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**Newsbrief**

Asian Development Bank President Masato Kanda has met Prime Minister Tarique Rahman at the Prime Minister's Office in Dhaka yesterday to discuss Bangladesh's development priorities during a visit that highlighted funding announcements totaling \$5 billion. Finance Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury and Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister ABM Abdus Sattar were present at the meeting.

Religious Affairs Minister Kazi Shah Mofazzal Hossain (Kaikobad) visited different tents of Bangladeshi Hajj pilgrims to inquire about their conditions in Mina, Mecca yesterday. Under the personal initiative of the Religious Affairs Minister distributed the gifts among the Hajj pilgrims in Mina. The pilgrims have been requested to drink water regularly. They were also urged to avoid staying under the sun for long periods without protection and refrain from walking in direct sunlight during excessive heat.

Fisheries, Livestock and Agriculture Minister Mohammed Amin Ur Rashid said, the government is implementing farmer-friendly policies by giving the highest priority to the agricultural sector. The Minister said this while addressing a function at Sadar Upazila premises in Cumilla yesterday. The event was jointly organized by the Department of Agricultural Extension and Adarsh Sadar Upazila to distribute agricultural machinery among the local farmer groups. The Minister also said, the government is continuously implementing various initiatives to ensure financial security for the farmers, reduce production costs, expanding agricultural mechanization, increase irrigation facilities and guarantee fair prices for agricultural produce.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Md. Asaduzzaman said, the trial in the sensational Ramisa rape and murder case will begin on June 1. The Minister made the statement while speaking at the closing ceremony held in Karpasdanga area of Chuadanga yesterday on the occasion of the 127th birth anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam. The discussion meeting and cultural programme, held at the missionary field adjacent to the poet's memorial traditional thatched hut, was presided over by Chuadanga Deputy Commissioner Lutfun Nahar.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Sardar Md. Sakhawat Husain said, the government's special measles vaccination campaign has achieved encouraging success in tackling the recent outbreak of the disease. The Minister said this while talking to the journalists after visiting Cumilla General Hospital yesterday.

The government has announced a 25% fare discount for elderly and physically challenged passengers on metro rail and train services, along with dedicated women's coaches on selected intercity trains ahead of Eid-ul-Azha. The introduction ceremony was held at Farmgate Metro Rail Station yesterday where Road Transport and Bridges, Railways and Shipping Minister Shaikh Rabiul Alam joined as the chief guest. Speaking at the event, the Minister said, the government is working to make the country's public transport system more humane, inclusive and passenger-friendly.

Bangladesh is set to host its first Trade and Investment Conference 2026 next month, aiming to strengthen economic resilience and attract greater foreign investment ahead of the country's graduation from Least Developed Country status. State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam presided over a high-level preparatory meeting for the conference, scheduled to be held on June 13 at Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel in Dhaka on Sunday, according to a Foreign Ministry's press release yesterday.

State Minister for Information and Broadcasting Yasser Khan Choudhury greeted all media workers, including editors, on the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha. In a greeting message yesterday, the State Minister said, mass media workers had been performing their duties boldly in favour of truth and justice at every crucial moment in the nation's history. 'Starting from the Liberation War, the nation remembers the contributions of media workers with gratitude at every stage of the country's democratic progress,' the State Minister said. The State Minister also wished happiness, peace and prosperity for all media workers and their family members and expressed hope that the holy Eid-ul-Azha would bring happiness to their lives.

The government has implemented about 60 important decisions, taken during the first 100 days of Prime Minister Tarique Rahman's Cabinet, said Prime Minister's Office Spokesperson Mahdi Amin. The Spokesperson said this at a press conference at the Prime Minister's Office at Tejgaon area yesterday. The Spokesperson also said, the government is working sincerely to establish human rights, freedom of speech and the rule of law, which has been reflected repeatedly in the new standard of liberality and tolerance.

Prime Minister's Additional Press Secretary Atikur Rahman Ruman said, attacking individuals in the name of freedom of expression and maligning people's characters are not freedom but those are offenses. The Additional Press Secretary said this at a press conference on the occasion of the '100 days' of the government at the Prime Minister's Office in Tejgaon area yesterday. The press conference was organized by the Prime Minister's Press Wing.



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