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Newsbrief

The government has taken a set of decisions to cope with the impact of the global situation and ensure fuel oil stability. According to the decisions, all government and private offices will operate from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Besides, the banking activities will continue from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm for public transactions while banks will close at 4:00 pm. All shopping malls and markets across the country must remain closed after 6:00 pm. However, emergency services such as kitchen markets, food outlets and pharmacies will remain outside this directive. The decisions were taken at the cabinet meeting held at the Cabinet Room in the Parliament Secretariat yesterday. Prime Minister Tarique Rahman chaired the meeting. Later, Cabinet Secretary Nasimul Ghani briefed the journalists at the media centre of the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban, saying that the government took measures considering fuel supply disruptions caused by the Middle East war.

Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Iqbal Hassan Mahmood urged the country's people to pursue austerity in energy consumption and avoid panic buying, saying that the government is working to ensure stable fuel and electricity supply despite global energy challenges. Replying to a supplementary question in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday from Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami lawmaker Md. Shafiqul Islam (Patuakhali-2), the Minister said, the government is supplying fuel across the country according to daily stock and distribution plans and is taking steps to maintain normal supply.

Pakistan High Commissioner to Bangladesh Imran Haider met Cultural Affairs Minister Nitai Roy Chowdhury at the Minister's office in the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. State Minister for Cultural Affairs Ali Newaz Mahmood Khyom was present at the meeting, said an official handout yesterday. During the meeting, they discussed various issues of mutual interest between the two countries, particularly enhancing cooperation in cultural exchange and preservation of heritage. The Minister said, culture is one of the most powerful means of building bridges among people of different countries and stressed on exchanging artists, singers, instrumentalists as well as folk and handicrafts.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Sardar Md. Sakhawat Husain said, the incumbent government is fully prepared to prevent measles, with nationwide vaccination scheduled to begin from Sunday. The Minister said this while talking to reporters after inaugurating a training programme on 'the use of bubble CPAP in the treatment of measles-related pneumonia and respiratory problems' at Dhaka Shishu Hospital in the capital's Sher-e-Bangla Nagar area yesterday. Sakhawat Husain said measles has emerged suddenly. The health Minister also said, all necessary measures have been taken to prevent the outbreak of measles across the country, including Dhaka and Rajshahi.

BNP Senior Joint Secretary General and Political Adviser to the Prime Minister Advocate Ruhul Kabir Rizvi emphasized that there is no alternative to a neutral administration to ensure good governance. The Political Adviser told a discussion at North South University Auditorium yesterday on the occasion of the Great Independence and National Day.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam has conveyed Bangladesh's readiness to extend humanitarian support to Kuwait as needed, reaffirming solidarity amid the evolving regional situation in the Middle East. The assurance came during a meeting with Kuwait Ambassador to Bangladesh Ali Thunayun Abdulwahab Hamadah at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday. During the meeting, the State Minister thanked Kuwait for ensuring the safety and security of around 300,000 Bangladeshi expatriates living in the Gulf country. The Envoy appreciated Bangladesh's early expression of solidarity and facilitation of high-level communication between the two countries.

State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr. M A Muhit reaffirmed Bangladesh's commitment to global efforts aimed at eliminating blindness, emphasizing the need for coordinated action among stakeholders worldwide. The State Minister made the remarks while attending a three-day 'World Eye Conference' in Bangkok, Thailand yesterday, focused on preventing visual impairment and advancing global eye health. The conference was organized by the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness, a leading global platform comprising governments and international donor agencies. A five-member Bangladesh delegation, led by Dr. Muhit, took part in the conference held from March 31 to April 2.

State Minister for Land Barrister Mir Mohammed Helal Uddin stressed the need for strong institutional measures to eliminate corruption in land administration, warning that offenders must face appropriate legal action. The State Minister also said, corruption in land management would not be tolerated and called on all stakeholders to work together to implement the government's zero-tolerance policy. The State Minister made the remarks at the closing ceremony and certificate distribution of an Advanced Land Management Course held at the Land Administration Training Centre auditorium in the capital's Katabon area yesterday.

The government has instructed Deputy Commissioners (DCs) to ensure the availability of diesel for farmers across the country. Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Monir Hossain Chowdhury disclosed this at a press conference at the Secretariat yesterday. He also said, a virtual meeting was held between the Ministry and DCs of all 64 districts. During the meeting, DCs were directed to take necessary measures to supply diesel to farmers as per demand.

The government has requested all not to be misled by misinformation regarding changes in public office hours. A notification claiming changes in government office schedules and a plan to operate offices three days a week to save electricity and energy has been circulating on social media since April 1, 2026, according to a handout issued yesterday. However, the Ministry of Public Administration has confirmed that no such notification has been issued. The Ministry has urged all not to be confused by the misleading information, the handout added.



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