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## Newsbrief

A red carpet was rolled out as Prime Minister Tarique Rahman arrived in Beijing from Dalian by a bullet train after participating at the World Economic Forum (WEF) annual meeting in Dalian city of China. The Prime Minister accompanied by his spouse Dr Zubaida Rahman reached Beijing Chaoyang Railway Station at 5.35pm local time yesterday. Ms. Sun Meijun, Minister and Secretary of Communist Party of China (CPC) Committee of the General Administration of Customs of China received Tarique Rahman at the railway station.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman joined the plenary session of the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Dalian, a port city in Liaoning province in China as an invited guest. The plenary session titled "Innovating at Scale" began at the Dalian International Conference Centre in the city at 9:00 am (local time), according to Prime Minister's Additional Press Secretary Atiqur Rahman Rumon.

Kazakhstan Prime Minister Oljas Bektenov paid a courtesy call on Bangladesh Prime Minister Tarique Rahman on the sidelines of the World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Conference. The meeting was held at about 10:15 am (local time), according to the PM's Press Wing yesterday. During the meeting, Prime Minister Tarique Rahman emphasized on strengthening bilateral relations between Bangladesh and Kazakhstan for the benefit of the people of two countries.

Speaker Hafiz Uddin Ahmad, Bir Bikram, said he expects media coverage of parliamentary activities would enhance the legislature's dignity while the people awaited for long a vibrant Jatiya Sangsad like the current one. The Speaker said joining as the chief guest a 'Fruit Festival' staged by Parliament Journalists' Association (BPJA) at the reporters lounge at Jatiya Sangsad yesterday.

An agreement worth 16 million Australian dollars (approximately BDT 137 crore) was signed between the Australian Government and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to improve the living standards of Rohingya and host communities in Bangladesh. The agreement was signed at the conference room of the Ministry of Home Affairs at the Bangladesh Secretariat in the presence of Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed yesterday.

Industries, Commerce, Textiles and Jute Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktadir said that the government's goal is to transform Bangladesh into a more investment-friendly, competitive and employment-oriented economy. The Minister made the remarks while addressing a workshop titled 'National Budget 2026-27: Expectations and Achievements of the SME Sector' as the chief guest in the capital yesterday.

Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Ariful Haque Choudhury expressed optimism that Bangladesh could receive positive developments regarding the Malaysian labour market by July, saying the outcomes of the Prime Minister's recent visit to Malaysia would begin to materialize from next month. The Minister told journalists after inspecting ongoing activities of the Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment at Sylhet Osmani International Airport, said a press release yesterday.

Agriculture Minister Mohammad Amin Ur Rashid said scientists must engage in fundamental, innovative and quality research to ensure sustainable development and safe food in the country. The Minister made the remarks at a view-exchange meeting held in the conference room at the Bangladesh Fisheries Research Institute (BFRI) yesterday.

Fisheries and Livestock Minister Mohammad Amin Ur Rashid said the government is conducting research to identify the types of fish in high demand in the global markets and those with greater export potentials as well. The Minister was speaking at a programme as the chief guest for the distribution of improved fish fry developed by the Bangladesh Fisheries Research Institute (BFRI) in Mymensingh yesterday.

Minister of Disaster Management and Relief Asadul Habib Dulu said that the canal excavation is ushering a new hope among the people of the rural communities. The Minister said that the citizens are voluntarily participating in this initiative. Water from the canals will be used for rice cultivation during the dry season, fish cultivation will take place in the canals, and trees will be planted along banks of the canal. The Minister said that proper drainage system through the canals will help to eliminate the water logging in the area.

Education minister Dr ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon said from next year all compulsory and general subject examinations of Madrasa and technical education boards, along with the general education boards, will be held on the same day and with common question papers. The Minister made this statement while speaking as the chief guest at a view-exchange meeting held with the center secretaries of the four education boards, on the occasion of the upcoming HSC and equivalent examinations 2026, at Azimpur Girls School and College Auditorium in the capital yesterday.

Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology Minister Faqir Mahub Anam has stressed the importance of experience sharing, institutional capacity building and mutual partnerships among countries of the Caucasus, Central Asia and Asia-Pacific regions. The Minister made the remarks while delivering welcome address on behalf of 12 countries participating in an interregional project at the United Nations Public Service Forum (UNPSF) 2026 held in Tbilisi, Georgia, said a ministry press release yesterday.

Deputy Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Barrister Kayser Kamal, MP, underscored the importance of education in nurturing a generation enriched with morality, patriotism and human values. The Deputy Speaker made the remarks during a view-exchange meeting with teachers and students of Don Bosco School at the educational institution in the capital, according to a press release yesterday.

The government has launched an Online Pension Tracking and Management System (OPTMS) to streamline pension services, reduce processing delay and ensure transparency in pension services for retired public servants. State Minister for Public Administration and Food Md Abdul Bari inaugurated a workshop on the OPTMS at the Ministry of Public Administration in the Bangladesh Secretariat on Tuesday, said a press release yesterday.

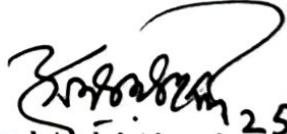
State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Sultan Salahuddin Tuku said vannamei shrimp would play an important role in Bangladesh's economy in the coming days and make a significant contribution to further enriching the country's economic growth. The State Minister made the remarks while speaking to journalists after visiting Niribili Fish Hatchery at Kolatoli in Cox's Bazar, the government crab hatchery under the Department of Fisheries, and Niribili Tilapia Hatchery in Ukhiya yesterday.

Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives State Minister Mir Shahe Alam said the national task force formed to prevent dengue and other mosquito-borne diseases will intensify regular drives and monitoring activities at houses and establishments across the capital during the monsoon season. The State Minister made the remarks while inspecting an Aedes mosquito search and larva destruction drive conducted by the Task Force Committee for Prevention of Dengue and Other Mosquito-Borne Diseases at several establishments on Road no. 107 and 112 in the Gulshan-2 area yesterday.

State Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Shaikh Faridul Islam said special monitoring teams will be formed in industrial areas to prevent environmental pollution and protect agricultural land from contaminated industrial waste. Speaking at a stakeholders' meeting on environmental pollution and mitigation measures at Bhaluka Upazila Parishad in Mymensingh, the State Minister stressed that Effluent Treatment Plants (ETPs) must be used to prevent water pollution and ensure that wastewater from factories does not spread to nearby farmland. The State Minister expressed concern over severe environmental degradation in the Bhaluka industrial area, noting that aquatic flora and fauna are nearly disappearing due to industrial pollution.

State Minister for Information and Broadcasting Yasser Khan Choudhury said Bangladesh's pharmaceutical sector could be advanced further by utilizing the expertise and international experience of Bangladeshi scientists and researchers working abroad. The State Minister made the remarks as the chief guest at a high-level seminar titled "Role of Non-Resident Bangladeshi (NRB) Scientists in Advancing Biotech and Biosimilar Drugs in Bangladesh's Pharmaceutical Industry" held at a prestigious hotel in the capital yesterday.

State minister for primary and mass education Bobby Hajjaj said that the government has undertaken extensive reform programs to make the country's primary education system modern, skills-based and child-friendly. The State Minister made the remarks during a courtesy meeting with a high-level delegation led by Takahashi Junko, Chief Representative of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Bangladesh. The meeting was held at the State Minister's office in the Secretariat of the city, said a press release yesterday.

  
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