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## Newsbrief

President Mohammed Shahabuddin paid rich tributes to A K Fazlul Huq, popularly known as Sher-e-Bangla, on the occasion of his 64th death anniversary to be observed today. In a message yesterday, the President expressed deep respect to the memory of the great leader, describing him as an eminent politician of the subcontinent and a rare personality. The President said, Fazlul Huq was an extraordinarily wise, courageous and prudent statesman who held many important positions during his illustrious political career. The President also prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul of Sher-e-Bangla A K Fazlul Huq.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman has paid rich tribute to Sher-e-Bangla AK Fazlul Huq recalling his contributions to politics in Indian subcontinent particularly for the causes of peasants. In a message yesterday, marking 64th death anniversary of Sher-e-Bangla today, the Prime Minister remembered Fazlul Huq as one of the most distinguished leaders in the political history of undivided Bengal. The Prime Minister expressed deep respect to the late leader, acknowledging his lasting contributions to the region's political development. The Prime Minister also described Fazlul Huq as a leader of the people of all religions and backgrounds, noting that his inclusive political approach and strong principles had earned him recognition across Indian subcontinent.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman yesterday informed the Jatiya Sangsad that the fuel oil rationing for police and other emergency services has already been withdrawn. The Leader of the House said this responding to a point of order raised by treasury bench lawmaker from Cumilla-6 constituency Manirul Haque Chowdhury, saying that police administration has reduced patrols during nights on the excuse of fuel rationing, resulting in an increase in criminal activities and disruption of public safety. Speaker Hafiz Uddin Ahmad, Bir Bikram, was in the chair.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman has issued a set of rigorous directives aimed at ensuring fiscal discipline and accountability in the government's development projects. State Minister for Planning Zonayed Abdur Rahim Saki said this while talking to reporters after the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) meeting at Cabinet Division yesterday. Prime Minister Tarique Rahman presided over the meeting. The ECNEC meeting also approved 14 development projects involving an estimated cost of Taka 13,445.41 crore aimed at boosting infrastructure, healthcare and economic resilience across the country.

Speaker Hafiz Uddin Ahmad, Bir Bikram said that the 13th Jatiya Sangsad election has opened up a new horizon for democracy in Bangladesh. The Speaker also expressed hope that the current Parliament would play an effective role in fulfilling the aspirations of the people. The Speaker said this when European Union Chief Election Observer Ivars Ijabs paid a courtesy call on him at his office in the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday.

BNP Secretary General and LGRD Minister Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir said, contribution of Sher-e-Bangla A K Fazlul Huq in securing the just rights of the people of this country will never be forgotten. The Minister made the remarks in a message yesterday on the occasion of the death anniversary of national leader Sher-e-Bangla A K Fazlul Huq.

Commerce Minister Khandaker Abdul Muktedir sought Switzerland's support for a three-year extension of its Least Developed Country graduation timeline, as the two countries agreed to further strengthen bilateral trade, investment and economic cooperation. The Minister raised the issue when Swiss Ambassador in Dhaka Reto Renggli met him at his Secretariat office yesterday. During the meeting, the Minister highlighted the long-standing friendly relations between the two countries and noted that Bangladesh currently enjoys duty-free market access to Switzerland under the Generalized System of Preferences.

Textiles and Jute Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktedir said, the government has undertaken a plan to revive operations of closed state-owned jute mills by leasing them out to private management. The Minister said this while responding to a written question from BNP lawmaker Md. Ashraf Uddin (Narsingdi-5) in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon stressed bringing digital platforms under rules and regulations. The Minister made the remarks when Turkish Ambassador to Bangladesh Ramis Sen called on him at his Ministry office in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. During the meeting, they discussed ways to strengthen mutual relations and increasing media, cultural and knowledge-based cooperation between the two countries.

Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs Minister Dipen Dewan said, canal excavation was begun by Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman for improving farmers' livelihoods and removing water logging during the monsoon season. The Minister said this while talking to the journalists after inaugurating the re-excavation of several canals at Sapchhari and Kutukchhari unions under Rangamati Sadar upazila yesterday.

Education Minister Dr. ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon urged the mainstream media to play a stronger and more responsible role in preventing misinformation and rumours circulating on social media regarding the ongoing SSC examinations. The Minister made these remarks while responding to journalists after a programme at the University Grants Commission in Agargaon, Dhaka yesterday.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Shaikh Rabiul Alam informed Parliament that under the Master Plan 2040 by ADB, a total of 496.50 kilometres (km) of highways will be upgraded into 6-lane and 102 km to 8-lane by the year 2040. The Minister made the disclosure while replying to a starred tabled question by ruling party lawmaker Md. Shamsur Rahman Shimul Biswas from Pabna-5 in the House yesterday.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam said, Dhaka expects those responsible for the brutal killing of two Bangladeshi students in Florida to be brought to justice through a proper investigation. The State Minister told journalists at her Ministry in Dhaka yesterday. Bangladeshi PhD students Jamil Ahmed Limon and Nahida Sultana Brishti of the University of South Florida (USF) were brutally killed allegedly by another former student of USF.

State Minister for Information and Broadcasting Yasser Khan Choudhury said, the government believes in freedom of press and free flow of information. The State Minister made the remark at a discussion meeting with members of the Association of IPTV Owners Bangladesh at the conference room of the Press Information Department yesterday. At the discussion meeting, Prime Minister's Adviser Dr. Zahed Ur Rahman also said, in this period of building a digital Bangladesh, it is important to ensure that IPTVs maintain professionalism and provide objective news.

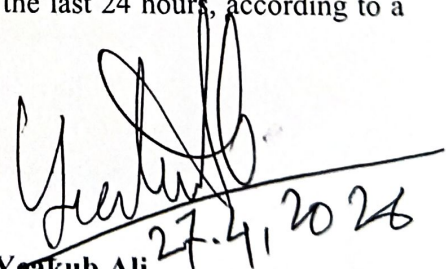
State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Bobby Hajjaj said that the government is giving highest priority to recruit qualified and competent teachers to ensure quality primary education. The State Minister said this when a seven-member delegation of recommended candidates for the post of Assistant Teachers met him at his office in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Bangladeshi Diplomats at the United Nations, particularly in Geneva, are actively promoting the agenda and vision of the newly-elected government through proactive multilateral diplomacy. Bangladesh Diplomats are building a strong and dynamic presence across UN offices and agencies, moving beyond traditional diplomacy to influence global policy on peace, climate change and sustainable development, according to a press release issued by Bangladesh Mission in Geneva yesterday.

The Jatiya Sangsad yesterday passed the Members of Parliament (Remuneration and Allowances) (Amendment) Bill, 2026, abolishing the provision that allowed lawmakers to import cars duty-free, in a move aimed at promoting fiscal discipline and equality. Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Md Asaduzzaman moved the bill, which was passed by voice vote.

The government has appointed senior journalist Syed Abdal Ahmed as the Principal Information Officer (Grade-1) of the Press Information Department under the Ministry of Information. In this regard, the Public Administration Ministry issued a notification yesterday.

Eight more children died from measles and measles-like symptoms across the country in the last 24 hours, according to a press release of Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.



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