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Newsbrief

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman directed the authorities concerned to ensure a comprehensive waste management system and mandatory integration of renewable energy in the 'Chinese Economic and Industrial Zone' in Anwara, Chattogram. The directives came during a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) meeting held at the Cabinet Division in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday, where the 'Supporting Infrastructure Project for Chinese Economic and Industrial Zone' project was approved conditional upon addressing environmental issues and incorporating sustainable energy solutions into the project design. The ECNEC approved five projects involving an estimated cost of Tk 7,003.36 crore. Of the total project cost, Tk 4,536.10 crore will come from the government's own resources, while Tk 2,467.26 crore will be financed through project loans.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman called for a change in the culture of vengeance, urging all to focus on contributing to the country rather than seeking retaliation. The Prime Minister said this while exchanging views with journalists covering the BNP beat at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Center in the capital yesterday.

Sri Lankan Prime Minister Dr. Harini Amarasuriya said, his country sought enhanced trade and stronger bilateral ties with Dhaka as Bangladesh High Commissioner Andalib Elias paid a farewell call on her ahead of expiry of his assignment in Colombo. According to a statement of Bangladesh Mission in Sri Lankan capital yesterday, the Sri Lankan Prime Minister expressed hope that the initiatives during the envoy's tenure, particularly in the fields of trade and commerce, would continue to progress and contribute to deeper bilateral economic engagements.

Speaker Hafiz Uddin Ahmad, Bir Bikram sought US cooperation in recovering funds allegedly laundered abroad during the tenure of the previous fascist regime and welcomed a proposal from the International Republican Institute (IRI) to support the capacity building of the newly elected lawmakers. The issues came up when IRI Bangladesh Resident Program Director John Fluharty made a courtesy call on the Speaker at his office in the National Parliament yesterday.

Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir strongly emphasized relaunching Dainik Bangla, Bangladesh Times and the popular weekly Bichitra to create employment opportunities for journalists who became jobless due to discrimination during the previous Awami autocratic regime. The Minister made the remarks while addressing a discussion marking the 'Black Day of Newspapers' at the Tofazzal Hossain Manik Miah Auditorium of the National Press Club in the capital yesterday.

Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir told National Parliament that the government has undertaken a comprehensive short, medium and long-term action plan to address the chronic waterlogging problem in the capital. Replying to a tabled written question from ruling party lawmaker Md. Abul Kalam (Cumilla-9) in the House yesterday, the Minister said, Dhaka's drainage crisis has been aggravated by the loss of rivers, canals and water bodies over the years.

Cultural Affairs Minister Nitai Roy Chowdhury said, a high-level Translation Committee will be formed to translate the literary works of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam into major world languages to expand their global reach. The announcement came during a visit to the Kabi Nazrul Institute in Dhaka by the Minister for Cultural Affairs and State Minister for Cultural Affairs Ali Newaz Mahmood Khyom. During the visit, the Ministers inspected the institute's library, various departments and both old and newly constructed buildings, while reviewing its overall activities and literary and memorial collections dedicated to the National Poet.

Swiss Aviation Services Company Swissport has expressed interest in participating of ground handling operations at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, as Bangladesh and Switzerland discussed expanding cooperation in the civil aviation sector. The interest was conveyed by Swiss Ambassador to Bangladesh Reto Renggli during a courtesy call on

Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Afroza Khanam and State Minister M. Rashiduzzaman Millat at the Ministry in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Fisheries, Livestock and Agriculture Minister Mohammad Amin Ur Rashid said that the allocations for research will be increased in the future emphasizing that no country could progress without research. The Minister made these remarks while addressing the inaugural session of the concluding workshop of the 'Buffalo Research and Development', being implemented by the Bangladesh Livestock Research Institute in Savar yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon said, in the past, during the fascist regime, the state used to turn a blind eye to the media but the incumbent democratic government now wants to work as a real collaborator in solving problems of media and journalists. The Minister made the remarks while speaking at a discussion titled 'Black Day of Newspapers' organised at Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday.

Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology Minister Fakir Mahbub Anam said, the government is committed to developing local industries, creating employment opportunities and building a technology-driven economy. The country's industrial sector can be taken to a new height through the integration of skilled human resources, innovation and modern management in the production sector, the Minister added. The Minister made the remark while exchanging views with officers and employees after visiting the activities of Bangladesh Cable Shilpa Limited in Khulna yesterday. Khulna City Corporation Administrator Nazrul Islam Manju was present on the occasion.

Science and Technology Minister Faqir Mahbub Anam said, the Small Research Vessel would play an important role in exploring marine mineral resources and fisheries resources and advancing Bangladesh's blue economy. The Minister made the remarks while inaugurating the Keel-laying ceremony of the construction work of the country's first internationally standard small marine research vessel at Khulna Shipyard Ltd yesterday.

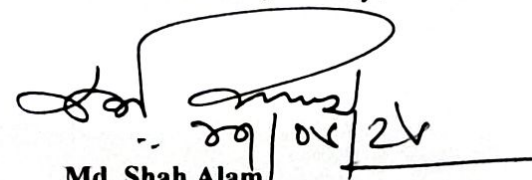
Health and Family Welfare Minister Sardar Md. Sakhawat Husain said, the 'Vitamin -A Plus Campaign' will be launched soon across the country. The Minister revealed this while talking to reporters after a discussion on "Measles Treatment Methods and Clinical Management Guidelines" held at the Holy Family Medical College in the capital yesterday.

Prime Minister's Information Adviser Zahed Ur Rahman said, the government is working relentlessly to ensure easy, modern and quality healthcare for the country's people. The Adviser also said, the government has already started implementing several important initiatives to decentralise healthcare sector and bring medical services at the doorsteps of the people. The Adviser made the remarks while speaking at a press conference at the conference room of the Press Information Department (PID) at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

The United States Ambassador to Bangladesh, Brent T. Christensen, paid a courtesy call on Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) Administrator Mahfuzur Rahman Riton. The meeting, held at the RCC Administrator's office in Nagar Bhaban in Rajshahi yesterday, featured a cordial exchange of views between the two sides. During that time, they discussed building Rajshahi metropolis as a green, environment-friendly, smart, healthy, safe and climate-resilient modern city.

State Minister for Planning Zonayed Abdur Rahim Saki said, the government has undertaken a series of major initiatives to strengthen development project implementation, improve monitoring systems, and ensure efficient use of public resources. The State Minister said this while speaking at a briefing at the National Economic Council Conference Room in the capital yesterday. The State Minister also said, the government is focusing on improving overall project management capacity through institutional reforms and stricter administrative oversight.

State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Bobby Hajjaj stressed the need for curriculum modernization, quality improvement of teachers, climate-resilient infrastructures and technology integration in the country's education sector. The State Minister made the remarks while speaking at the Cambridge Press and Assessment Bangladesh Limited, Launch Event 2026, organized by Cambridge International Education, at Radisson Blu Hotel in Dhaka yesterday.



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