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**Newsbrief**

Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said, there is a frustrated group in the country that wants to keep this society unstable. The Minister made these remarks at a discussion meeting organized by the district administration at Rabindra Kachari Bari in Patisar, Atrai, Naogaon yesterday, on the occasion of the 165th birth anniversary of poet Rabindranath Tagore.

Bangladesh and Pakistan signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen bilateral cooperation in preventing illicit drug trafficking, narcotics abuse and related money laundering activities. The agreement was signed at a ceremony held at Hotel InterContinental Dhaka yesterday. Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed and Pakistani Home Minister Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi signed the MoU on behalf of their respective countries.

Social Welfare and Women and Children Affairs Minister Abu Zafar Md. Zahid Hossain said, it is essential to diagnose before the marriage whether the male and female are the carrier of thalassemia. The Minister said this in a seminar organized by Bangladesh Thalassaemia Foundation Hospital marking the 'World Thalassaemia Day-2026', at Hosaf Tower in Malibagh in the capital yesterday.

Commerce Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktadir said, clauses in international trade deals can be amended if they are later found to be contrary to Bangladesh's national interest during implementation. The Minister made the remarks while talking to reporters yesterday after inspecting the proposed 'Zila Parishad Natural Park' project in the Baishtilla area adjacent to Sylhet Airport. In his speech, the Minister said that a contract between two individuals can be changed at a moment's notice, but that is not possible for two states.

Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Ariful Haque Choudhury said, Bangladesh has called for stronger global cooperation to curb irregular migration, protect migrant rights and ensure fair recruitment, decent work and equitable wages for migrant workers worldwide. The Minister made the call while addressing the General Debate of the Second International Migration Review Forum at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City on Thursday, according to a message yesterday. The Minister also said, Bangladesh was strengthening accountability and expanding migrants' access to justice through a 'whole-of-government and whole-of-society' approach.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon said, the current government will not allow any crime against humanity committed in the country to become time-barred or forgotten. The Minister said this while speaking at the unveiling ceremony of the memorial book titled 'Shahidnama', along with a documentary screening and award distribution event held at the National Museum Auditorium at Shahbagh in the capital yesterday. The event was organized by Shapla Smriti Sangsad. Recalling the context of May 5, 2013, the Minister said that when the then fascist government was obstructing the religious movement and creating false narratives through the media, BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia courageously stood beside the rally as a guardian of the people. The Minister further said that the mass uprising of August 5, 2024 proved that people from all sections of society shed blood in the anti-fascist movement.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon said, Rabindranath Tagore was not only devoted to literature, music or arts, but also possessed profound and farsighted observations on society, economy, science and the universe. The Minister also said, a creative individual could maintain deep observation, philosophical insight and social consciousness even amid the turbulent waves of contemporary politics. 'Rabindranath was the finest example of that,' the Minister added. The Minister made the remarks at a discussion in Dhaka yesterday hosted by the National Theatre Hall of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy marking the 165th birth anniversary of poet Rabindranath Tagore.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman said, Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore remains immortal in our hearts through his poetry, songs, dances and literary creations. The Minister said this while addressing the inaugural ceremony of a three-day programme marking the 165th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore at Dakhindihi Rabindra Complex in Phultala Upazila in Khulna yesterday. The Minister also said, the joys, sorrows and emotions of human life can be deeply realized through Tagore's creations.

Education and Primary and Mass Education Minister Dr. ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon said, education, not concrete or steel, would be the main foundation for building a stronger bridge between Bangladesh and China as the two countries deepen cooperation in higher education, governance and development. The Minister said this while addressing the opening session of the 'China-Bangladesh Round Table on Governance Experience Exchange' at a hotel in Dhaka yesterday. The day-long conference was organized by the Centre for China Studies of Dhaka University in collaboration with the Shanghai Institutes for International Studies. Highlighting the growing strategic partnership between the two countries, the Minister said, Bangladesh and China were strengthening relations through academic cooperation, research and institutional exchanges.

Education Minister Dr. ANM Ehsanul Haque Milon observed that the books and journals produced in Bangladesh can have a global market as an exportable item. The Minister said this while addressing a seminar titled 'Role of publishers and sellers in developing social awareness' at Bangla Academy in Dhaka yesterday. Bangladesh Publishers and Booksellers Association organized the programme.

Prime Minister's Adviser on Finance and Planning Dr. Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir said, a five-year integrated programme up to 2030 would be undertaken to improve the living standards of people in the Haor region. The Adviser made the remarks while speaking at an exchange of views meeting held at Sylhet Circuit House yesterday. The Adviser also said, although fragmented and unplanned projects had been undertaken in the Haor region in the past, no effective initiatives for people's welfare were implemented.

Fisheries and Livestock State Minister Sultan Salauddin Tuku said, authorities are alert to prevent extortion at cattle markets and livestock transport ahead of the Eid-ul-Azha. The State Minister made the remarks while speaking to journalists after inaugurating the final match of Notun Kuri Sports at Shaheed Maruf Stadium in Tangail yesterday.



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