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Newsbrief

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman expressed his government's firm stance on the freedom of the press in the country. The Prime Minister also said, he regularly reads newspapers and watches television and then he takes updates on the issues reflected in the media and gives necessary instructions to the concerned accordingly. The Premier expressed the stance at a meeting with Newspaper Owners' Association of Bangladesh (NOAB) members at the Public Administration meeting room at the Cabinet Division in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Finance Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury said in the Jatiya Sangsad that the government has initiated legal steps to recover assets allegedly laundered abroad by S Alam Group and Beximco Group. The Finance Minister said this while replying to a starred question from NCP lawmaker Md. Abul Hasnat (Cumilla-4) in the house yesterday. The Minister also said, a joint investigation team comprising the Anti-Corruption Commission, Criminal Investigation Department, Customs Intelligence and other agencies has already filed cases in Bangladeshi courts to this end.

Commerce Minister Khandaker Abdul Muktadir issued a stern warning, stating that the government will not tolerate any form of artificial crisis or market manipulation. The Minister made these remarks while talking to journalists after a routine review meeting on the price and supply situation of daily necessities at the Ministry of Commerce conference room in the capital yesterday. The Minister also acknowledged that the current global climate, particularly the conflict in the Middle East, has placed significant pressure on energy and supply chains.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon has underlined the need for increasing nationwide public awareness to prevent use of tobacco products and drug abuse. The Minister made the call when Professor Dr. Arup Ratan Choudhury, founding President of 'MANAS', an Association for the Prevention of Drug Abuse, paid a courtesy call on him at his Secretariat office yesterday. The President of MANAS briefed the Minister in detail about the long-standing activities of it in preventing the spread of drugs and tobacco. The Minister sought cooperation from private levels to further bolster the government efforts against drug abuse and use of tobacco products. Information and Broadcasting Secretary Mahbuba Farjana was also present during the meeting.

Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock Minister Mohammad Amin Ur Rashid said, the government has taken all-out measures to ensure timely harvesting of paddy in the haor regions before the influx of water. The Minister said this while chairing a meeting at his Ministry conference room in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday on the overall progress of paddy harvesting in haor areas. The Minister also directed the authorities concerned to complete harvesting on time through maximum caution and coordinated efforts.

Minister for Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology Faqir Mahub Anam said in Jatiya Sangsad that the government would take initiatives, in consultation with all stakeholders, to make the validity of unused mobile data unlimited. The Minister said this while replying to a scripted question from opposition member Md. Abdul Alim of Bagerhat-4 in the House yesterday.

Education Minister Dr. ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon said, cyber surveillance and digital tracking systems have been strengthened to prevent question paper leaks and rumors during the ongoing SSC and equivalent examinations. The Minister gave the warning at a press briefing at International Mother Language Institute after visiting various examination centers in the capital's Mirpur and Manikganj's Singair areas on the first day of the SSC exams yesterday.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam called for expanded recruitment of skilled and semi-skilled workers in Portugal, as the two countries discussed strengthening labour cooperation and bilateral ties at a meeting in Dakar. The State Minister made the urge when held the meeting with Portugal's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation Ana Isabel Xavier on the sidelines of the Dakar International Forum on Peace and Security in Africa, said a Foreign Ministry's press release yesterday.


Bangladesh has urged Japan to boost investment in key sectors, including renewable energy, ICT and infrastructure, as the two sides discussed expanding trade and economic cooperation at a bilateral meeting in Dakar. The meeting was held between State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam and Japanese Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs Onishi Yohei on the sidelines of the Dakar International Forum on Peace and Security in Africa, said a Foreign Ministry press release yesterday.

Bangladesh has already initiated wheat imports from the US on a G2G (Government-to-Government) basis. In the 2025-'26 fiscal more than 700,000 tonnes of wheat were imported from the United States. The import of wheat from the United States, were discussed when US Ambassador to Bangladesh Brent T. Christensen paid a courtesy call on State Minister for Food Md. Abdul Bari at his Secretariat office yesterday.

Prime Minister's Adviser on Information and Broadcasting Dr. Zahed Ur Rahman said, the ordinances which have not yet been turned into law were not intentionally cancelled by the government rather they lost their effectiveness due to constitutional obligations. The Adviser made the remarks at a press conference at the Press Information Department conference room at the Secretariat to present the progress of various government activities. State Minister for Information and Broadcasting Yeaser Khan Choudhury was also present at the press conference.

State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Mir Shahe Alam told the Jatiya Sangsad that the lawmakers will get an office at every upazilas across the country. The State Minister revealed this while taking part in the discussion on thanks giving motion on President's address at the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday.

Tehran has appreciated Dhaka's balanced diplomatic stance on Middle East issues and underscored the need to further expand bilateral relations. The Embassy highlighted the longstanding friendly relations between Bangladesh and Iran, based on mutual respect and shared values, reaffirming its commitment to non-interference in internal affairs, according to a press statement issued by the Iranian Embassy in Dhaka yesterday.



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