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Bobby Hajjaj said that strengthening cultural activities at the school level can help prevent extremism. He made the remarks at a joint meeting of the Ministries of Primary and Mass Education and Cultural Affairs at the Secretariat.

Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pranay Verma said cultural ties between Bangladesh and India are deeper than political boundaries, highlighting the importance of shared heritage in strengthening bilateral relations. He made the remarks on Saturday at a two-day musical event organized by the Indian High Commission in Dhaka to celebrate Pohela Boishakh, according to a press release issued yesterday.



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