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**Newsbrief**

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman chaired a meeting on easing traffic congestion and modernizing traffic management in Dhaka city. The meeting was held at the Public Administration Meeting Room of the Cabinet Division in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

LGRD Minister Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir asked the authorities concerned to implement the ongoing development projects under the Local Government Division (LGD) in a speedy, cost-effective and people-friendly manner. The Minister gave the directive while addressing a review meeting held at the conference room of his Ministry at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Iqbal Hassan Mahmood said that the government is considering introducing a five-year tax holiday and reducing import duties to nominal levels to encourage greater private sector investment in the solar power sector. The Minister made the remarks while speaking at the inaugural session of a market sounding workshop on '130-140 MW (AC) Grid-Tied Solar Power Plus Battery Storage Project' at Bangladesh Investment Development Authority Headquarters in the capital yesterday.

Minister for Social Welfare and Women and Children Affairs Abu Zafar Md. Zahid Hossain said that approximately six percent of the country's population lives with various types of disabilities and that overall social development is impossible without including them. The Minister said this while speaking at an event organized at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital yesterday, marking the 19th World Autism Awareness Day.

Cultural Affairs Minister Nitai Roy Chowdhury said, the pluralistic culture and communal harmony prevailing in Bangladesh are the main driving forces behind the country's development. The Minister also said, the present government under the leadership of Prime Minister Tarique Rahman is committed to building an inclusive, discrimination-free and culture-oriented Bangladesh. The Minister made the remarks while addressing the inaugural ceremony of the 'First Buddhist Cultural Fest 2026' at the TSC Auditorium of Dhaka University yesterday.

The government is planning to establish health centers at sea beaches in Cox's Bazar and Patuakhali to strengthen tourist safety and improve emergency response facilities at major coastal tourist destinations. Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Afroza Khanam said this in a meeting at the conference room of her Ministry yesterday.

Commerce, Industries and Textiles and Jute Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktadir stressed the need for greater Chinese investment, technology transfer and innovation to transform Bangladesh's textile and apparel industry into a sustainable, eco-friendly and technology-driven sector. The Minister made the remarks while speaking at the inauguration of the 2nd Bangladesh China Green Textile Expo 2026 at International Convention City Bashundhara in Dhaka yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon has called upon the government employees to make efforts in building an efficient, accountable and technology-driven administration to fulfill public expectations and their wellbeing. The Minister told a views-exchange meeting with officials from different wings of the Ministry at its conference room yesterday. The Minister also said, the long-standing tendency to view the government and the state as the same entity must be overcome.

Fisheries and Livestock Minister Mohammed Amin Ur Rashid said that planned fish farming in university lakes, including those at Jahangirnagar University (JU), could set a new benchmark for freshwater aquaculture in Bangladesh. The Minister made these remarks while addressing journalists after releasing fish fingerlings into the JU lakes yesterday.

Housing and Public Works Minister Zakaria Taher directed officials of the National Housing Authority (NHA) to ensure that no harassment occurs in providing services to common people. The Minister made the remarks at an exchange of views meeting held at the conference room of the NHA at Segunbagicha in the capital yesterday. The Minister also said, the activities and land management system of the National Housing Authority would be digitized.

Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs Minister Dipen Dewan sought cooperation from the World Food Programme (WFP) in ensuring sustainable food security and generating employment opportunities in the hill districts. The Minister made the call during a meeting with a WFP delegation at his Ministry in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

The government has announced a significant change in the schedule of the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations 2027 in a bid to save students' valuable academic time and align the country's education calendar with international standards. Under the new schedule, the SSC examinations will begin on January 7, 2027, while the HSC examinations will start on June 6, 2027. The Minister announced this revised schedules at a press conference held at his Ministry yesterday.

State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Mir Shahe Alam said that the problems and potentials in the agricultural sector must be properly identified and addressed through integrated planning. The State Minister made the remarks while speaking at a seminar titled 'Agricultural Mechanization & Irrigation in Bangladesh: Opportunities & Constraints,' organized by the Agricultural Engineering Division of The Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh at its seminar hall in the capital yesterday.

State Minister for Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Md. Nurul Hoque called for immediate steps to stop the growing trend of irregular migration by sea routes from Bangladesh to Europe and other countries, describing the practice as extremely dangerous. The State Minister made the remarks while addressing a national workshop, organized by BRAC Migration Programme. The event titled 'From Return to Rise: Stories of Resilience and Reintegration' was held at a hotel in the capital yesterday.

State Minister for Information and Broadcasting Yasser Khan Chowdhury said, although Artificial Intelligence (AI) has opened new possibilities for creative industries and mass media worldwide, everyone must remain alert regarding its misuse and ethical risks. The State Minister made the remarks while addressing a workshop on 'Strategies to Prevent the Spread of Rumors and Misinformation Through the Use of AI Technology in Film and Advertisement Distribution and Marketing' at the Auditorium of the National Institute of Mass Communication in the capital yesterday.

State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Bobby Hajjaj said, the government is considering the education sector as a national investment. The State Minister also said, the desired learning skills have not yet been achieved in the country's primary education. The State Minister made the remarks while speaking at a meeting titled 'Remedial Education: Work-Experience and Future Thoughts', organized by the Mass Literacy Campaign, at the conference room of Bangladesh Tourism Corporation in Agargaon in Dhaka yesterday.

Swiss Ambassador to Bangladesh Reto Renggli said, promoting innovative financing in emerging economies remains one of Switzerland's priority areas, underscoring the importance of blended and sustainable finance for inclusive economic growth and climate resilience. The Ambassador made the remarks while addressing the Sustainable Finance Summit 2026 held in Dhaka yesterday, which brought together more than 200 stakeholders from development, finance, policy and private sectors to discuss opportunities and challenges in Bangladesh's sustainable finance landscape.

The government announced a weeklong holiday on the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha from May 25 but said emergency services would remain its purview. Public Administration Ministry issued a notification in this regard yesterday. The announcement, however, readjusted the routine weekend ahead of the festival in view of the long holiday period saying all offices would remain open on Saturday on May 23, 2026 and on the subsequent day.

The total number of voters in the country has reached 12,83,23,240, according to the latest voter list update for 2026. The information was provided in a statement signed by AHM Anwar Pasha, Director General of the National Identity Registration Wing under the Election Commission yesterday.



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