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Newsbrief

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman directed the authorities concerned to take prompt measures to assist farmers affected by heavy rainfall in the haor region. The Prime Minister gave necessary instructions to prepare a list of the affected farmers with transparency. The Prime Minister issued the directives at a meeting held at his Cabinet Division office in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

The government has announced seven-day holidays from May 25 to May 31 on the occasion of the upcoming Eid-ul-Azha. The decision was made at a cabinet meeting held yesterday with Prime Minister Tarique Rahman in the chair, according to a Cabinet Division press release.

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) Executive Director Dr. Iftekharuzzaman paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Tarique Rahman. The TIB Executive Director met the Prime Minister at the Cabinet Division of the Secretariat yesterday. During the meeting, they discussed necessary measures to make the country corruption-free.

Bogura was officially granted the status of the country's 13th city corporation following approval at the meeting of the National Implementation Committee on Administrative Reform at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. Prime Minister Tarique Rahman chaired the meeting, which also approved the formation of five new upazilas in the country.

The Cabinet Committee on Government Purchase (CCGP) yesterday approved the procurement of three cargoes of Liquefied Natural Gas from the international spot market to help meet the country's rising gas demand. The approval came from the 20th meeting of the CCGP in this year held at Bangladesh Secretariat with Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury in the chair.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed said, the government has taken a policy decision to gradually withdraw the army from field-level law enforcement duties as the overall law and order situation in the country has improved. The Minister made the remarks while speaking to journalists after a meeting on stone quarry management held at the Ministry in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. The Minister said, the government has formed a high-level committee to examine the possibility of allowing limited stone extraction in selected areas of Sylhet and Sunamganj, while ensuring environmental protection and maintaining law and order.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed has sought Germany's support for enhancing the capacity, modernization and professional training of the Bangladesh Police. The request came during a meeting with German Ambassador to Bangladesh Dr. Rudiger Lotz at the Home Ministry office at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. During the meeting, the Minister described Germany as one of Bangladesh's key development partners and appreciated its cooperation in sectors including renewable energy, climate change mitigation, the textile and ready-made garments industry and technical and vocational education. The German Ambassador assured continued bilateral cooperation in different sectors and expressed optimism that relations between the two countries would reach a new height in the near future.

Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Iqbal Hassan Mahmood said, the government is working to quickly formulate a policy for the solar and renewable energy sector. The Minister made the remarks while speaking at the inaugural session of the '15th International Bangladesh Infrastructure Innovation and Development Expo and Dialogue-2026' at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the capital yesterday.

Bangladesh and China discussed expanding cooperation in connectivity, trade, investment, multilateral platforms and regional affairs as the two countries reaffirmed their longstanding friendship during high-level talks in Beijing. The discussion was held when Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman met Liu Haixing, Minister of the International Department of the Communist Party of China Central Committee in Beijing yesterday, according to a Foreign Ministry's press release.

Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Afroza Khanam said, Bogura would be developed into one of the country's major aviation hubs, aiming to unlock the economic and aviation potential of the northern region. The Minister made the remarks while visiting Bogura Airport along with State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism M. Rashiduzzaman Millat and State Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Mir Shah Alam, according to an official handout yesterday.

Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Ariful Haque Choudhury has called for stronger global cooperation on migration governance, stressing enhanced protection of migrant workers, improved data systems and collective efforts to combat discrimination and misinformation. The Minister made the call while co-chairing Multi-stakeholder Round Table-4 at the International Migration Review Forum at the Headquarters of the United Nations in New York on Wednesday, according to a message received yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon said, the current government does not want to control the media, but aims to establish it within a fair and independent framework. The Minister made the remarks while addressing the inauguration ceremony of the 'International Cable TV, Broadcasting and Communication Expo 2026' at the International Convention City Bashundhara in Dhaka yesterday.

Water Resources Minister Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anee said, illegal establishments built on canals across the country would be removed through the government's canal excavation programme. The Minister said this while replying to questions from journalists at Chandpur Circuit House in Chandpur yesterday.

Education Minister Dr. ANM Ehsanul Haque Milon said, the government is working to improve the education quality and also the quality of teaching. The Minister made this remark while addressing a research paper presentation programme at a hotel in Dhaka yesterday. The Minister also said, there is no alternative to develop the future generation through the education, saying that the people of the country is highest investing for the development of the human resources.

Prime Minister's Adviser on Ministries of Finance and Planning Dr. Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir said, the government plans to introduce specialized tax receipts from the next national budget, which will clearly show how citizens' tax contributions are allocated across key sectors such as education, health and social security. The Adviser said this while speaking a event at CA Bhaban in the capital yesterday. The event was jointly organized by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh and The Financial Express.

State Minister for Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Md. Nurul Hoque said, the government will introduce an 'e-Health Card' as part of its commitment to ensuring healthcare for all under its 'health for all' vision. The State Minister made the remarks after visiting Patuakhali Medical College Hospital on his first visit as the Chairman of the hospital's management committee. The State Minister also said, the government is working to strengthen healthcare services by improving treatment facilities and increasing manpower at divisional, district, upazila and medical college levels, with the aim of making healthcare more accessible to people at the grassroots.

State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Bobby Hajjaj said, students of government primary schools across the country will soon receive free school bags, clothing and footwear. The State Minister said this at a views-exchange meeting with leading leather goods and footwear manufacturers at the Ministry's conference room at the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pranay Verma said, art remains a powerful medium to renew the unique India-Bangladesh relationship and strengthen enduring people-to-people ties. The remarks came as the Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre of the High Commission of India inaugurated the art exhibition 'Sampriti' at its Gulshan premises in Dhaka yesterday, according to an Indian High Commission press release.

Religious Affairs Ministry has urged Bangladeshi nationals to adhere the hajj regulations adopted by Saudi Arabia, according the Ministry advice issued yesterday. The Ministry also warned Bangladesh nationals not to perform the Hajj without an official permit.

A total of 174 Bangladeshi nationals returned home from Libya yesterday under a voluntary repatriation programme implemented jointly by the government, the Bangladesh mission in Libya and the International Organization for Migration. Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a press release in this regard.



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