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## Newsbrief

President Mohammed Shahabuddin yesterday called for collective efforts to build a developed, productive and self-reliant rural Bangladesh. The President came up with the call in a message issued on the eve of the first-ever 'National Rural Development Day-2026' to be observed across the country today. Expressing his satisfaction over the observance of the day with the theme "Developed Villages, Prosperous Nation – Bangladesh First", the President extended his heartfelt greetings and congratulations to people from all walks of life living in rural areas and all those involved in rural development activities. The President also wished the overall success of all programmes undertaken marking the day.

President Mohammed Shahabuddin said, the government remains committed to transforming the country's armed forces into a modern four-dimensional force capable of addressing evolving security challenges. The President made the remarks while addressing a function marking the 51st founding anniversary of the President's Guard Regiment (PGR) at Dhaka Cantonment yesterday.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman yesterday said, a prosperous Bangladesh cannot be built without developed rural areas, stressing that villages and rural communities are the foundation of national development. The Premier said this in a message issued on the first-ever 'National Rural Development Day-2026', to be observed today. Referring to this year's theme, "Developed Villages, Prosperous Nation, Bangladesh First", the Prime Minister said that it reflects the government's development vision and the aspirations of the people.

Reiterating that the trust and love of the people remain his greatest source of strength, Prime Minister Tarique Rahman urged the President Guard Regiment (PGR) to ensure that security arrangements do not create a barrier between the head of government and the public. The Prime Minister made the remarks while addressing the 51st founding anniversary programme of the PGR at Dhaka Cantonment yesterday.

Prime Minister Tareque Rahman directed the authorities concerned to formulate a comprehensive action plan to reduce carbon emissions and enhance Bangladesh's carbon credit potential, aiming to position the country to benefit from the growing global carbon market. The directive came at a meeting on climate change held at the Prime Minister's Office in the Cabinet Division at the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman expressed deep shock and sorrow at the death of noted educationist and Bangla Academy President Professor Abul Quasem Fazlul Huq. In a message of condolence yesterday, the Prime Minister said that the country has lost an eminent educationist and writer at the death of Professor Abul Quasem Fazlul Huq. His death created a vacuum in the country's arena of education which will never be filled easily, the Prime Minister added. The Prime Minister prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed profound sympathy to bereaved family members.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman unveiled a commemorative postage stamp on the occasion of the 'National Rural Development Day-2026'. With the theme "Developed Villages, Prosperous Nation: Bangladesh First", the Prime Minister unveiled the postage stamp at his Cabinet Division Office in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir mentioning the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) as one of Bangladesh's largest development partners, expressed the hope that cooperation between Bangladesh and JICA will be further strengthened in the future. The Minister also said, JICA's contribution to the country's infrastructure development, local government system, safe water supply and various public service sectors is highly significant. The Minister made the remarks when JICA President Dr. Tanaka Akihiko paid a courtesy call on him at his office at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman reiterated Bangladesh's solidarity with the people of Iran and expressed profound condolences over the death of the country's Supreme Leader. The Minister made the remarks when Iranian Ambassador to Bangladesh Jalil Rahimi Jahanabadi paid a courtesy call on him at the Foreign Ministry yesterday.

Industries Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktadir directed officials of the Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) to work towards increasing the Cottage, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise sector's contribution to the national economy to more than 60 percent, aiming to ensure broader public participation in economic growth. The minister made the remarks while speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural ceremony of the BSCIC Monsoon Fair at the BSCIC Bhaban in the capital yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon said, the existing laws, rules and policies under his Ministry's jurisdiction will be updated to keep pace with the new realities created by the rapid advancement of technology and the expansion of the digital ecosystem. The Minister made the remarks while chairing a meeting on updating existing laws and formulating new legislation at the Ministry's conference room yesterday.

Disaster Management and Relief Minister Asadul Habib Dulu stressed the need to ensure proper and sustainable management of water bodies to conserve native fish species. The Minister also said that protecting indigenous fish requires more than simply releasing fingerlings into water bodies. It also demands the conservation of natural water bodies, environment friendly management practices and coordinated efforts of all stakeholders. The Minister made the remarks while inaugurating a fingerling release programme at a pond at a housing project adjacent to Chandni Bazar in Lalmonirhat yesterday.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Sardar Md. Sakhawat Hossain said, the government is working to address the gaps in disease diagnosis and ensure better healthcare services, especially at the grassroots level. Speaking at the inauguration of a two-day international conference titled "Appropriate Technology for Healthcare in Low and Middle Income Countries" at the Dhaka University (DU) Senate Building yesterday, the Minister said that the government has doubled the allocation for the health sector in the national budget to achieve this goal.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam reaffirmed the government's priority to transform Bangladesh's migration sector into a skills-based, rights-based and well-governed system, while seeking enhanced cooperation from the International Organization for Migration (IOM). The State Minister made the remarks when the newly-appointed Chief of Mission of the IOM in Bangladesh, Dr. Laura Nicole Tomm-Bonde, paid a courtesy call on her at the Foreign Ministry yesterday.

State Minister for Information and Broadcasting Yasser Khan Choudhury said, a modern and contemporary administrative infrastructure is essential to reach fast, transparent, and high-quality government services to the doorsteps of the people. The State Minister made the remarks while inaugurating the newly constructed extended part of the administrative building and hall room of the Fulbaria Upazila Parishad in Mymensingh yesterday.



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