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## Newsbrief

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman launched the nationwide talent hunt programme titled 'Notun Kuri Sports', aimed at discovering sporting talent among children and adolescents across the country. The Premier formally inaugurated the programme at a function at Sylhet Stadium in Rikabi Bazar area yesterday. The programme has been launched with the theme 'Krira Hole Pesha, Paribar Pabe Bhorosa'. Apart from children and adolescents present in the Sylhet Stadium, young athletes from district stadiums across the country were also virtually connected to the inaugural ceremony. The main goal of this programme is to identify and select the talented children aged 12 to 14 and support them from the state level to flourish their hidden sports talents. Earlier, the Prime Minister offered ziarat at the shrine of Hazrat Shahjalal (R) accompanied by his wife Dr. Zubaida Rahman.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman said, the government will soon begin work to upgrade road and rail connectivity on the Dhaka-Sylhet route, aiming to ease travel and boost regional economic activity. The Prime Minister said this while addressing a civic rally on the Nagar Bhaban premises of the Sylhet City Corporation at Chandni Ghat area yesterday. The Prime Minister also inaugurated a major project to enhance beautification and construction of flood protection infrastructure along both banks of the Surma River at Chandni Ghat area.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman said, the Basia River, this canal, was dug by Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman in 1977. After that, this canal was blocked again. The present government wants to re-excavate this canal now, the Prime Minister added. The Premier said this while inaugurating the re-excavation works of the Basia River in Sylhet yesterday. The Prime Minister said, about 80,000 farmers will be benefitted directly while 150,000 farmers indirectly. On both sides of this canal, about 7,000 metric tonnes more crops will be produced.

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister and BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir expressed deep shock and sorrow at the death of Jobeda Begum, 82, mother of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha Chief News Editor Manikul Azad. In a condolence message yesterday, the Minister prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family, relatives and well-wishers.

Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Iqbal Hassan Mahmood said, renewable energy has become indispensable for building a sustainable energy sector in Bangladesh. The Minister underscored the importance of long-term planning and transparency in the energy sector, noting that the entry of internationally reputed companies like Lesso Solar and Zero Technology is both timely and significant. The Minister said these remarks while addressing a function organized by the Sustainable & Renewable Energy Solution Initiative at a hotel in Dhaka yesterday.

Social Welfare, Women and Child Affairs Minister Abu Zafar Md. Zahid Hossain said, the use of technology is essential for sustainable agriculture. The Minister emphasized that adopting water-saving technologies is now essential for sustainable agricultural development. The Minister made the remarks while addressing a training program on water-saving irrigation technology and quality preservation techniques for crops produced under poly-shed cultivation at Ghoraghat in Dinajpur yesterday. The event was organized by the irrigation division of BADC under the Ministry of Agriculture.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon said that the foremost prerequisite for the free flow of information is accurate and objective data. The Minister made these remarks while addressing at a seminar marking the World Press Freedom Day 2026 held at North South University in the capital yesterday, organized by the university's Media, Communication and Journalism Department. The World Press Freedom Day, celebrated annually today, highlights the fundamental principles of press freedom, evaluates global media independence, defends media against attacks and honors journalists who lost their lives.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon said, free and independent media is one of the key commitments of the present government in building a modern and democratic state. The Minister said this while speaking at a seminar titled 'New Challenges of Media: Misinformation- Our Course of Action', organized marking the World Press

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Freedom Day 2026 at the National Press Club yesterday. The event was jointly organized by the Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists and Dhaka Union of Journalists.

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Agriculture Minister Mohammad Amin Ur Rashid said, enhancing the dignity of farmers is essential for transforming Bangladesh into a stronger and economically self-reliant nation. The Minister made the remarks while addressing at a prize-giving ceremony of an inter-departmental debate competition at Cumilla Victoria Government College auditorium in Cumilla yesterday.

Disaster Management and Relief Minister Asadul Habib Dulu said, skyway holds the key to the nation's future prosperity, expressing confidence that the day is not far when aircraft built by the country's youths will soar in the skies. The Minister made this remark while addressing at the 7th founding anniversary programme of Aviation and Aerospace University at its temporary campus at Lalmonirhat Airport yesterday, according to a PID press release. The Minister also voiced hope that Bangladesh will one day launch satellites from its own space centre, with the country's talented generation achieving new milestones in space research.

Law, Justice, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Md. Asaduzzaman said that the much-discussed Tanu murder case is finally beginning to move forward after remaining stalled for 10 years, due to the initiative of Prime Minister Tarique Rahman. The Minister made these remarks while responding to journalists' questions after attending at a consultative meeting held at BRAC Center of Mohakhali in the capital yesterday. The meeting was organized by BRAC's Social Empowerment and Legal Protection programme.

Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology Minister Faqir Mahub Anam said, all activities of the government are directed towards the welfare of the people. The Minister made this remark while addressing at a discussion meeting organized by the Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal at Madhupur bus stand in Tangail on the occasion of the Great May Day on Friday, according to a Ministry press release yesterday.

State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Sultan Salauddin Tuku said, dredging and re-excavation of canals and rivers across the country has begun in line with BNP's election manifestoes and will be implemented in phases. The State Minister made the remarks while inaugurating dredging of the Dhaleshwari and Louhajang rivers along with riverbank protection work at Khudirampur area under Tangail Sadar yesterday.

State Minister for Information and Broadcasting Yasser Khan Choudhury greeted all journalists of the country on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day 2026 to be observed today. In a statement yesterday, the State Minister lauded journalists, writers, photojournalists and media professionals for performing their duties with courage, professionalism and objectivity. Highlighting the government's position, the State Minister said, the present government led by Prime Minister Tarique Rahman firmly believes in ensuring full freedom of the media.

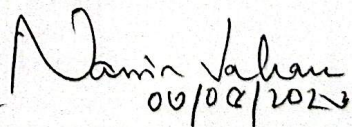
Prime Minister's Adviser on Policy and Strategy Dr. Zahed Ur Rahman said, spreading misinformation and rumours is a punishable offence, although many people often fail to realise its gravity. The Adviser made these remarks while addressing a seminar titled 'Rumours and Misinformation in Media: Who is the Victim? Who is the Predator?' held at the auditorium of the Press Institute Bangladesh in the capital yesterday.

Principal Information Officer (PIO) of the Press Information Department journalist leader Syed Abdal Ahmed said in the current digital age, disinformation has emerged as a major challenge for free media, stressing that only accurate and verified information can effectively counter rumours. The PIO said this while presenting the keynote paper at a seminar today. The seminar was organized by the Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists and the Dhaka Union of Journalists at the Jitaya Press Club, marking the upcoming World Press Freedom Day to be observed today.

The Election Commission (EC) has declared the nomination of Jamaat-e-Islami-led alliance candidate and National Citizen Party leader Nusrat Tabassum Jyoti valid for the reserved women's seat of the 13th National Parliament. Returning Officer and EC Joint Secretary Md. Moin Uddin Khan confirmed the matter to the reporters after the scrutiny of the nomination papers at Nirbachan Bhaban in capital's Agargaon area yesterday.

The Election Commission (EC) has made it mandatory to attach Secondary School Certificate or equivalent certificates to the database during voter registration to ensure accuracy in personal information. The directive was issued in an office order of the EC yesterday.

Four children died from suspected measles in the last 24 hours till 8am on Saturday, according to the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.

  
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