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Newsbrief

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman reviewed the government's overall preparedness plans and progress regarding earthquake response, including forming a national taskforce, preparing one lakh volunteers and strengthening emergency coordination mechanisms. The review meeting was held at the Cabinet Division of the Bangladesh Secretariat in Dhaka yesterday with the Prime Minister in the chair. A decision was also taken in the meeting to establish a special cell on earthquake preparedness at the Prime Minister's Office to coordinate related activities.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman met Tahsin Abdullah, a schoolboy whose heartwarming smile at the closing ceremony of the Notun Kuri Sports 2025-26 touched millions, a year after the boy lost his elder sister in the Milestone School fighter jet crash. Learning the heartbreaking story behind the widely shared photograph of the smiling boy on social media, the Prime Minister met Tahsin and his father Nazmul Haque at the Prime Minister's Office at Bangladesh Secretariat in Dhaka yesterday. The Prime Minister appreciated his dream and advised the young boy to concentrate on his studies, play sports regularly and work with sincerity and dedication to achieve his goals. The Prime Minister gifted him a basketball bearing his autograph and a drone set.

Acting Speaker of the Bangladesh Jatiya Sangsad Barrister Kayser Kamal and Nepal's Ambassador to Bangladesh Ghanshyam Bhandari expressed optimism that the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) could be revitalised through enhanced regional cooperation. The view was shared when the Nepalese Envoy paid a courtesy call on the Acting Speaker at his office at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban in Dhaka yesterday. The Speaker also called upon Nepal to take an active role in making the regional bloc effective once again.

The Cabinet Committee on Government Purchase recommended the approval of a proposal to import refined fuel oil worth an estimated Tk 16,088.52 crore for the July-December 2026 period under government-to-government (G2G) agreements with six state-owned foreign suppliers. The decision came at the committee's 33rd meeting of 2026 with Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury in the chair at the Cabinet Division Conference Room at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday.

Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman said, Dhaka and New Delhi agreed on the need to reset and take forward bilateral ties on the basis of sovereign equality mutual interests after newly appointed Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Dinesh Trivedi paid his first courtesy call on him. The Minister said this to the journalists at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Dhaka yesterday. The Minister also said, the government is reviewing the invitation for Prime Minister Tarique Rahman to attend the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi as a special guest. Prime Minister's Foreign Affairs Adviser Humayun Kobir was also present at the briefing.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Abdul Awal Mintoo stressed the need for protecting the Sundarban, the country's lone natural habitat of Bengal tigers, aiming to protect the big cat species. The Minister said this at a function at Ban Bhaban in the capital yesterday. The Minister also said, tiger conservation is urgent now to ensure environmental and ecological balance of the Sundarbans.

Commerce Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktadir said, the government is implementing a series of structural reforms to strengthen Bangladesh's economic foundations and ensure a smooth and sustainable transition from the Least Developed Country (LDC) category. The Minister said this while speaking at a seminar on "Bangladesh's Upcoming LDC Graduation: Navigating the Challenges of Sustainable Transition" at the ICMAB Bhaban in the capital yesterday. The Minister also said, the government's decision to defer LDC graduation by three years was aimed at addressing structural weaknesses and implementing key reforms to prepare the economy for the post-LDC era.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon asked the officials to ensure that all ongoing projects under the ministry are completed within the stipulated timeframe. The Minister said this yesterday while chairing a

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review meeting at the ministry on Annual Development Programme (ADP) for the fiscal year of 2026-27. Asking the officials to demonstrate complete sincerity in project implementation, the Minister also said, we must prevent the misuse of public funds and ensure that every taka allocated for a project is spent properly. At the meeting, State Minister for Information and Broadcasting Yasser Khan Choudhury proposed developing an integrated digital dashboard to enhance the pace of project implementation. Prime Minister's Information and Broadcasting Adviser Dr. Zahed Ur Rahman said, the Prime Minister is very serious about the 180-day programme so that officials must place greater emphasis on implementing plans.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Md. Asaduzzaman said, the present government has taken effective initiatives to reduce longstanding civil case backlog. The Minister made the remarks at a seminar titled "Addressing Delays in the Disposal of Civil Cases: Shared Experiences of Bangladesh and Japan" at Judicial Administration Training Institute in Dhaka yesterday. The Minister also said, the experiences and cooperation of the Japanese Ministry of Justice and international partners, including the JICA, would play a significant role in strengthening Bangladesh's judicial system.

Housing and Public Works Minister Zakaria Taher said, ensuring planned urbanisation and providing housing opportunities for low-income people are among the government's key priorities. The Minister made the remarks while addressing a workshop organised by the Ministry of Housing and Public Works and the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) at a city hotel yesterday. The Minister also said, Bangladesh, as one of the most vulnerable countries to climate change, must prioritise green buildings and climate-resilient infrastructure.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Sardar Md. Sakhawat Husain said, the government would permanently dismantle the broker syndicates that divert patients from public hospitals to private clinics. The Minister said this while addressing the unveiling of a study titled "Addressing Gaps in Bangladesh's Public Health System: A Rapid Facility-Based Assessment of Spending Efficiency to Ensure Universal Health Coverage" in the capital yesterday. The Minister also said, physicians would not be allowed to neglect their duties at public hospitals while operating private clinics or referring patients to specific diagnostic centres for personal financial gain.

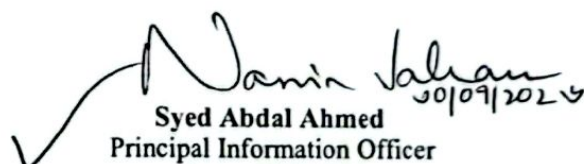
State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam expressed interest for more employment opportunities for Bangladeshi workers in Brunei Darussalam. The State Minister expressed the interest when Brunei Darussalam High Commissioner to Bangladesh Haji Haris Bin Othman paid a courtesy call on her at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Dhaka yesterday. During the meeting, the two sides discussed ways to further strengthen bilateral cooperation, particularly in manpower, trade and investment, energy and air connectivity.

State Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Mir Shahe Alam said, building a clean and green Dhaka is one of the current government's top priorities. The State Minister made the remarks while addressing a meeting at the conference room of the Local Government Division at the Secretariat in Dhaka yesterday. The State Minister called upon all concerned to work together to implement the government's "Clean and Green City" initiative.

State Minister for Information and Broadcasting Yasser Khan Choudhury stressed the need for more effective health awareness programmes and coordinated efforts between the Ministries of Health and Information to improve overall public health across the country. The State Minister made the remarks at a joint view-exchange meeting between the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting held at the conference room of the Health Ministry in Dhaka yesterday.

Bangladesh and Malaysia have held highly productive discussions on labour market cooperation, with both sides exchanging views on expanding employment opportunities, manpower exports and strengthening bilateral collaboration. High-level meetings between the two countries were held on Tuesday and Wednesday at Malaysia's Ministry of Human Resources in Putrajaya, the country's administrative capital, according to a message received in Dhaka yesterday. Bangladesh's Adviser to the Prime Minister, Mahdi Amin, and Adviser to the Ministries of Labour and Employment and Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment, Ariful Haque Choudhury, held talks with Malaysia's Minister of Human Resources, Dato' Sri Ramanan, the message added.

Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Dinesh Trivedi said, New Delhi is eagerly looking forward to welcoming Prime Minister Tarique Rahman to India and hoped the visit would take place soon. The Indian Envoy made the remarks while responding to questions from journalists at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday after holding meetings with Foreign Minister Dr. Rahman and State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam.


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