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Newsbrief

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman distributed prizes among the national level winners of the Notun Kuri Sports 2025-26, a nationwide sporting event organized to discover hidden sporting talents among boys and girls aged between 12 and 14 at grassroots and encouraging regular participation in sports. The Prime Minister enjoyed the grand finale of the event at the Bangladesh Army Stadium in the capital yesterday and distributed the prizes among the winners.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman attended a high-level meeting on replacing the sound system of the National Parliament. The meeting was held at the Cabinet Meeting Room in the Parliament Bhaban in Dhaka yesterday with Acting Speaker Barrister Kayser Kamal in the chair. During the meeting, the Public Works Department presented possible technological options, technical capabilities and an implementation plan for the project. Participants in the meeting also shared their views and provided necessary guidance on the proposed replacement. Opposition Leader Dr. Md Shafiqur Rahman was also present at the meeting.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman sought cooperation of newspaper editors for the government's ongoing move to formulate a policy for independent media and journalists. The Prime Minister sought the cooperation during a meeting with the leaders of the National Editors' Council at his office in the Cabinet Division at the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. The Prime Minister also urged the Editors to highlight the government's positive initiatives alongside doing constructive criticism so that people remain informed about the measures being taken in the public interest.

Local Government, Rural Development (LGRD) and Cooperatives Minister Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said, the present government would provide all-out support to help rural women market their handicrafts internationally. The Minister made the remarks while addressing the inauguration ceremony of the divisional office of the Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB) at the District Shilpakala Academy auditorium on the Public Library premises in Rangpur yesterday. The Minister distributed tree saplings, small and entrepreneurial loans and incentive cheques among beneficiaries, including teenage girls. After inaugurating the divisional office of the BRDB the Minister added that the Presidential election will be held on time in accordance with the Constitution.

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir has urged people to become more aware of their responsibilities as citizens, saying the government alone cannot do everything in a country of 200 million people. The Minister also said, the government is working sincerely to address various issues, including the protection of women and children and prevention of drug abuse. The Minister made the remarks while exchanging views with the management committee of the 250-bed Thakurgaon General Hospital in Thakurgaon yesterday.

Finance and Planning Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury said, the China Economic and Industrial Zone in Anwara, Chattogram is expected to attract investments over one billion US dollars. The Minister emphasized that this initiative will positively influence not only Anwara but also the broader Chattogram economy, paving the way for new industrialization opportunities. The Minister said this while laying foundation of Bangladesh-China Economic and Industrial Zone at Belchura area of Anwara, Chattogram yesterday.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed emphasized that the government has prioritized creating a secure and stable environment for both domestic and international investments. The Minister made the comments while speaking at the foundation stone laying ceremony for the China Economic and Industrial Zone in Anwara, Chattogram yesterday.

Social Welfare Minister Dr. Abu Zafar Md. Zahid Hossain said, no helpless or underprivileged person would be deprived of medical treatment due to financial constraints during the tenure of the BNP government. The Minister made the remarks while addressing a programme on the occasion of the 'World Head and Neck Cancer Day-2026' at the National Institute of Ear, Nose and Throat in the capital yesterday.

Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Afroza Khanam said, development projects should complement each other while ensuring effective participation and engagement of local communities in the areas where they are implemented. The Minister made the remarks at a review meeting on ongoing projects and unapproved new projects included in the Annual Development Programme for fiscal year 2026-27 under different agencies of the Civil Aviation and Tourism Ministry. The meeting was held at the Ministry's conference room at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Commerce, Industries and Jute and Textiles Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktadir said, the government will waive booth rent for small entrepreneurs participating in international trade fairs to help expand Bangladesh's exports. Speaking at a debriefing session on the 10th China-South Asia Expo and the 30th China-Kunming Import-Export Fair 2026 at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Exhibition Center in Purbachal yesterday, the Minister said that the initiative aims to enable more small businesses to showcase their products in global markets.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon asked for taking a long-term and effective strategic action plan to improve the quality of healthcare services at Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital (SBMCH). The Minister also said, the hospital system could be significantly strengthened by ensuring modern medical equipment, skilled manpower, digital healthcare services, accountability and a patient-friendly environment. The Minister made the remarks while presiding over an exchange-of-views meeting with administrative officials of the health department, physicians, nurses, officers and employees of the hospital at the auditorium of SBMCH yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon said, no civilized country or society can move forward if its image is not reflected in media. The Minister also said, a state and society have to be kept in front of a mirror at all times, otherwise it can go in the wrong direction, which can be harmful to the people. The Minister made the remarks while speaking at a meeting organized by Bangladesh Journalists Welfare Trust in collaboration with Barishal District Journalists Union at Barishal Circuit House auditorium yesterday.

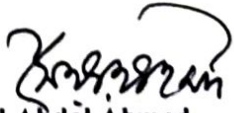
Water Resources Minister Md. Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anee said, the government is working simultaneously on canal excavation and freeing rivers and canals from encroachment and pollution. The Minister made the remarks during a views-exchange meeting with leaders of Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (BAPA) at his Secretariat office yesterday. State Minister for Water Resources Farhad Hossain Azad was also present there.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam stressed that ensuring food security must go hand in hand with environmentally sustainable agriculture and strengthened climate resilience. The State Minister made the remarks when World Food Programme (WFP) Resident Representative and Country Director in Bangladesh Coco H. Ushiyama called on her at the Foreign Ministry yesterday. During the meeting, The State Minister also expressed appreciation for WFP's longstanding cooperation with Bangladesh in the areas of food security, nutrition, social protection and humanitarian assistance.

State Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Shaikh Faridul Islam stressed the need for raising public awareness and enforcing laws strictly to stop the use of banned polythene. Polythene poses serious threats to soil, water, air and biodiversity. Citizens, traders and buyers must adopt eco-friendly alternatives such as jute and cloth bags instead of polythene use, the State Minister added. The State Minister said this while visiting Mohammadpur Krishi Market in the capital yesterday as part of an anti-polythene awareness campaign.

State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Bobby Hajjaj said, the government is committed to improving the standard of primary education across the country, including in the haor areas. The State Minister said this while addressing an orientation programme at the Primary Teachers' Training Institute Sunamganj yesterday.

The International Crimes Tribunal (ICT)-2 yesterday took into cognizance the formal charge against ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and 40 others in a crimes against humanity case over the May 5, 2013 crackdown on a Hefazat-e-Islam Bangladesh rally at the capital's 'Shapla Chattar'. A total of 58 people were allegedly killed during the crackdown carried out by the members of law enforcement agencies in and around the 'Shapla Chattar' and different parts of the country. The three-member second tribunal headed by Justice Nazrul Islam Chowdhury passed the order, asking to produce the accused, who are already behind bars, before it on August 16. It also issued arrest warrant against the fugitive accused.


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