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## Newsbrief

President Mohammed Shahabuddin returned home yesterday after receiving medical treatment and health check-ups in the United Kingdom. Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Md. Asaduzzaman, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps Yousef S. Y. Ramadan and British High Commission Counsellor Alison J Cross received the President at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport. Earlier, on doctors' advice the Head of the State left Dhaka for London on May 9 for follow-up treatment and medical examinations.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman has asked BNP lawmakers from women reserved seats to prepare themselves to play an effective role in the Jatiya Sangsad (JS). The Premier gave the directive at a meeting with the women MPs at Cabinet Division at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. The Prime Minister urged the MPs to develop themselves as competent lawmakers by having a clear understanding of the Rules of Procedure of the JS. The Prime Minister further directed the MPs to stay vigilant so that no one can mislead the public through misinterpretation of religion.

The government has reconstituted the National Coordination Committee on Security and Social Stability with Prime Minister Tarique Rahman as its Chief, according to a notification issued by the Cabinet Division the day before yesterday. The Prime Minister is the Chairman of the committee while the Homes Minister its vice-chairman and the Prime Minister's Defense Adviser is its Chief Coordinator.

National Economic Council (NEC) approved an Annual Development Programme (ADP) outlay worth Taka 3,00,000 crore for the 2026-27 fiscal year aiming to sustain inclusive economic growth, strengthen infrastructures, enhance social protection and accelerate climate-resilient development. NEC Chairman and Prime Minister Tarique Rahman presided over the maiden meeting of NEC under the incumbent government held at the NEC Conference Room in the capital's Sher-e-Bangla Nagar area yesterday.

Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir directed to take effective and long-term initiatives to resolve the waterlogging problem in Dhaka city. The Minister issued the directive at a meeting held in the conference room of the Local Government Division at the Secretariat yesterday to review the progress of various development activities being implemented by Dhaka South City Corporation and Dhaka North City Corporation.

Finance and Planning Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury said, Bangladesh is steadily emerging as the next major investment destination due to the government's reform initiatives, leadership commitment, rapid decision-making and ambitious development agenda. The Minister said this while speaking at a press briefing after the day's National Economic Council (NEC) meeting at the NEC Conference Room in the capital's Sher-e-Bangla Nagar area yesterday.

The Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Brazil to Bangladesh Paulo Fernando Dias Feres called on Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury at his office in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. The Minister appreciated the growing bilateral relations between Bangladesh and Brazil. During the meeting, they expressed satisfaction over the steady expansion of bilateral trade, which has surpassed \$3 billion and underscored the importance of further strengthening cooperation in different sectors.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed said that the Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) will be reorganized into a more people-friendly, professional and accountable force. The Minister made the remarks while addressing a programme, marking the 22nd founding anniversary of RAB at its headquarters in Uttara yesterday. The Minister also said, the government is working to strengthen public trust in the elite force through greater public engagement, transparency, accountability and adherence to human rights, the rule of law and professional ethics.

Bangladesh and Singapore have reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening bilateral cooperation in police reform, cyber security, counterterrorism and investment expansion. The commitment came during a meeting between Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed and Singapore's Non-Resident High Commissioner Derek Loh at the Secretariat yesterday.

Social Welfare and Women and Children Affairs Minister Abu Zafar Md. Zahid Hossain said, the upcoming budget would be a budget for building a humane Bangladesh. The Minister said this while speaking at a pre-budget dialogue titled 'National Budget 2026-27: Political Commitments and Citizens' Expectations', organized by CPD at Lakeshore Hotel in the capital yesterday.

Social Welfare and Women and Children Affairs Minister Abu Zafar Md. Zahid Hossain held a meeting with UN Women Deputy Executive Director, Assistant Secretary-General and Representative Nyaradzai Gumbonzvanda at his office in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. The meeting focused on strengthening cooperation between Bangladesh and UN Women in women and child rights protection, social safety net programmes and implementation of government development priorities.

Eid-ul-Azha, the second largest religious festival of Muslims, will be observed on May 28 as moon of the holy month of Zil Hajj of Hijri year 1447 was sighted in the skies of Bangladesh yesterday. This decision was taken during a meeting of the National Moon Sighting Committee at the Islamic Foundation at Baitul Mukarram yesterday with Religious Affairs Minister Kazi Shah Mofazzal Houssain (Kaikobad) in the chair.

Cultural Affairs Minister Nitai Roy Chowdhury said, museums are not merely storehouses of heritage, but living documents of human civilization, history, culture and identity. The Minister said this while addressing a discussion marking the International Museum Day-2026 at Bangladesh National Museum in Dhaka yesterday.

Singapore has expressed strong interest in supporting Bangladesh in modernizing its airport services through the development of the Advanced Passenger Information System and Aeronautical Revenue Management System. The interest was conveyed when Singapore High Commissioner to Bangladesh Derek Loh Eu-Tse paid a courtesy call on Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Afroza Khanam at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Qatar has expressed strong interest in recruiting workers from Bangladesh in four skilled categories-electricians, plumbers, AC technicians and welding technicians from five designated technical training centers in the country. Visiting Qatari Labour Minister Dr. Ali bin Saeed bin Samikh Al Marri said this during a meeting with Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Ariful Haque Chowdhury at the Ministry conference room in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Science and Technology Minister Faqir Mahbub Anam said, the government has undertaken multidimensional initiatives to advance Bangladesh's space, satellite and drone technologies. The Minister also said that satellite technology would make it possible to forecast disasters, monitor river erosion, increase agricultural production, strengthen coastal security and ensure the safety of fishermen in deep-sea areas. The Minister said this while speaking at a seminar titled 'Satellite, Drones and Future Space Technology in Bangladesh,' at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh in the capital yesterday.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Sardar Md. Sakhawat Hossain visited injured physician Dr. Nasir Uddin at the Intensive Care Unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital. During the visit, the Minister inquired about the health condition of Dr. Nasir, who was attacked while on duty at Shariatpur Sadar Hospital and spoke with his family members. The Minister said, such barbaric attacks on doctors while performing their duties are unacceptable under any circumstances. Strict action would be taken against those involved in the attack, the Minister warned.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) AMM Nasir Uddin said that understanding and cooperation among political parties are necessary to establish a continuous culture of free and acceptable elections in the country, not just a single successful election. The CEC said this while speaking at the inauguration ceremony of the new committee of the Reporters Forum for Election and Democracy at the Election Training Institute in the capital's Agargaon yesterday.

State Minister for Water Resources Forhad Hossain Azad said, the government would implement the Teesta Master Plan in the near future as necessary processes are progressing. The State Minister told this to reporters after inaugurating the regional phase of 'Notun Kuri Sports-2026' at Shaheed Abu Sayeed Stadium in Rangpur yesterday.

State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Bobby Hajjaj warned that any irregularities, negligence, or compromise in quality in the mid-day meal programme of government primary schools across the country would not be tolerated, aiming to ensure safe, nutritious and quality food for students. The State Minister made the remarks at an emergency meeting with relevant officials of the Ministry and the Directorate of Primary Education held at the conference room of the Dhaka Primary Education Office in Mirpur yesterday.

Bangladesh and New Zealand expressed interest in expanding bilateral cooperation in pharmaceuticals, tourism, higher education and food processing. The discussion was taken place during a meeting between Prime Minister's Foreign Affairs Adviser Humayun Kabir and New Zealand High Commissioner to Bangladesh David Pine at the Prime Minister's Office in Dhaka yesterday.



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