



গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

তথ্য অধিদফতর



PRESS INFORMATION DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
Press Information Department.
Dhaka.

Most Urgent
For: Bangladoot, All Missions
MSG 49/2026-27
Date: Tuesday, 18 08. 2026

From: PIO, PID, Dhaka
Fax: 55100553/55100026
E-mail: pidhaka@gmail.com
Web: www.pressinform.gov.bd

Newsbrief

Saudi Crown Prince and Prime Minister Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud has invited Prime Minister Tarique Rahman to visit Saudi Arabia. Saudi Ambassador to Bangladesh Dr. Abdullah Zafer H bin Abiyah handed over the invitation letter to the Prime Minister during a meeting with him at the Prime Minister's Cabinet Division office in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman and Prime Minister's Adviser on Foreign Affairs Humaiun Kobir were also present at the meeting.

A meeting was held with Prime Minister Tarique Rahman in the chair to explore the use of environment-friendly vetiver grass to prevent erosion and protect roads and embankments in the country. The meeting was held at the Prime Minister's Cabinet Division office in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. At the meeting, Dr. Mohammad Shariful Islam, a teacher and researcher at the Department of Civil Engineering of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), presented a proposal on the use of vetiver grass. The meeting agreed on the benefits of the grass and its potential use in road and embankment construction projects across the country.

Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury said, the government will implement the new pay scale for public servants this year. The Minister, however, indicated that more discussions are needed before taking a final decision. The Finance Minister said this after a meeting at the Finance Ministry at Bangladesh Secretariat to review the judicial pay scale.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed said, the country's law and order situation has witnessed visible improvement over the last six months, or 180 days. The Minister made the remarks while briefing journalists after a meeting of the committee formed to make recommendations on the report of the Bangladesh Judicial Service Pay Commission, 2025, at the Ministry of Finance at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. The Minister also said, more time would be needed to further consolidate the situation in line with people's expectations.

Cultural Affairs Minister Nitai Roy Chowdhury said, reading books is immensely important for building a nation enriched with free thinking, humanity, patriotism, and secular values. The Minister made the remarks while speaking at the inaugural session of a four-day training workshop on "Enhancing Knowledge and Skills of Government Public Librarians" at Jatiya Grantha Kendro in the capital yesterday. The Minister also said, during the tenure of the previous fascist government, attempts were made to deprive the nation of intellectual capacity by putting drugs instead of books into the hands of students and introducing a system of auto pass in various public examinations.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon said, Bangladeshi nationalism is the strongest and most effective political philosophy for uniting all people on the basis of their civic identity, eliminating divisions based on religion, race, language, or ethnic identity. The Minister said this while addressing the unveiling and publication ceremony of a book titled "Bangladeshi Nationalism, Tarique Rahman and the Current Context" at Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon said, the government remains committed to being accountable to citizens and transforming the country from the debris toward a planned reconstruction. The Minister made the remarks at a press briefing held at the Prime Minister's Office yesterday to present the government's activities and progress during its first 180 days. The Minister further said, the unprecedented love and respect shown by people following the death of Begum Khaleda Zia on December 31, 2025 was another powerful symbolic message from the public.

Water Resources Minister Md. Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anee said, an integrated, environment-friendly and long-term plan will be adopted for sustainable management of the Teesta River. The Minister made the remarks at a seminar titled "Sustainable Management of the Teesta River" held at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) yesterday, organized by the Ministry of Water Resources and BUET's Department of Water Resources Engineering. Disaster Management and Relief Minister Asadul Habib Dulu and State Minister for Water Resources Farhad Hossain Azad attended the seminar.

Road Transport and Bridges, Railways and Shipping Minister Sheikh Rabiul Alam said, a national economic hub will be developed centering on Mongla Port to tap its full potential and create employment opportunities in the region. The Minister was speaking at a stakeholders' conference organized by the Mongla Port Authority at Hotel City Inn in Khulna yesterday. The Minister also said, Mongla Port has immense potential and stressed the need for creating a service-friendly environment in government offices to increase revenue collection.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam reaffirmed Bangladesh's commitment to revitalising South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC). The State Minister stressed on sustained political engagement, cultural initiatives and wider stakeholder participation to reinvigorate the regional grouping. The State Minister said this when outgoing Secretary General of the SAARC Ambassador Golam Sarwar paid a farewell call on her at Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday.

State Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Mir Shahe Alam said, the use of solar power will be ensured in all entities under the Ministry. At the same time, the State Minister said, initiatives will be taken to introduce the use of solar power in other government departments in the next phase. The State Minister made the remarks while speaking at a review meeting on the use of solar power in offices, agencies and institutions under the Local Government Division and Rural Development and Cooperatives Division at the conference room of the Local Government Division at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

State Minister for the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief M. Iqbal Hossain inspected Mymensingh Medical College Hospital for the first time yesterday after being elected chairman of the hospital's management committee. During his inspection, the State Minister asked the hospital authorities to ensure hassle free services to the patients.

State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Bobby Hajjaj said, the July Mass Uprising was not the sole achievement of any individual, political party, or group; rather, it was the outcome of the collective aspirations and participation of people from diverse classes, professions and ideological backgrounds. The State Minister made these remarks at a discussion titled "Voices of July: Youth, Resolve and Resistance", organized by the Canadian University of Bangladesh in the capital yesterday.

Prime Minister's Press Secretary AAM Saleh Shibly said, establishing the dignity of every person in the state and society is the greatest achievement of the current government. The Press Secretary told a special views-exchange meeting at Prime Minister's Office at Tejgaon yesterday. The meeting was organized on the occasion of marking the six months, or 180 days, since the government assumed office.

Prime Minister's Office (PMO) Spokesperson Mahdi Amin said that extensive public engagement and implementation of electoral pledges are the major achievements of the government within its first 180 days. The PMO Spokesperson made the remarks while presenting an overview of the activities and achievements of the Tarique Rahman-led government over its first 180 days at a views exchange meeting at the PMO in the capital's Tejgaon area yesterday.


Syed Abdal'Ahmed 18.08.26
Principal Information Officer
Phone: 55100811