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Newsbrief

President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Mohammed Sahabuddin submitted his resignation to Speaker of National Parliament Hafiz Uddin Ahmad Bir Bikram, citing his health complications. The Speaker accepted his resignation yesterday, according to a press release signed by President's Press Secretary Md. Sarwar Alam.

Speaker Hafiz Uddin Ahmad, Bir Bikram, has assumed the responsibilities of the Acting President in accordance with the Constitution after accepting the resignation of Mohammed Shahabuddin. The Speaker disclosed it at a press conference held at the oath room of the National Parliament Bhaban yesterday. The Speaker also said, Mohammed Shahabuddin, in his resignation letter, stated that he was suffering from serious health complications, including heart disease, hypertension, diabetes and kidney-related ailments. Earlier, the Speaker returned home after a visit to Thailand.

Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said, the government is working to strengthen democratic institutions, revive the economy and improve the people's living standards. The Minister said this while addressing the 'Bengal Delta Conference-2026' at a hotel in the capital yesterday.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman has invited Qatari investment in Bangladesh through a letter addressed to the Amir of Qatar, as Dhaka seeks to further strengthen economic ties with the Gulf nation. Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman handed over the letter to Qatar's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Sultan bin Saad Al-Muraikhi during a bilateral meeting in Manila yesterday. The meeting was held on the sidelines of the 50th anniversary commemoration of the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation (TAC) in Southeast Asia. During the meeting, the two sides also discussed a wide range of bilateral issues, reflecting the two countries' interest in further advancing their longstanding relations.

Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman has reaffirmed Bangladesh's commitment to working closely with Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and its partners to strengthen regional cooperation in tackling emerging and transnational threats. Addressing the commemorative ceremony marking the 50th anniversary of the TAC in Southeast Asia in Manila yesterday, the Minister stressed that the need for practical and coordinated initiatives to bolster global resilience against pandemics, climate shocks, cyber incidents and supply chain disruptions.

Netherlands Foreign Minister Tom Berendsen praised the reform measures introduced by the new government of Bangladesh as the two countries discussed ways to further deepen bilateral cooperation. Tom Berendsen made the remarks during a bilateral meeting with Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman in Manila yesterday on the sidelines of the 50th anniversary of the TAC in Southeast Asia.

Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman sought the Philippines' support, as the current ASEAN chair, for Bangladesh's bid to become a Sectoral Dialogue Partner of the regional bloc. Dr. Khalilur Rahman made the request during a bilateral meeting with Philippine Secretary of Foreign Affairs Ma. Theresa P. Lazaro in Manila yesterday on the sidelines of the 50th anniversary of the TAC in Southeast Asia.

Land Minister Mizanur Rahman Minu said, the government has attached the highest priority to the health and education sectors and will continue extending all-out support for the development of healthcare services across the country. The Minister made the remarks while addressing the closing ceremony of a three-day congenital heart disease screening and treatment programme for children aged between three and 18 at the Rajshahi National Heart Foundation yesterday.

Commerce, Industries and Textiles and Jute Minister Khandakar Abdul Muqtadir said, the government is continuing its efforts to empower women economically by expanding livelihood opportunities and technical education to ensure sustainable family development. The Minister said this while speaking at a programme in Sylhet Sadar Upazila Auditorium yesterday. The programme was organized under the Prime Minister's Office's 'Living Standards Improvement Programme for Small Ethnic Communities' for the 2025-26 fiscal year, where bicycles, sewing machines and educational scholarships were distributed among beneficiaries.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon said, citizens of all religious faiths in Bangladesh enjoy equal rights, emphasizing that the country's constitution leaves no scope for discrimination or division based on religion. The Minister made the remarks while addressing at a discussion organized on the occasion of 'Sri Sri Jagannathdev's Ulto Rath Yatra' at the Dhakeshwari National Temple in the capital yesterday. The Minister highlighted that the Sanatan faith represents a thousand-year-old heritage and history bears witness to its long-standing continuity. The Minister also urged everyone to stay vigilant against forces attempting to exploit religious sentiments for narrow political gains or societal division, both domestically and regionally.

Education and, Primary and Mass Education Minister Dr. A N M Ehsanul Hoque Milon said, the government wants to develop country's students into individuals who excel not only in academics but also in sports. The Minister made the remarks while addressing a teachers' assembly and views-exchange meeting at the Monoharpur High School premises in Kachua, Chandpur yesterday.

State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Sultan Salauddin Tuku called for the toughest possible measures against drugs, urging everyone to remain vigilant from their respective positions to protect the younger generation and help build a prosperous nation. The State Minister made the remarks while addressing a function at Sonar Bangla Community Centre on District Sadar Road in Tangail yesterday.

State Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Dr. Sheikh Faridul Islam said that water tanks will be delivered to every house in phases to save rainwater to resolve the drinking water crisis in the coastal region. At the same time, government ponds will be renovated and developed as a reserve freshwater reservoir so that the people of the coastal areas get the benefit of safe drinking water, the State Minister added. The State Minister said this while speaking at a water tanks distributing programme among poor families under the Rainwater Harvesting at the Rampal Upazila Public Health Engineering Department premises in Bagerhat yesterday.

Prime Minister's Adviser and Prime Minister Office Spokesperson Mahdi Amin said that the government's prime objective is protecting human rights and ensuring the rule of law and freedom of speech in the country. The Spokesperson made the remarks while addressing the 'Bengal Delta Conference-2026', organized by the Dhaka Institute of Research and Analytics, at a capital hotel yesterday.

Bangladesh and Thailand have discussed the prospect of employment for around 10,000 Bangladeshi workers in Thailand following completion of necessary procedures, alongside expanding bilateral cooperation in trade, investment and tourism. The issue was discussed during a bilateral meeting between Prime Minister's Foreign Affairs Adviser Humaiun Kobir and Thai Deputy Foreign Minister Vijavat Isarabhakdi in Bangkok yesterday.

Bangladesh has secured the lowest tariff rate of 10 percent under a new US trade measure, helping the country retain a competitive edge over major apparel-exporting rivals, including China, Vietnam and Thailand. The US government announced tariffs the day before yesterday following investigations by the Office of the United States Trade Representative into the use of forced labour.

Bangladesh and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) signed a landmark agreement the day before yesterday to implement a €1.125 million European Union-funded project aimed at strengthening climate mobility governance, enhancing institutional capacity, and promoting regional cooperation across South Asia. Md. Shahriar Kader Siddiky, Secretary, Economic Relations Division and Dr. Laura Tomm Bonde, Chief of Mission of IOM Bangladesh signed the agreement, according to a press release yesterday.



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