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**Newsbrief**

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman unveiled the cover of Bir Rashtranayak Ziaur Rahman (Heroic Statesman Ziaur Rahman), a three-volume book on Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman. The cover unveiling ceremony was held at the Prime Minister's Office, located within the Cabinet Division at the Bangladesh Secretariat. Prime Minister's Deputy Press Secretary Jahidul Islam Rony said yesterday.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman said National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam's pen was a sharp weapon against colonial rule, oppression, exploitation, inequality, discrimination, superstition and every form of injustice and ugliness. The Prime Minister said while virtually inaugurating the year-long 'Nazrul Year 2026–2027' programme at a meeting organized by the Cabinet Division at the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed warned of tougher action against those involved in spreading propaganda and misinformation about Bangladesh through social networking platforms. Speaking during a courtesy meeting with Palestinian Ambassador to Bangladesh Yousef S. Y. Ramadan at his office in the Ministry of Home Affairs yesterday, the Minister said Bangladesh is a progressive and moderate Muslim-majority country, and any effort to portray it differently on social media to undermine its global reputation would be firmly dealt with.

Bangladesh and Australia reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthening longstanding bilateral relations. The commitment was made when Australian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Susan Ryle met Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman at the foreign ministry, said a ministry's press release yesterday.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Abdul Awal Minto said blue carbon finance is highly essential to protect coastal communities and strengthen the delta economy. The Minister made the remarks during his opening speech at the international session titled "Accelerating Integrated Climate Action in Asia and the Pacific: Regional Cooperation for Blue Carbon Finance," jointly organised by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the Landscape Alliance at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok, Thailand, according to a message received yesterday.

Religious Affairs Minister Kazi Shah Mofazzal Houssain Kaikobad said that protecting the sanctity of Islamic symbols and sacred signs is an imaan-based duty of every Muslim. The Minister made the remarks while speaking as the chief guest at a view-exchange meeting with Islamic scholars titled "Our Responsibilities in Protecting the Honour of Flags Bearing the Holy Kalema" held at the Islamic Foundation head office in Agargaon yesterday.

Commerce Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktadir said that Bangladesh is seeking a three-year extension of the preparatory period for graduation from the Least Developed Country (LDC) category to ensure a smooth, sustainable and irreversible transition rather than delay the graduation process. The Minister said while chairing a seminar titled "Bangladesh's Preparedness for LDC Graduation and the Rationale for Extension of the Preparatory Period" held at NEC conference room in the city, said a press release yesterday.

Disaster Management and Relief Minister Asadul Habib Dulu distributed emergency relief materials and financial assistance among 1,500 flood-affected families in Mogalhat, Rajpur and Khuniyagachh unions under Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said food and relief assistance were being delivered promptly to flood victims following the directive of Prime Minister Tarique Rahman yesterday. The Minister assured that no flood-affected person would suffer from food shortage as the government has taken necessary measures.

Road Transport and Bridges, Railways and Shipping Minister Shaikh Rabiul Alam said Bangladesh is committed to building a safe, modern, sustainable and integrated transport system under the leadership of Prime Minister Tarique Rahman. He also stressed that continued support from international development partners, particularly the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), is crucial to achieving that goal. The Minister made the remarks when JICA President Dr. Tanaka Akihiko made a courtesy call on him at the conference room of the Road Transport and Highways Division in Dhaka yesterday.

Education and Primary and Mass Education Minister Dr A N M Ehsanul Hoque Milon has said promotions to 36,235 vacant head teacher posts across the country will be filled alongside ensuring the recruitment for 38,443 assistant teacher posts that will become vacant as a result of these promotions will also be completed quickly. The Minister came up with the details of the verdict and the government's next course of action at a press conference held at the conference room of the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education yesterday.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Sardar Md. Sakhawat Husain directed hospitals not to discharge dengue patients until they have fully recovered, even if their fever has subsided. The Minister made the directive while speaking at a ceremony for the handover of microscopes and laboratory equipment to the Department of Pathology at Dhaka Medical College yesterday.

State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr M A Muhit said the government has taken coordinated initiatives involving all ministries to ensure services and long-term rehabilitation for persons with disabilities in the country. The Minister made the remarks while speaking to journalists after a follow-up meeting of the Committee on Rights and Service Delivery for Persons with Disabilities at the Ministry of Health yesterday.

State Minister for Social Welfare Farzana Sharmin said the government is working to ensure the rights of persons with disabilities and improve service delivery through inter-ministerial coordination, with a plan to bring all entitled services under a one-stop service system. The State Minister made the remarks while addressing the Inter-Ministerial Coordination and Implementation Committee meeting on the rights and protection of services for persons with disabilities at the conference room of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare at Secretariat yesterday.

State Minister for Railways Habibur Rashid has said the government has taken initiatives to increase the number of locomotives and coaches of Bangladesh Railway to meet the growing demand of passengers. Alongside the construction of new railway lines, the government is working under an integrated plan to expand the passenger services by procuring adequate locomotives and carriages, said the state Minister in an exclusive interview with Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) at his office in the secretariat yesterday.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam stressed the need for a highly skilled and professional diplomatic corps to effectively advance Bangladesh's national interests under the "Bangladesh First" policy. The State Minister highlighted this need while addressing the certificate awarding ceremony of the Refreshers' Course for Directors 2026 as the chief guest at the Foreign Service Academy in the capital yesterday.



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