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## Newsbrief

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman directed the authorities concerned to quickly repair the roads of Pirojpur district and make those suitable for vehicular movement. The Prime Minister issued the directives at a meeting held at the Prime Minister's Office in the Cabinet Division of the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. At the meeting, the Prime Minister Tarique Rahman also said, the government is determined to keep the country's road communication system smooth.

The much-talked about 'pillow scandal' corruption report of the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant project, which took place during the fascist government, made its room in the 38 reports of various government departments and entities submitted to Prime Minister Tarique Rahman. Comptroller and Auditor General Md. Nurul Islam submitted the audit report for the fiscal year 2021-22 to the Prime Minister at the Prime Minister's Office in the Cabinet Division of the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Referring to Deputy Commissioners (DCs) as the reflection of the government, Chief Justice Zubayer Rahman Chowdhury has called on them to discharge their duties with honesty and integrity. The Chief Justice made the call while addressing a courtesy meeting and directive session with Divisional Commissioners and DCs at the Bangladesh Supreme Court Auditorium yesterday, according to a Supreme Court press release.

Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir expressed hope that efforts would be made to hold all local-level elections within the next one year. The Minister made the remarks while talking to journalists after a discussion session between District Administrators and the Rural Development and Cooperatives Division at the ongoing four-day Deputy Commissioners' Conference-2026 in the capital's Osmani Memorial Auditorium yesterday.

Expressing concern over a significant decline in global assistance for the Rohingyas, Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed said; it is now imperative to enhance international support to improve their living standards and meet their humanitarian needs. Despite being one of the world's most densely populated countries, Bangladesh has sheltered a large number of Rohingya refugees purely on humanitarian grounds, said the Minister. The Minister made the comments when Ivo Freijsen, Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Bangladesh, met the Home Minister at his Ministry at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. The Minister also noted that the United States has recently reduced its funding allocation by 50%.

Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Iqbal Hasan Mahmud Tuku said, a target has been set to generate 5,000 megawatts of electricity from solar power over the next five years. Clarifying the recent power disruptions in some areas of the country, the Minister said that shortage of fuel oil was not responsible. Instead, temporary mechanical glitches caused the situation, the Minister added. The Minister shared this information while briefing journalists after participating in the Deputy Commissioners' Conference at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital yesterday.

Emphasizing the importance of utilizing the Bangladesh-United States trade agreement for mutual benefit, Commerce Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktedir said, there is no reason for undue concern regarding the deal. The Minister made the remarks while responding to questions from journalists following a meeting with Brendan Lynch, Assistant US Trade Representative for South and Central Asia, held at the conference room of the Ministry of Commerce yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon said, the government is working to establish an acceptable Media Commission to address all issues to strengthen the media industry. The Minister also said, the government is making its strides to ensure press freedom as pledged by Prime Minister Tarique Rahman. The Minister made these remarks while speaking at installation ceremony of the newly elected committee of the Munshiganj Press Club at Shilpakala Academy in Munshiganj yesterday.

Disaster Management and Relief Minister Asadul Habib Dulu said, government will provide food assistance for three months to farmers in haor regions affected by flashfloods and onrush of hilly water. The Minister said this while speaking as a chief guest at a view-exchange meeting at local circuit house in Sunamganj the day before yesterday. The meeting was organized to assist the farmers of the district affected by recent heavy rains that damaged the boro crops in the haor region.

Speaking as a special guest, Agriculture and Fisheries and Livestock Minister Mohammad Aminur Rashid said that a coordinated haor management program would be undertaken to protect the crops. Planned initiatives include dredging the haors, constructing sluice gates, providing harvesters suitable for waterlogged conditions, distributing seedlings and fertilizers and offering agricultural loans. Prime Minister's Adviser on Economic Affairs Dr. Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir and Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister ABM Abdus Sattar also spoke on the occasion.

Education Minister Dr. A.N.M. Ehsanul Hoque Milon said, Bangladesh has all the capacity to become a major and renowned education hub in the world. The Minister made the remarks at a workshop titled 'Role of Private Universities in Higher Education, Future Guidelines and Joint Action Plan to Achieve Goal' held at a hotel in the capital yesterday.

Health Minister Sardar Mohammad Sakhawat Husain said, Medical College Hospital has almost completed construction of a 20-bed tent-based field hospital on its premises amid huge onrush of particularly measles inflicted children requiring immediate admission. The Minister told this to reporters while visiting the Dhaka's main state-run medical facility yesterday. The Minister also said, the construction could be used as well for treating patients in case of outbreak of diseases like dengue or cholera later.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Shaikh Rabiul Alam said, development projects must be implemented properly and efficiently; otherwise, they will become a burden on the country. The Minister said these while speaking at a stakeholders' consultation workshop on the proposed Dhaka East-West Elevated Expressway PPP project. The workshop was held at Ballroom-2 of Hotel Pan Pacific Sonargaon in the capital yesterday. State Minister for Road Transport and Bridges Md. Razib Ahsan also spoke at the workshop.

Prime Minister's Defence Adviser Brigadier General (retd) Dr. AKM Shamsul Islam underscored the need for an integrated initiative involving all state institutions to ensure good governance, national security and sustainable development. The Adviser said this while addressing a session of the ongoing Deputy Commissioners' Conference at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital yesterday.

A four-member delegation led by Italian Ambassador to Bangladesh Antonio Alessandro paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister's Defence Adviser Brigadier General (Retd) Dr. AKM Shamsul Islam at his office in the Armed Forces Division at Dhaka Cantonment yesterday. During the meeting, the two sides exchanged greetings and held fruitful discussions on the prospects of strengthening bilateral relations between Bangladesh and Italy, particularly in the field of defence cooperation.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam stressed stronger district-level action to curb illegal migration, protect expatriates from broker syndicates and address climate challenges across vulnerable regions. The State Minister told journalists after attending the District Commissioners' Conference at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium in Dhaka yesterday.

British High Commissioner Sarah Cooke paid a courtesy call on State Minister for Youth and Sports Md. Aminul Haque at his Secretariat office to discuss bilateral cooperation in sports and youth development. The bilateral meeting focused on improving the standard of women's sports in Bangladesh, enhancing youth skills and strengthening sports diplomacy between the two countries.

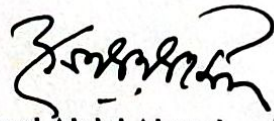
State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Bobby Hajjaj said; the government is working relentlessly to build a safe, modern, technology-based and enjoyable education system for every child in the country. The State Minister made the remarks while speaking at a review meeting on new development projects under the Directorate of Primary Education held at the conference room of the directorate in the capital yesterday.

Prime Minister's Adviser and Spokesperson of the Prime Minister's Office Mahdi Amin said that Prime Minister Tarique Rahman is committed to ensuring student's good health and quality education. The Adviser said this while a delegation led by Bangladesh Representative of the World Food Programme Simone Parchment met him at the Prime Minister's Office in Dhaka yesterday, according to a PID release.

Prime Minister's Information and Broadcasting Adviser Dr. Zahed Ur Rahman said, one crore and 61 lakhs children aged between six months and under five years have been vaccinated under the ongoing measles-rubella campaign, achieving 89 percent of the target. The Adviser told a weekly press briefing held at the conference room of the Press Information Department in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday, where he also highlighted the government's recent activities and achievements.

Army Chief Gen. Waker-Uz-Zaman has described the national election as an 'excellent' event, the likes of which Bangladesh had never seen before. The Minister made the remarks during a defence-related discussion on the third day of the Deputy Commissioners' Conference held at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium in Dhaka yesterday.

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

  
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