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Newsbrief

The government is set to launch the 'Probashi Card' (Expatriate Card) on a pilot basis in the second week of next month, with the state-owned Janata Bank issuing the Probashi Debit Card in the first phase. The decision was taken at a meeting on the Probashi Card programme chaired by Prime Minister Tarique Rahman at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) in Tejgaon area yesterday. The Prime Minister directed the authorities concerned to ensure that Bangladeshis living across the world are brought under the coverage of the Probashi Card programme.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman put emphasis on producing bricks using environmentally friendly alternative technologies to prevent air pollution. The Prime Minister laid the importance while chairing a meeting on environment pollution at his Tejgaon office in the city yesterday. Besides, the meeting discussed ways to control the excessive use of vehicle horns in the capital city Dhaka. In this regard, the Prime Minister instructed the law enforcement agencies to play a more stringent role in enforcing the law.

BNP Secretary General and LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said, the ruling BNP wants to further strengthen its geopolitical, economic, and commercial relations with China. The Minister also said, the existing relationship between the two countries had been further reinforced through the recent visit of Prime Minister Tarique Rahman to China. The Minister said this while addressing a discussion titled "Long Live Bangladesh-China Friendship" at a hotel in the capital yesterday organized by the Bangladesh-China Friendship Association following the Premier visit to China.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed said, the government will provide comprehensive assistance to people affected by the recent floods, including homeless families, farmers, fish farmers and livestock keepers, reaffirming its commitment to stand by citizens during times of disaster. Addressing a house handover programme for flood-affected homeless families at the Pekua Upazila Parishad premises in Cox's Bazar yesterday, the Minister said that the government's politics is centred on ensuring the welfare of the people.

Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Iqbal Hassan Mahmood said, Sirajganj has a long-standing tradition in the handloom industry and the newly established training centre will open up new opportunities for local weavers. Through training, weavers will have the opportunity to grow from small entrepreneurs into large-scale business owners and contribute more significantly to the country's economy, the Minister added. The Minister said this while speaking at the inauguration ceremony of the handloom training centre built by the Bangladesh Handloom Board in the sadar upazila in Sirajganj yesterday. State Minister for Textiles and Jute Md. Shariful Alam also addressed the event.

Social Welfare Minister Professor Dr. Abu Zafar Md. Zahid Hossain stressed the need to encourage farmers to cultivate cotton, saying the crop is used to manufacture a wide range of products and has significant economic value. The Minister made the remarks while addressing a programme at the Birampur Upazila Auditorium in Dinajpur district yesterday. The programme featured the distribution of cotton seedlings by the Cotton Development Board, educational stipends and sports equipment by the Department of Social Services and vegetable seeds and fertilizers by the Department of Agricultural Extension.

Land Minister Mizanur Rahman Minu said, Prime Minister Tarique Rahman is giving the highest importance and priority to the country's education system, especially engineering and technical education. In continuation of that, a new academic building is being constructed to make the academic activities of the Polytechnic Institute more dynamic and modern, so that future engineers from this institution can play a stronger role in serving the country and the world. The Minister said these while speaking at the foundation stone laying ceremony of the new academic building of Rajshahi Government Polytechnic Institute and the inauguration ceremony of the office of the Alumni Association in Rajshahi yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon said, Bangladesh's foreign policy is guided by economic priorities rather than geopolitical considerations, with trade, investment, remittances and overseas employment shaping the country's diplomatic engagements. Addressing a seminar titled "Long Live Bangladesh-China Friendship", organized by the Bangladesh-China Friendship Association at a hotel in the capital yesterday, the Minister said that China has the potential to become one of Bangladesh's most strategic and dependable partners in its economic advancement.

Fisheries, Livestock and Agriculture Minister Mohammad Amin Ur Rashid said, the level of destruction in the flood-affected Chattogram region is extremely colossal. The Minister further mentioned that while it is not feasible for the government to address all losses immediately, seeds, fertilizers, cattle vaccines and other essential support are being provided to farmers for their swift recovery. The Minister said this during a meeting with divisional and district officials at Chattogram Circuit House yesterday.

Naogaon University formally launched its academic activities with a colourful ceremony, marking the beginning of the institution's educational journey. Education Minister Dr. ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon inaugurated the academic activities at its temporary campus in the Barunkandi Circle area of Naogaon town yesterday. Following the inauguration, the Minister visited the university's classrooms, modern library and computer laboratory. Later, Dr. Milon joined a meeting with distinguished citizens and attended a reception programme for newly admitted students at the Naogaon Sadar Upazila Parishad Auditorium. State Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Mir Shahe Alam was also present at that ceremony.

Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology Minister Faqir Mahub Anam said, Bangladesh is actively working towards establishing a modern, safe and responsible Artificial Intelligence (AI) governance framework rooted in human rights, ethics and inclusive development under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Tarique Rahman. The Minister made this remark while representing Bangladesh at the 'High-level Meeting on Global AI Governance' organized during the "World Artificial Intelligence Conference (WAIC)-2026" in Shanghai, China yesterday.

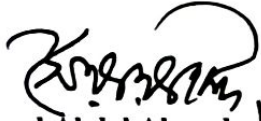
Prime Minister's Office (PMO) Spokesperson Dr. Mahdi Amin said, the government has been working relentlessly by attaching highest priority to ensuring transparency, good governance, public welfare and fulfilling the people's expectations. The Spokesperson made the remarks at a press conference at the Karobi Hall of the PMO in the capital's Tejgaon area yesterday. Prime Minister's Press Wing organized the press conference, marking the completion of five months of the elected government.

State Minister for Road Transport and Bridges and the Ministry of Railways Habibur Rashid Habib laid emphasis on deeply embracing the Bangladeshi nationalism introduced by Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman to collectively propel the country towards a path of development and prosperity. The State Minister made the remarks while speaking at the publication ceremony of a book titled 'Shaheed President Ziaur Rahmaner Rashtrodorshon' (State Philosophy of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman) at the Muzaffar Ahmed Chowdhury Auditorium of Dhaka University yesterday.

State Minister for Land and Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs Mir Mohammad Helal Uddin has emphasized that relief for flood-affected communities must be delivered through coordinated efforts. The efforts would be made successful involving all government and non-government organizations, rather than isolated initiatives, the State Minister added. The State Minister made the remarks while addressing a review and coordination meeting on the post-flood situation at the conference room of local Deputy Commissioner's Office in Bandarban yesterday.

Prime Minister's Press Secretary AAM Saleh Shibly said, the government is working to strengthen information flow from the grassroots by decentralizing and empowering district information officers, enabling journalists and public access to information easily. The PM's Press Secretary made the remarks while addressing a press conference organized by Prime Minister's Press Wing at Prime Minister's Office at Tejgaon area yesterday marking completion of five months of the government.

Whip of the National Parliament Advocate Md. Ruhul Quddus Talukder Dulu said that the farmer-friendly government led by Prime Minister Tarique Rahman is working for the development of agriculture and the welfare of the farmers. The Whip made the remarks while addressing a ceremony to distribute various types of agricultural incentive inputs among the farmers at the Natore Sadar Upazila Parishad auditorium yesterday.


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