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**Newsbrief**

President Mohammed Shahabuddin said the eternal message of holy Ashura inspires people to stand against injustice, oppression and abuse of power, while guiding them towards truth, beauty and enlightenment. The Head of the State made the remarks in a message issued on the occasion of holy Ashura (10 Muharram), to be observed. In his message, the President expressed profound respect and sorrow for Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA), the beloved grandson of Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH), members of his family, and all the martyrs who embraced martyrdom on the plains of Karbala.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman said Islam has no place for division, conflict, hatred or social discord, stressing that the fundamental teachings of the religion are founded on peace, justice, compassion and the welfare of humanity. The Premier said in his message on the eve of the Holy Ashura, paying deep respect to Hazrat Imam Hossain (RA) and other martyrs of Karbala, a prominent city in central Iraq.

Bangladesh and China signed 13 Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) for bilateral cooperation in various areas coinciding with Prime Minister Tarique Rahman's meeting with Chinese Premier Li Qiang at the Great Hall of the People yesterday. Prime Minister Tarique Rahman along with his delegation joined this banquet hosted by his Chinese counterpart Li Qiang at the Great Hall of the People .

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman sought China's support in Bangladesh's development projects and construction of China-Bangladesh Friendship Hospital. The Prime Minister made the call when Liu Haixing, Minister of International Affairs of the Communist Party of China, paid a courtesy call on him at the State Diaoyutai Guest House in Beijing at 9:15 am (Chinese local time) yesterday.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman has invited Chinese companies to extend their value chain into Bangladesh to co-author the next great Asian economic miracle in the country. The Prime Minister was addressing the Bangladesh Investment Forum here which was participated by Business leaders, industrialists, and institutional Investors. Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) organized the event at Diaoyutai Hotel yesterday.

Bangladesh and China have agreed to strengthen cooperation in the management of the Teesta and other rivers in Bangladesh. The agreement came when Chinese water resources minister Li Guoying called on Prime Minister Tarique Rahman at Diaoyutai state guest house yesterday.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman said there is no alternative to protecting the country's young people from drug abuse and illicit trafficking aimed at building a developed, prosperous and self-reliant state and society. The Premier made the remarks in a message issued on the eve of the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, which will be observed in the country tomorrow, as elsewhere across the world yesterday.

Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury said the government is working to reform the country's traditional budgetary framework and move toward a more inclusive and modern economic model aimed at ensuring broader participation in economic activities. The Finance Minister made the remarks while addressing a seminar titled "Debate Budget and Beyond", organized by the Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA) at the Institute of Diploma Engineers in the capital yesterday.

UK High Commissioner to Bangladesh Sarah Cooke paid a courtesy call on Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed at the latter's ministry office yesterday. The meeting, held in a cordial atmosphere, discussed various issues of mutual interest, including law and order, security cooperation between the two countries, and the Rohingya issue.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed said the government has undertaken an initiative to amend the existing Narcotics Control Act to make it more effective in combating drug-related crimes. The Minister said the work for amendment of

the Narcotics Control Act is at final stage and expected to be placed before the Jatiya Sangsad in the next few days. The Minister said this at a press conference organized marking the 'International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking' at the conference room of the home ministry yesterday.

Social Welfare, Women and Children Affairs Minister Prof Dr. AZM Zahid Hossain has said that increasing public awareness is crucial to prevent deaths from heart disease. The Minister made the remarks while speaking at a programme organized by the Patients Welfare Association of the Social Service Office of the National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases and Hospital on providing financial assistance to congenital heart patients yesterday.

Land Minister Md. Mizanur Rahman Minu, MP, stressed the need for strengthening preparedness to ensure food security, livelihood protection and disaster response for people living in the haor and the Chattogram Hill Tracts (CHT). With climate change increasing the frequency and intensity of disasters, emphasis should be placed on preparedness, forecast-based actions and livelihood diversification, in addition to post-disaster response, the Minister said. The Minister made the remarks as the chief guest while addressing a publication ceremony of the "Household Economy Analysis (HEA) Report for the Haor Basin and Chattogram Hill Tracts" at Hotel Sonargaon in the capital yesterday.

Commerce Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktaadir underscored the need to keep customs and related services operational during weekly holidays and establish a separate cargo village outside the airport to address the persistent cargo congestion at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport. The Minister made the remarks while speaking at a meeting held at the Ministry of Commerce on the airport's cargo handling crisis and ways to resolve it yesterday.

Bangladesh and China signed four memoranda of understanding (MoUs) to strengthen bilateral cooperation in media sector and promote the use of modern technologies. According to a Bangladesh's information and broadcasting ministry statement, Prime Minister Tarique Rahman and Chinese Premier Li Qiang witnessed the signing of the MoUs at Beijing's historic Great Hall of the People. It said Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon and the heads of China's state news agency Xinhua and China Media Group (CMG) inked the deals. According to the statement the MoUs will expand opportunities for bilateral cooperation between Bangladesh and China in news and information exchange yesterday.

Education and Primary and Mass Education Minister Dr A N M Ehsanul Hoque Milon said the government would formally launch the Mid-Day Meal programme in all primary schools across the country from July. The Minister made the remarks while addressing a views-exchange meeting with centre secretaries of the Khulna region ahead of the HSC and equivalent examinations-2026 at the Khulna Divisional Auditorium yesterday.

Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology Minister Faqir Mahbub Anam has reaffirmed Bangladesh's commitment to building an inclusive and citizen-friendly digital government. The Minister was addressing a high-level roundtable meeting of the United Nations Public Service Forum 2026 held in Tbilisi, Georgia, a ministry press release said yesterday.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam has called for greater Swedish investment in Bangladesh's renewable energy, green technology, pharmaceuticals and engineering sectors as the two countries discussed expanding bilateral cooperation in trade, investment and sustainable development. The State Minister made the call when Director and Head of Department for Asia, the Pacific Region and Latin America at the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs Daniel Wolven paid a courtesy call on her at the foreign ministry on Wednesday, said a foreign ministry's press release yesterday.

Bangladesh has reaffirmed its commitment to advancing women's leadership in diplomacy and ensuring their full and meaningful participation in decision-making. Marking the International Day of Women in Diplomacy, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam paid tribute to women diplomats who are "breaking barriers, building bridges and shaping the future of international relations.

State Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives (LGRD) Mir Shahe Alam said raising public awareness, rather than imposing punishment, is the government's primary objective in preventing dengue and other mosquito-borne diseases. The State Minister said while briefing reporters after a special anti-mosquito drive and mobile court operation conducted in the capital's Jigatala area and South Kutubkhali canal area in Jatrabari yesterday.



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