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Newsbrief

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman has asked the concerned authorities to ease project approval process to attract local and foreign investors. At the same time, the Prime Minister assured of providing necessary cooperation to those who sincerely want to invest in government-run factories that have been closed for long time. The Prime Minister said this at a meeting at Prime Minister's Office in the Cabinet Division at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. The meeting was held with officials of the Ministries and Departments concerned to discuss the present status of the closed factories under the Textiles and Jute Ministry and what steps need to be taken to reopen those, according to the Prime Minister's Press Wing.

The cabinet approved a proposal granting a massive waiver of customs duties and taxes on the import of brand-new electric buses and trucks in a bid for an eco-friendly transportation system in the country. The Cabinet approved the proposal at its sixth meeting held at the Cabinet Room in the Sangsad Bhaban in Dhaka the day before yesterday, with Prime Minister Tarique Rahman in the chair.

Speaker Hafiz Uddin Ahmad, Bir Bikram, said that bureaucrats must act as servants of the people rather than rulers in order to make democracy meaningful. The Speaker also said, Deputy Commissioners play a significant role in establishing democracy in the country, as they serve as Returning Officers in every national election. The Speaker made these remarks while addressing the 'Deputy Commissioners' Conference 2026', organized by the Cabinet Division at the oath room of the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday.

Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir expressed hope that the party's female MPs elected to the reserved seats will fulfill their responsibilities appropriately in the Jatiya Sangsad. The Minister made the remarks while talking to journalists after party's female MPs paid tributes to party founder Shaheed Ziaur Rahman and former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in the capital yesterday.

Director General of the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific Dr. P. Chandra Shekhar paid a courtesy call on the LGRD Minister Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. The meeting involved detailed discussions on strengthening mutual cooperation in research, training, innovation and the implementation of sustainable development plans in the rural development sector, according to a press release yesterday. Both parties expressed interest in working jointly to address innovative challenges and undertake effective development initiatives.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed said that the government is adopting a strict, lawful approach to improve the country's law and order situation and restore public confidence. At a briefing, after a high-level meeting at the Home Ministry in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday, the Minister noted that rebuilding discipline in institutions inherited in a fragile state will take time, but progress is on track. The briefing followed a meeting of the National Committee on Coordination, Management and Law and Order related to Forcibly Displaced Myanmar Nationals at the Home Ministry in Bangladesh Secretariat.

Social Welfare, Women and Children Affairs Minister Abu Zafar Md. Zahid Hossain said, the Swedish experience and technical support could be of high utility for Bangladesh's social welfare with an extra focus on gender issues. The Minister said this when Swedish Ambassador in Dhaka Nicolas Weeks met him at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. The Swedish Ambassador praised Bangladesh's social welfare initiatives and reaffirmed Sweden's commitment to deepen its longstanding friendly relations with Bangladesh.

Cultural Affairs Minister Nitai Roy Chowdhury asked the Deputy Commissioners (DCs) to beef up security for the folk artistes while calling them to nurture cultural programmes at the grassroots level aiming to build a talented nation. The Minister said this while addressing at a special session of the 'DC conference-2026' at Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital yesterday.

Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Afroza Khanam said, the government announced an ambitious plan to raise the tourism sector's contribution to the national GDP to 6-7 percent from the current 3 percent as part of broader economic diversification efforts. The Minister said this while addressing the Deputy Commissioners' Conference-2026 at Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital yesterday.

Commerce, Industries and Textiles & Jute Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktadir said, the government is moving forward with an integrated and time befitting action plan to revive the country's industrial sector, ensure market stability and ensuring the secured supply of essential commodities. The Minister made the remarks while briefing journalists after the 'Deputy Commissioners' Conference-2026' at Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon said, journalism must serve the people and should not function as a propaganda tool for any vested interests. The Minister made the remarks while addressing the Charge Handover and Farewell Ceremony 2026 of the Jahangirnagar University Journalists' Association held at the Senate Hall of the university yesterday. The Minister said, adding that there is a fundamental difference between a propaganda outlet of any corporate entity and a genuine media institution working for the welfare of the people.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon said, films are not merely a source of entertainment but a powerful medium that shapes human perspectives, thoughts and consciousness. The Minister made the remarks while addressing at a two-day festival marking the birth anniversary of legendary filmmaker Satyajit Ray held at the Zahir Raihan Auditorium of Jahangirnagar University yesterday.

Fisheries, Livestock, and Agriculture Minister Mohammad Aminur Rashid urged the Deputy Commissioners (DCs) to work jointly for the development of the agriculture and fisheries sector. The Minister made the urges while addressing a session of the DC conference 2026 held at Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital yesterday.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Md. Asaduzzaman said that no aspect has been found in the current activities of the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) that warrants raising questions. The Minister said this while speaking to journalists after a meeting with the ICT Prosecution team at the tribunal in Dhaka yesterday.

Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs Minister Dipen Dewan said, the government is actively pursuing balanced development, strengthening climate resilience and empowering local communities. Speaking at the inaugural workshop of the project titled 'Integrated Climate Adaptation Solutions in the Hindu Kush Himalaya Region', held at a hotel in the capital yesterday, the Minister stressed the importance of protecting nature and biodiversity alongside development efforts.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Shaikh Rabiul Alam has sought cooperation from Deputy Commissioners (DCs) to bring discipline in the road transport sector to implement development projects. The Minister told a media briefing after attending the 'Deputy Commissioners' Conference-2026' at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital yesterday.

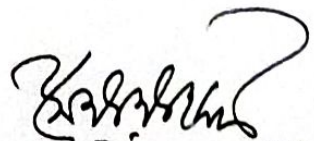
Egypt reaffirmed its commitment to expanding cooperation with Bangladesh across all sectors, particularly in skilled manpower recruitment, energy, agriculture and cultural exchanges. The assurance came when, Ambassador of Egypt to Bangladesh Omar Mohie Eldin Ahmed Fahmy paid a courtesy call on State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Dhaka yesterday.

State Minister for Planning Zonayed Abdur Rahim Saki said that corruption and delays in the implementation of development projects would no longer be tolerated, stressing that development activities cannot continue in a conventional manner anymore. The State Minister made the remarks while speaking to journalists after a working session on the Planning Ministry held as part of the 'Deputy Commissioners' Conference-2026' at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital yesterday.

State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Bobby Hajjaj stressed the need for practical, research-based solutions to address challenges in Bangladesh's education sector. The State Minister said this while speaking at the unveiling of his book 'Bangladesh er Shikkha Sangskar er Ruprekha: The Learning Nation' at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Center in the capital yesterday.

The Ministry of Religious Affairs has instructed the concerned airlines to refund airfare to Hajj pilgrims who are unable to board their scheduled flights due to valid reasons such as accidents or illness. This directive was issued through a letter on Thursday sent to officials concerned of Biman Bangladesh Airlines, Saudia Airlines and Flynas Airlines which are operating hajj flights.

Seventeen more children died in the past 24 hours till Monday morning, according to the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.


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