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Newsbrief

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman congratulated Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman on his election as the President of the 81st Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). The Premier wrote this on his X handle (former Twitter) yesterday. This achievement reflects Bangladesh's increasing contribution and credibility on the global stage, the Prime Minister added. Earlier, the Foreign Minister was elected President of the 81st session of the UNGA, defeating a rival candidate from Cyprus in a vote held at the UN Headquarters in New York.

Maldives President Dr. Mohamed Muizzu has congratulated Bangladesh Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman on his election as President of the 81st Session of the United Nations General Assembly, describing it as a proud moment for Bangladesh and the wider region. The Maldives President said this in a congratulatory message sent to Dr. Khalilur following the election held at the UN Headquarters in New York yesterday. Expressing confidence in the Bangladeshi Foreign Minister's leadership, the Maldives President said, the General Assembly would continue to serve as a vital platform for all member states under his stewardship.

Indian External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar congratulated Bangladesh Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman on his election as President of the 81st Session of the United Nations General Assembly, describing it as a significant achievement. The Indian Minister said this in a message posted on his verified X account yesterday. The Indian External Affairs Minister also expressed optimism about future cooperation, saying he looked forward to working closely with Dr. Khalilur to advance shared priorities and strengthen multilateral cooperation.

China congratulated Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman on his election as President of the 81st Session of the United Nations General Assembly, describing it as a reflection of the international community's confidence in Bangladesh. In a congratulatory message, the Chinese side conveyed its warm felicitations to Dr. Khalilur Rahman on his election to the prestigious UN post, according to a message issued by the Chinese embassy in Dhaka yesterday. China also said the election reflects the confidence that the international community places in Bangladesh and its constructive role in advancing multilateralism and international cooperation.

Speaker Hafiz Uddin Ahmad, Bir Bikram, has congratulated Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman on being elected President of the 81st session of the United Nations General Assembly. Dr. Khalilur Rahman was elected at a vote held at the UN Headquarters in New York yesterday, defeating a candidate from Cyprus.

Ambassador of the United States to Bangladesh Brent T. Christensen paid a courtesy call on Speaker Hafiz Uddin Ahmad, Bir Bikram, at his JS Bhaban office in the capital yesterday. During the meeting, the Speaker said, the journey of relations between Bangladesh and the United States had advanced since the country's Liberation War in 1971. The Speaker also recalled the contribution of former US diplomat Archer Kent Blood in support of Bangladesh during the Liberation War and said, the two countries were passing an important milestone in their friendly bilateral ties.

Finance and Planning Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury said, the core philosophy of the upcoming national budget is the democratization of the economy and bringing poor and marginalized communities into the mainstream of economic activities. The Minister made the remarks while addressing a seminar titled "Budget 2026-27: Expectations and Reality" in the capital yesterday, organized by the Economic Reporters Forum. The Minister also said, the next national budget seeks to address rising poverty, expand economic opportunities for marginalized groups and reduce bureaucratic obstacles to business, despite being prepared under exceptionally difficult circumstances.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed said, the government outlined a series of strategic initiatives with focus on modernizing national laws, securing international borders and intensifying the crackdown on domestic criminal activity. The Minister said this while briefing the journalists at the conference room of his Ministry in Bangladesh Secretariat

yesterday. The Minister also stated that the government is taking necessary steps to ensure a speedy conclusion to the Ramisa murder trial.

Social Welfare Minister Abu Zafar Md. Zahid Hossain said, the Ministry of Social Welfare has prioritizing technical and language training to improve the living standards of disadvantaged and marginalized communities. The Minister made the remarks at a coordination meeting with divisional-level officials at the conference room of the Agargaon Social Services Office in the capital yesterday. State Minister for Social Welfare Farzana Sharmin also attended the meeting.

European Union Ambassador to Bangladesh Michael Miller paid a courtesy call on Environment, Forests and Climate Change Affairs Minister Abdul Awal Mintoo at the Secretariat yesterday. In the meeting, discussions focused on strengthening mutual cooperation in addressing climate change, promoting green energy transition, and enhancing environmental conservation efforts. The Minister also said, the government is giving high priority to tackling the impacts of climate change through nationwide tree plantation programmes, development of carbon credit systems, increased use of renewable energy, strengthening adaptation capacity, promoting eco-friendly construction blocks instead of bricks, and wildlife conservation efforts.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon directed all concerned to ensure quality implementation and timely completion of ongoing development projects under the Ministry. The Minister issued the instruction while presiding over a review meeting on the latest progress of projects included in the Revised Annual Development Programme for the fiscal year 2025-26 held at the Ministry conference room yesterday. State Minister for Information and Broadcasting Yasser Khan Choudhury was present at the meeting.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Sardar Md. Sakhawat Hossain urged private hospitals across the country to provide up to 80 percent discounts on diagnostic tests for dengue patients to reduce their treatment costs during the mosquito-borne disease season. The Minister told journalists after a meeting on dengue prevention, treatment and clinical guidelines at the Health Ministry conference room at the Secretariat yesterday.

Science and Technology Minister Faqir Mahub Anam said, the outcomes and innovations produced through scientific and industrial research must be made available to the public. The Minister emphasized that the research-based products and achievements of Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR) should be showcased to local young entrepreneurs. The Minister made these remarks while visiting BCSIR in Dhaka and exchanging views with its officials yesterday. The Minister further said that the resources and innovations developed through BCSIR's research must be commercialized and brought to market.

Australian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Susan Ryle paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister's Defence Adviser Brig Gen (Retd) Dr. AKM Shamsul Islam at his office in Dhaka Cantonment yesterday. During the meeting, the two sides exchanged views on bilateral relations between Bangladesh and Australia, with particular emphasis on strengthening defence cooperation, sharing experiences and exploring future areas of military collaboration.

Bangladesh has been unanimously elected as a Vice-President of the 114th International Labour Conference (ILC), marking a significant diplomatic achievement and reflecting growing international confidence in the country's role in global labor governance. Bangladesh's election was endorsed by delegates from 187 Member states of the International Labor Organization (ILO) in Geneva, according to a message received yesterday from the Permanent Mission to UN in Geneva.

Bangladesh underscored the importance of continued preferential market access and increased Swiss investment as the two countries reviewed their growing economic partnership during bilateral political consultations in the capital. The sixth round of biennial Bangladesh-Switzerland political consultations was held at the State Guest House Padma in Dhaka yesterday, according to a joint press release issued by the Foreign Ministry. Foreign Ministry's Secretary (East and West) Ambassador Dr. Md. Nazrul Islam and Assistant Foreign Secretary and Head of the Asia Pacific Division at Switzerland's Federal Department of Foreign Affairs Ambassador Markus Leitner led their respective delegations.



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