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Newsbrief

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman urged the Divisional Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners to work impartially for the welfare of the country and its people. The Prime Minister added that through transparency and accountability of the government and administration, trust gradually develops in the minds of the people. The Prime Minister made the remarks while addressing the annual conference of the Bangladesh Administrative Service Association at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the capital's Sher-e-Bangla Nagar area yesterday.

Prime Minister and BNP Chairman Tarique Rahman expressed profound shock and sorrow at the death of Begum Jebunnesa, mother of Social Welfare, Women and Children Affairs Minister Abu Zafar Md. Zahid Hossain. In a condolence message yesterday, the Prime Minister prayed for the forgiveness of her soul and expressed deep sympathy to the bereaved family.

Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir said, the incumbent government wants to keep relations with neighboring countries stable and stressed that it will work to resolve the long-pending Rohingya crisis. The Minister made the remarks while talking to reporters after exchanging views with representatives of different countries and donor agencies at Hotel Sheraton in Dhaka yesterday.

Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury urged Uzbekistan Deputy Prime Minister Jamshid Khodjaev to positively consider establishing a direct air connectivity between the two countries, including resuming Uzbek airways in Dhaka-Tashkent sector. The Finance Minister made the urges when he held a meeting with the Deputy Prime Minister of Uzbekistan in Samarkand the day before yesterday, according to a message received yesterday. The Minister laid emphasis on opening an Uzbek diplomatic Mission in Bangladesh for further cementing and deepening bilateral collaboration.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed said, he does not see any possibility of push in following the victory of the BJP in West Bengal elections. The Minister made the remarks while briefing reporters after a session on the Ministry of Home Affairs at the Deputy Commissioners' Conference held at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital yesterday.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed has called for enhanced international support for Rohingya refugees. The Minister stressed the need for increased funding and coordinated international efforts to ensure the rehabilitation and improved living conditions of the Rohingya community. The Minister made the appeal while Australian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Susan Ryle paid a courtesy call on him at Secretariat office yesterday.

Bangladesh formally sought China's involvement and support in the Teesta River Comprehensive Management and Restoration Project as the two countries reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthening their comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership. The issue came up during a bilateral meeting between Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi at the Diaoyutai State Guest House in Beijing yesterday, according to a joint press release issued after the meeting.

Commerce Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktadir emphasized that alongside infrastructure development, Bangladesh must place greater focus on human capital and institutional capacity building to strengthen its competitiveness in the global trade arena. The Minister made the remarks during a meeting with World Bank Operations Manager Gayel Martin at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Ariful Haque Choudhury has called for stronger global cooperation on migration governance, urging improved data systems, enhanced protection for migrant workers and intensified efforts to combat discrimination and misinformation. Speaking as Co-chair of the Multi-stakeholder Round Table-4 of the UN International Migration Review Forum at UN Headquarters in New York yesterday, the Minister said, migrant workers must be treated as rights-holders, not disposable labor inputs.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon said, the government has taken initiatives to build a transformed media ecosystem in line with the rapidly evolving digital reality as the country's media sector is still largely stuck in an outdated analog framework. The Minister made the remarks while responding to questions from journalists after exchanging views with Deputy Commissioners on the final day of the DCs Conference at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital yesterday.

Indian Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said, Bangladesh and India are set to hold a series of bilateral meetings in the coming weeks as the two neighbors move to reactivate dormant cooperation mechanisms and rebuild engagement following months of strained relations. The Indian Foreign Secretary told a visiting Bangladeshi media delegation at India's Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi on Monday. The Indian Foreign Secretary said, Bangladesh and India have more than 40 institutional mechanisms covering water sharing, trade, border management, security, connectivity and consular affairs, many of which remained inactive during Bangladesh's interim administration following the political transition last year. The Indian Foreign Secretary acknowledged that bilateral relations had faced challenges during that period but said, India is now re-engaging with Bangladesh following the formation of an elected government led by BNP.

Minister for Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs Dipen Dewan asked Deputy Commissioners (DCs) to play an effective role in integrating the Chittagong Hill Tracts into the mainstream of development. The Minister made this remark while speaking at the second session of the 'Deputy Commissioners' Conference-2026' held at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital yesterday.

Education Minister Dr. A.N.M. Ehsanul Hoque Milon said that the government is currently prioritizing Technical and Vocational Education and Training, noting that there is significant scope for cooperation with China in this sector. The Minister said this when a high-level delegation from Anhui Normal University, China led by its President Xiong Yujie, met with him at the latter's office at the Secretariat office yesterday.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Sardar Md. Sakhawat Hossain said, 1.5 million doses of measles-rubella (MR) vaccine have reached the country, expressing optimism that there will be no vaccine shortage in the coming days. The Minister noted that the government has set a record by ensuring the delivery within 24 days. The Minister said this when he received the vaccines that procured through UNICEF and Gavi and reached Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the capital yesterday.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Shaikh Rabiul Alam said that the World Bank is one of Bangladesh's most important development partners. The Minister also emphasized continuing joint initiatives in infrastructure development. The Minister said this when a World Bank (WB) delegation led by its Division Director, Bangladesh and Bhutan Jean Pesme called on him at Road Transport and Highways Division conference room at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Prime Minister's Adviser on the Ministries of Finance and Planning Dr. Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir said, government seeks to utilize the benefits of the trade agreement signed with the United States to move the country's fragile economy forward. The Adviser said this while speaking to reporters after a meeting with Assistant, U.S. Trade Representative for South and Central Asia, Brendan Lynch at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Sultan Salahuddin Tuku yesterday said, dredging work of the Kaptai Lake will be initiated to restore its navigability. The State Minister said this while speaking at the inaugural ceremony of a programme on releasing fish fry in Kaptai Lake and distributing VGF rice among fishermen at Kaptai Fisheries Development and Marketing Centre.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Md. Aminul Haque said, sports education will be made mandatory from the next year. The State Minister also said, the government is implementing multifaceted programmes to make the country's youth skilled, capable and self-reliant. The State Minister told reporters after the first session of the Deputy Commissioners' Conference at Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital yesterday.

State Minister for Social Welfare Barrister Farzana Sharmin Putul said, the incumbent government has taken initiatives to reach the government allowances to the real beneficiaries. The State Minister told a press briefing after the first session of the fourth day of the Deputy Commissioners (DCs) Conference at Osmani Memorial Auditorium in Dhaka yesterday.

State Minister for Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Nurul Haque Nur said, the government is prioritizing to develop skilled manpower for overseas employment. The State Minister made the remarks while addressing the Migrants' Conference-2026, held at his Ministry in the capital yester

Seven more children died in the past 24 hours till Wednesday morning, according to the Directorate General of Health Services yesterday.

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