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Newsbrief

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman yesterday visited the summer exercise of the Bangladesh Army. For the first time in the country's history, a Prime Minister personally visited the Army's summer training as the Prime Minister toured the area of 8 Bangladesh Infantry Regiment (BIR) under the Bangladesh Army's 9th Infantry Division in Singair upazila of Manikganj on foot and spent an extended period with soldiers in the field. During the visit, the Premier toured different parts of the 'firm base' and was briefed by the General Officer Commanding (GOC) and the unit's Commanding Officer (CO) on the ongoing training activities and overall strategic preparedness.

Fatema Tuz Johora, the mother of July Mass Uprising martyr Abdullah Bin Jahid, met Prime Minister Tarique Rahman with her cancer-stricken son, Mahmudullah Bin Jisan. During the meeting at the Prime Minister's office in Sangsad Bhaban yesterday, the Premier enquired about Jisan's current health condition and assured Fatema Tuz Johora of a job for her. Abdullah Bin Jahid embraced martyrdom after being shot on the night of August 5, 2024. Two weeks later, Fatema's younger son, Mahmudullah Bin Jisan, was diagnosed with cancer. Seven months later, Fatema also lost her husband.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman met teachers and students from different educational institutions across the country who visited the Jatiya Sangsad to observe its proceedings. The Premier met the teachers and students during a recess in the Parliamentary session yesterday. The Prime Minister exchanged greetings with the teachers and students, enquired about their studies and urged them to equip themselves with the skills needed to contribute to build the country.

The United Kingdom has pledged to continue providing all necessary support to further strengthen democracy in Bangladesh as British High Commissioner to Bangladesh Sarah Cooke met LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. Issues including local government elections, education, investment, climate change, migration, women's empowerment and local government were discussed during the meeting, said an official handout. The Minister also said, his Ministry along with the Election Commission is working to begin local government polls with Union Parishad elections in phases by next December.

Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury stressed the need for stronger public-private collaboration and greater emphasis on entrepreneurship to ensure the sustainable transformation of Bangladesh's health sector and make quality healthcare more affordable for all. The Minister said this while addressing a programme titled "Pathways to Health Entrepreneurship in Bangladesh" at Hotel Amari in the capital yesterday. The Minister also said, effective utilization of existing resources through coordinated efforts, strategic planning and continuous dialogue between the public and private sectors would be crucial for the sector's long-term development.

Bangladesh has reaffirmed its commitment to expanding its role and capabilities in United Nations (UN) peacekeeping operations during a bilateral meeting between Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed and Atul Khare, UN Under-Secretary-General for the Department of Operational Support (DOS). The meeting was held at Room S-2729 at the UN Headquarters in New York on Monday (New York time) in a cordial atmosphere, according to a Home Ministry press release yesterday.

British High Commissioner to Bangladesh Sarah Cooke reaffirmed the United Kingdom's commitment to strengthening cooperation with Bangladesh in the areas of women's and children's rights, social protection and development. The High Commissioner gave the reaffirmation during a meeting with Social Welfare and Women and Children Affairs Minister Professor Dr. Abu Zafar Md. Zahid Hossain at his office at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. A wide range of issues, including sustainable development of women and children, gender equality, women's economic and political empowerment, female education, prevention of child marriage, cyberbullying and eliminating violence against women and children were discussed.

A modern and architecturally distinctive Bangladesh Children's Library, designed by renowned Japanese architect Tadao Ando, will be built on the premises of the Bangladesh National Museum, marking a new milestone in Bangladesh-Japan cultural cooperation. The development was discussed during a courtesy meeting between Cultural Affairs Minister Nitai Roy Chowdhury and Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Saida Shinichi at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Ariful Haque Choudhury said, Malaysia has reopened its labour market for Bangladeshi workers from Monday following the Prime Minister's recent foreign visit. The Minister told journalists at the Sylhet Circuit House yesterday. Earlier in that day, US Ambassador to Bangladesh Brent T. Christensen paid a courtesy call on the Minister at the circuit house.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon said, bringing the insurance sector under a strong and well-defined legal framework is essential to restore public confidence and accelerate the pace of the modern economy. The Minister said this while addressing the 42nd founding anniversary programme of National Life Insurance PLC at the Officers' Club in the capital yesterday.

Bangladesh and the Netherlands reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening bilateral cooperation in water resources management, with a focus on knowledge sharing, technology transfer, research and capacity building. The commitment was made when Water Resources Minister Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anne met Netherlands Ambassador to Bangladesh Joris Van Bommel at the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. State Minister for Water Resources Forhad Hossain Azad was also present at the meeting.

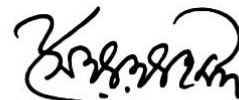
Bangladesh signed two separate memorandums of understanding (MoU) with the United Kingdom (UK) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to strengthen disaster preparedness, humanitarian response and institutional resilience. The agreements were signed at the Secretariat under the directive of the Prime Minister's Office to enhance Bangladesh's disaster resilience, reinforce humanitarian preparedness and expand international cooperation. Disaster Management and Relief Minister Asadul Habib and Prime Minister's Adviser on Disaster Management and Relief Humaiun Kobir was present at the signing ceremony. Disaster Management and Relief Secretary Md Saidur Rahman Khan signed the agreements on behalf of Bangladesh, while British High Commissioner Sarah Cooke signed for the UK government and ICRC Vice President Julio E. Rank Wright signed on behalf of the humanitarian organization.

Prime Minister's Adviser on Information and Broadcasting Dr. Zahed Ur Rahman said, the government is implementing a series of initiatives to ensure the spirit and legacy of the July Mass Uprising remain alive in the national consciousness. The Adviser told a press briefing at the Press Information Department (PID) at Secretariat yesterday.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam called for expanding trade and investment cooperation with East European and Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) countries, describing the region as a promising yet largely untapped market for Bangladesh. The State Minister made the call when a delegation of the Board of Directors and office-bearers of the Commonwealth of Independent States-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industries (CIS-BCCI) paid a courtesy call on her at Foreign Ministry yesterday.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam said, Bangladesh is ready to host BIMSTEC sectoral meetings, as mutually convenient, during its chairmanship to facilitate the timely implementation of the regional bloc's decisions and priority initiatives. The State Minister made the remarks when Secretary General of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Indra Mani Pandey paid a courtesy call on her at Foreign Ministry yesterday.

State Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Mir Shahe Alam said, local government institutions are playing an important role in the country's overall development, infrastructure construction, expansion of public services and implementation of sustainable development at the local level. The State Minister made the remarks while conducting a budget debriefing session organized under the "Budget Helpdesk-2026" at the oath room of the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday.



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