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## Newsbrief

President Mohammad Shahabuddin described the Bangladesh Ansar and Village Defence Party (VDP) members as vigilant guardians of rural Bangladesh, asking them to continue their glorious role in maintaining public safety and law and order yesterday. The Head of the State made the call in a message issued marking the 46th National Rally-2026 of Bangladesh Ansar and VDP slated for today. The President said the Ansar force was reorganised in line with the far-sighted vision and plans of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman, while the Battalion Ansar was formed through enactment of the Ansar-VDP Act, 1995 under the leadership of former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, giving the VDP a legal and organisational foundation.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman chaired an important meeting on the development and environmental protection of the Gulshan-Banani-Baridhara lake in the city. The meeting was held at the Prime Minister's Cabinet Division office in the Bangladesh Secretariat, said the Prime Minister's Press Wing yesterday. During the meeting, detailed discussions were held on preventing water pollution in Gulshan Lake, maintaining environmental balance, beautification efforts and enhancing civic amenities centered around the lake.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman said Bangladesh Ansar and Village Defence Party played a commendable role in holding the February 12 general elections in a free, fair and impartial manner. The Prime Minister said this in a message issued on the eve of the celebration of the 46th National Rally-2026 of the Bangladesh Ansar and Village Defence Party yesterday.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman spent wonderful and joyful moments with children at the day-care center located at the Bhumi Bhaban in the city's Tejgaon area. After inaugurating the "Land Service Fair-2026" around 11:15 am, the Prime Minister visited the "Children Day-Care Center" operated under the supervision of the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs yesterday.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman stressed that there is no alternative to transparent, accountable and people-friendly land management for building a just and modern state system. Providing services is not an act of charity toward the people; rather ensuring public services is the responsibility of the government, the Prime Minister said after inaugurating a 3-day nationwide "Land Service Fair-2026" at the Bhumi Bhaban in the city's Tejgaon area yesterday.

Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Hafiz Uddin Ahmad, Bir Bikram, said it is the responsibility of the state to eliminate inequalities at every level of society. The all-party caucus can work to remove inequalities prevailing at different levels of the country and society, the speaker said, adding that such initiatives would ensure formal recognition of the contributions of marginalized and disadvantaged people to the country's development. The Speaker said these when a delegation, led by Dr. Debapriya Bhattacharya, convener of Citizens' Platform for SDGs, Bangladesh and distinguished fellow of Centre for Policy Dialogue, paid a courtesy call at his office in the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday.

Singapore has expressed strong interest in significantly expanding its trade and investment engagement with Bangladesh, with particular emphasis on the Bay Terminal project and agricultural imports as part of efforts to deepen bilateral economic cooperation and reduce the trade imbalance between the two countries. The issue came up when

Singapore's Non-resident High Commissioner to Bangladesh, Derek Loh, met Commerce Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktadir at the Secretariat in the city, said a press release yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon said that work is underway to form an effective, widely acceptable and independent mass media commission aimed at ensuring a free media environment in the country. Speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural ceremony of a new Bengali daily "Agamir Somoy" at a city hotel, the minister said the proposed commission would be formed in consultation with all relevant stakeholders yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon said a time-befitting media policy and a media commission will be formed by July-August next to ensure the interests of all parties - journalists, owners and newspaper employees. Besides, the Minister said, the media commission will work to bring the issues of creating anarchy through unethical journalism under the legal framework. The information and broadcasting minister made the remarks at a weekly press briefing held at the conference room of the Press Information Department (PID) at the Secretariat yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon said that work is underway to establish an independent and strong media commission to eliminate discrimination and disorder in the country's media sector and ensure the rights of all stakeholders. The Minister made the remarks at Dhaka Reporters' Unity yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon urged the Italian government to hire more Bangladeshi migrants workers legally. The Minister made the call when Italian Ambassador to Bangladesh Antonio Alessandro paid a courtesy call at his ministry office yesterday.

Agriculture, Fisheries and Livestock Minister Mohammad Amin Ur Rashid said the government is working to strengthen the economic capacity of farmers, stressing that the country's overall economic foundation is closely linked with farmers' socio-economic development yesterday. Speaking as the chief guest at a seminar titled "National Budget 2026-27: Sustainable Development of Agriculture in Bangladesh" held at the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council auditorium in Dhaka, the minister said improving farmers' living standards is essential for sustainable national growth.

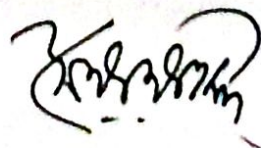
Education Minister Dr A N M Ehsanul Hoque Milon said Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman's Each One, Teach One policy had essentially laid the strong foundation for Bangladesh's remarkable progress in literacy. The Minister made the remarks at a roundtable discussion titled "Teachers' Continuous Professional Development," held on the sidelines of the ongoing Education World Forum 2026 in London, said a press release received yesterday.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Sardar Md Sakhawat Husain said the government is planning to introduce a central emergency alarm system at major public hospitals in the capital to ensure the safety of patients, doctors and healthcare workers. The Minister made the announcement during ventilators and other medical equipment handover ceremony at the Central Medical Stores Depot in Tejgaon yesterday.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed said the government undertook a series of development initiatives to strengthen the operational capacity of Fire Service and Civil Defence (FSCD), including construction of new fire stations, procurement of ambulances and expansion of manpower. The Minister spoke while addressing a programme as the chief guest marking the Fire Service and Civil Defence Week, Medal Distribution and Passing-Out Parade Ceremony 2026 yesterday.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Sardar Md Sakhawat Hossain said the second phase of the nationwide measles vaccination campaign will begin after Eid-ul-Azha. The Minister made the remarks to journalists after attending the 12th anniversary celebration programme of Universal Medical College Hospital yesterday.

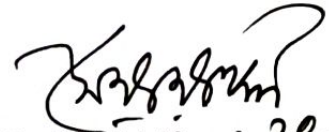
Road Transport and Bridges, Railways and Shipping Minister Shaikh Rabiul Alam said the construction work on the proposed Bogha Bridge over the Lohalia River is expected to begin early next year. The Minister made the announcement after visiting the feasibility study site for the bridge construction at the premises of Chargarabdi Islamia Dakhil Madrasa in Dumki upazila of the district yesterday.



Bangladesh and the United States have reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthening bilateral partnership across various areas of mutual interest. The discussion was held when State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam met US Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs S. Paul Kapur at the Department of State on Monday, according to a message received yesterday. During the meeting, the two sides discussed issues relating to bilateral cooperation and shared interests, underscoring the importance of deepening Bangladesh-US engagement in multiple sectors.

Prime Minister's adviser on education, primary and mass education said education is not merely a means of obtaining certificates, rather it is a lifelong journey that shapes values, builds character and inspires responsible global citizenship. The Adviser made the remarks while addressing the ongoing Education World Forum 2026 in London yesterday.

The Ministry of Defence warned people against a fraud ring that is issuing fake legal notices using the ministry's name to harass people and extort money. In a statement, the ministry said the fraudsters are sending false and fabricated legal notices to people in different districts of the country accusing them of involvement in criminal activities and threatening them with imprisonment, fines and other punishments, said release of Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) Directorate yesterday.



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