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Newsbrief

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman directed the authorities concerned to relocate four intercity bus terminals from the capital as soon as possible to ease traffic congestion in Dhaka city. The Premier gave the directive at the third meeting on reducing traffic congestion and modernizing the traffic management system in the city. Prime Minister chaired the meeting held at Public Administration Conference Room of the Cabinet Division in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. The Prime Minister also asked the concerned authorities to expedite the installation of artificial intelligence-based cameras to modernize traffic management system in the city.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman has called upon the media to play an active role in building a humane state and fostering humanitarian values among the people. The Prime Minister made the call during an exchange of views with executives and heads of news of electronic media outlets at the Public Administration Hall of the Cabinet Division at the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury has directed officials concerned to ensure the implementation of the Family Card programme remains free from any political or partisan influence, aiming to guarantee transparency and fairness in beneficiary selection. The directive came at the fourth meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Family Card Distribution held at the conference room of the Ministry of Finance at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed said in National Parliament that a search committee would be formed anytime to recommend names for reconstitution of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC). The Minister said this while speaking during the discussion on the cut-motions over additional demands for the ACC in the supplementary budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year in the House yesterday.

Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman termed the Delhi airport incident involving Prime Minister's Adviser on Policy and Strategy Affairs and Information and Broadcasting Dr. Zahed Ur Rahman 'unfortunate' and said, the government is taking appropriate steps regarding the matter. The Minister said this while speaking to reporters at the Foreign Ministry in Dhaka yesterday. The Foreign Minister indicated that Foreign Ministry would clarify its position through an official statement later in the day.

A high-level preparatory meeting of the National Committee was held at the Ministry of Cultural Affairs to review preparations for the year-long nationwide and international observance of 'Nazrul Year'. The meeting was chaired by Cultural Affairs Minister Nitai Roy Chowdhury at the Ministry's conference room yesterday. The meeting also reviewed preparations for a three-day inaugural programme scheduled to be held nationwide from June 18 to June 20, 2026.

Biman Bangladesh Airlines will resume direct flights on the Dhaka-Narita-Dhaka route from July 27 after completing regulatory requirements, restoring Bangladesh's only non-stop air link with Japan following a year-long suspension. Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Afroza Khanom Rita announced the development at a press conference at the Press Information Department (PID) yesterday.

Textiles and Jute Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktedir said in National Parliament that the government expects the remaining state-owned jute mills under lease arrangements to become operational by December 2026, helping boost production of environmentally friendly jute products as an alternative to polythene. The Minister said this while responding to a starred tabled question from opposition lawmaker Salah Uddin (Gazipur-4) in National parliament yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon said that establishing an independent and responsible media commission based on an objective perspective is essential in the present context. The Minister said this while addressing a seminar titled "Remembering the Black Day of Newspaper Closure under BAKSAL Rule" and "Media Failure in

Confronting Fascism”, organized by the National Editors Council (NEC) at the Department of Films and Publications (DFP) conference room in the Tathya Bhaban in Dhaka yesterday.

Agriculture Minister Mohammad Amin Ur Rashid said, the government has undertaken an initiative to establish 2,000 mini cold storages across the country within the next one to two years to enhance farmers' storage capacity and ensure fair prices for their produce. The Minister disclosed the plan while addressing a meeting titled “Repurposing Agricultural Public Spending for Quality Growth and Jobs in Bangladesh's Agrifood System” at a hotel in Dhaka yesterday.

US Ambassador to Bangladesh Brent T. Christensen paid a courtesy call on Disaster Management and Relief Minister Asadul Habib Dulu at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday and discussed issues of mutual interest, including disaster risk reduction, humanitarian assistance and sustainable development. During the meeting, the Ambassador expressed optimism that the friendly relations between Bangladesh and the United States would be further strengthened in the coming days, opening up new avenues of cooperation. The Minister thanked the government and people of the United States for their continued support to Bangladesh's development efforts.

European Union (EU) Ambassador to Bangladesh Michael Miller has lauded the Bangladesh's disaster management activities as he paid a courtesy call on Disaster Management and Relief Minister Asadul Habib Dulu at his Ministry office in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. During the meeting, the Ambassador assured Bangladesh of providing the EU's continuous support in strengthening earthquake campaigns, early warning systems and rescue centers.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Sardar Md. Sakhawat Husain said, anti-tobacco law needs to be strengthened to protect public health from the adverse impacts of tobacco. The Minister also said, tobacco is a serious addiction and there is no part of the human body that tobacco does not affect. The Minister made the remarks while addressing a discussion at the International Mother Language Institute in the capital yesterday on the occasion of the ‘World No Tobacco Day’.

Government has provided financial assistance amounting to Tk 213.56 crore to road accident victims and their families over the past three and a half years, the Road Transport and Bridges Minister Shaikh Rabiul Alam told National Parliament yesterday. The information was presented during the second session of the 13th Parliament's seventh working day in response to a supplementary question from reserved seat MP Nipun Roy Chowdhury.

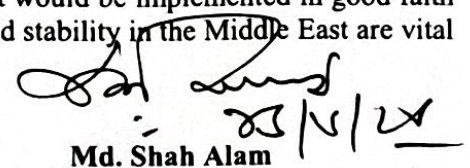
State Minister for Textiles and Jute Md Shariful Alam said that the proposed national budget for fiscal year 2026-27 has not triggered any increase in the prices of essential commodities, attributing the stability to the government's consumer-friendly fiscal measures. The State Minister made the remarks after conducting a surprise inspection of Karwan Bazar in the capital yesterday to assess the market situation and the supply of daily necessities following the announcement of the national budget.

Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) has expressed keen interest in further strengthening its longstanding partnership with Bangladesh particularly in the areas of education, healthcare, women's empowerment, renewable energy and humanitarian cooperation. AKDN Diplomatic Representative Farouk S. Adatia said this during a courtesy call on State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Dhaka yesterday. During the meeting, Adatia congratulated Bangladesh on the election of Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman as President of the 81st Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr. MA Muhit sought revision of the existing disaster law and related standing orders clearing further his Ministry's role during major calamities like earthquakes. The State Minister told a roundtable titled ‘Disaster, Climate Change and Urban Health’. Urban Health Network staged the discussion at a hotel in Banani in the capital yesterday.

Bangladesh conveyed its deep disappointment to India yesterday over the incident involving Prime Minister's Adviser on Policy and Strategy Affairs and Information and Broadcasting Dr. Zahed Ur Rahman at Delhi airport, summoning the Indian Deputy High Commissioner Pawan Badhe in Dhaka. Noted that, Dr. Zahed Ur Rahman returned home yesterday after being stopped by Indian immigration authorities at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport on Sunday evening when his name was reportedly flagged during a routine security check.

Bangladesh has welcomed the finalization of a peace agreement between the United States and Iran, expressing hope that the deal will help restore regional stability and strengthen peace, security and development. Foreign Ministry said this in a Press Release yesterday. Bangladesh expressed hope that the agreement would be implemented in good faith and proves durable and sustainable. The Foreign Ministry also said that peace and stability in the Middle East are vital for regional and global peace, security and development.



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