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Newsbrief

President Mohammed Shahabuddin yesterday called upon all stakeholders, including government and private doctors, researchers, environmentalists, livestock experts, to work together to build a universal integrated health protection system. The Head of the State said this in a message on the occasion of today's 'World Health Day'. The President wished for a successful completion of all programmes undertaken on the occasion of 'World Health Day 2026'.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman yesterday said, five percent of GDP will be allocated to the health sector in phases to make the healthcare system for every people. The Premier also said, one lakh healthcare workers will be recruited in phases and 80 percent of them will be women. In a message on the World Health Day 2026, the Prime Minister said, government plans to introduce e-health cards for every citizen, ensure rapid and quality treatment for chronic and multifactorial diseases through public-private partnership initiatives.

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) approved five development projects with an estimated total cost of Tk 483.43 crore. The approval came at the 9th ECNEC meeting of the 2025-26 fiscal year and the first meeting of the current government, held at the Cabinet Division conference room in the capital yesterday. Prime Minister Tarique Rahman presided over the meeting. Following the first meeting of the ECNEC Finance and Planning Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury said to the journalists that under the directive of Prime Minister, a special committee has been formed to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of ongoing development projects, aiming to eliminate wasteful spending and ensure alignment with the national interest.

Finance Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury said, the government has taken a series of comprehensive measures to strengthen and make the country's fragile economy more dynamic in the face of global recessionary pressure caused by the ongoing global instability. The Minister said this in Parliament in response to a starred tabled question from BNP lawmaker Joynal Abedin (Feni-2).

Women and Children Affairs and Social Welfare Minister Abu Zafar Md. Zahid Hossain has emphasized a 'zero tolerance' approach toward violence against women and children. The Minister said this while speaking at a programme titled 'Women and Child Protection in Election Manifesto: Political Parties' Promises and Future Actions,' organized by Plan International Bangladesh at a hotel in Gulshan yesterday.

South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP) Director General Norbu Wanchuk paid a courtesy call on Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Abdul Awal Mintoo at his Secretariat office yesterday. During the meeting, discussions focused on air and water pollution control, plastic reduction, climate change mitigation, waste management, and biodiversity conservation among member countries. The Minister called for enhanced collaboration with SACEP on various environmental protection issues in Bangladesh.

The French Ambassador to Bangladesh Jean -Marc Séré- Charlet said that partnership with Airbus demonstrates Bangladesh's intent to engage in a long-term aviation partnership with the European Union (EU). The Envoy made the remark while paying a courtesy call on Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Afroza Khanam Rita at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday, according to a press release issued by the French Embassy. During the meeting, State Minister M Rashiduzzaman Millat also attended.

Labour and Employment Minister Ariful Haque Choudhury announced that Mainland Garments, a concern of Nassa Group, will resume its normal operations from April 8. The decision came following an emergency meeting held at the Ministry of Labour and Employment yesterday with representatives of Nassa Group and relevant government bodies. The meeting was convened at the directive of the Prime Minister after workers of Mainland Garments staged a road blockade in Tejgaon on April 5, demanding reopening of the factory and resolving outstanding issues.

Pakistan High Commissioner to Bangladesh Imran Haider paid a courtesy call on Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon at his Ministry office yesterday. Both sides discussed ways to strengthen bilateral relations and expand cooperation in media, culture and education during the meeting, according to a press release of the Ministry. The Minister highlighted that the rapid expansion of new media globally has opened up fresh opportunities for collaboration between Bangladesh and Pakistan.

Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock Minister Mohammad Amin Ur Rashid sought Japanese assistance in producing Japanese sticky rice in Bangladesh. The Minister told this to the Japanese Ambassador in Dhaka Saida Shinichi as he paid a courtesy call on him at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Fisheries and Livestock Minister Mohammad Amin Ur Rashid said, the government is implementing various programmes to protect hilsa resources and ensure its sustainable production. The Minister told a press conference at the conference room of his Ministry in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Sultan Salauddin Tuku was also present.

Minister for Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs Dipen Dewan said, there will be no disparity between the plains and the hill regions. The Minister said this while inaugurating a five-day traditional fair and discussion in Rangamati yesterday. The programme was organized to mark the Bengali New Year and indigenous cultural festivals such as Biju, Boisabi, Sangrai, Bihu, Changkran, Bisu, Sanglan and Sangrai.

Education Minister Dr. A N M Ehsanul Hoque Milon yesterday said, the upcoming SSC and equivalent examinations will be held across the country in a completely fair, transparent and orderly manner without adopting any unfair means. The Minister made these remarks while speaking at a discussion held with the head examiners of Mymensingh Education Board and the Madrasah and Technical Education Boards in Mymensingh yesterday.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam said, Bangladesh remains committed to ensuring migration is governed with dignity, protection and rights of migrants while maximizing mutual benefits ahead of the IMRF 2026. The State Minister made the remarks at a national preparatory consultation in Dhaka yesterday for the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) 2026, to be held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from May 4 to 8.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam appreciated Libya for hosting Bangladeshi workers and welcomed its recent initiative to recruit medical personnel, reaffirming Dhaka's commitment to strengthening bilateral cooperation. The State Minister made the remark when Libyan Ambassador to Bangladesh Abdulmutalib S M Suliman paid a courtesy call on her at her Ministry yesterday.

State Minister for Shipping Md. Razib Ahsan announced that operations at the Teknaf Land Port in Cox's Bazar have resumed after a prolonged suspension due to the conflict in Myanmar. The State Minister made the remark after visiting the Naf River at Teknaf upazila in Cox's Bazar yesterday.

Political officer of the US Embassy in Dhaka James Stewart made a courtesy call today on Chief Whip M Nurul Islam at latter's office at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday. During the meeting they discussed the democratic journey of Bangladesh, the issue of July charter implementation, constitution amendment strategy and government's role to make the parliament effective.

Turkish Ambassador to Bangladesh Ramis Sen paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister's Defence Adviser Brigadier General (retd.) Dr. AKM Shamsul Islam at the Armed Forces Division in Dhaka Cantonment yesterday, according to a press release issued by the Inter-Services Public Relations Directorate. During the meeting, they discussed various issues of mutual interest and expressed hope to further strengthen bilateral military relations and strategic ties between the two countries, the release added.

The Governing Body of the International Labour Organization (ILO) has applauded the newly elected government of Bangladesh for formulating labour-friendly policies. Prime Minister's Office Spokesperson Mahdi Amin said this while talking to journalists at the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday after returning home from Switzerland after attending the ILO Governing Body meeting held there recently.


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