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Newsbrief

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman has conveyed his prayers and warm wishes for the speedy recovery of Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim. In a message posted on the verified Facebook page of the Prime Minister's Office lastnight, the Prime Minister said, the people of Bangladesh join me in conveying our warmest wishes to our nation's valued friend.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman expressed deep shock at the deaths of 16 Bangladeshi nationals in a tragic factory fire in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. In a message of condolence, the Prime Minister expressed his deepest sympathy to the bereaved families and assured them of providing necessary support during this time of irreparable loss and grief. The Premier is continuously enquiring about the development of the incident and bringing the bodies of the victims back home through coordinated efforts of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Expatriate Welfare and Oversees Employment and the Bangladesh mission in Riyadh, said Prime Minister's Press Secretary Saleh Shibly yesterday.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman urged the countrymen to work together to build the Bangladesh envisioned by the martyrs of the July Mass Uprising, saying their sacrifices must be honoured by turning their dreams into reality. The Prime Minister said this while addressing a programme organised at the cabinet meeting room in the Secretariat in Dhaka yesterday to honour the families of Bangladesh Scouts members who were martyred during the July Mass Uprising and provide them with financial assistance. The Prime Minister handed over cheques of financial assistance and honorary medals to the families of 10 Bangladesh Scouts members who were martyred during the July Mass Uprising.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman expressed 'hope' that India will expedite the extradition process of ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who was toppled on August 5 in 2024, following student-people uprising. The Prime Minister came up with his hope when Indian High Commissioner in Dhaka Dinesh Trivedi called on him at the Prime Minister's Cabinet Division Office at the Bangladesh Secretariat in Dhaka yesterday. The Prime Minister stressed the need to create an appropriate environment to further advance bilateral relations between the two countries.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman inaugurated three villages as 'SDG Villages' under the country's first-ever pilot programme aimed at accelerating the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. The Prime Minister inaugurated the programme at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in Dhaka yesterday. Three villages are- Nafangar in Bochaganj upazila of Dinajpur, Pankhali in Dacope upazila of Khulna and Mitingachhari in Kaptai upazila of Rangamati. The Prime Minister said, the government has taken initiatives to implement a five-year strategic economic plan aimed at ensuring people's prosperity, aligning the country's national development plans with the Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the United Nations.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman yesterday sent greetings and gifts to Sadman Shihab, son of disappeared BNP leader Khaled Hasan Sohel, after the teenager achieved an outstanding result in this year's Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination. The Prime Minister congratulated Shihab on his success and expressed sympathy for his family, sending flowers, sweets and inspirational books along with a message of encouragement and wishes for his continued success.

The Cabinet gave final and in principle approval to the draft Bank Resolution (Amendment) Act, 2026, the draft Visa Policy, 2026 and the draft National Human Rights Commission Act, 2026. The approval was given in the 16th meeting of the Cabinet at the Secretariat with Prime Minister Tarique Rahman in the chair yesterday.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed called for a 'fresh start' in Bangladesh-India relations, saying differences between the two countries can be resolved through mutual cooperation and dialogue based on equality. The Home Minister made the remarks when Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Dinesh Trivedi paid a courtesy call on him at his office at the Bangladesh Secretariat in Dhaka yesterday. During the meeting, the two sides held fruitful and positive discussions on bilateral relations and various issues of mutual interest.

Egypt has expressed keen interest in further strengthening economic and trade relations with Bangladesh and expanding cooperation in industrial and investment sectors. Egyptian Ambassador to Bangladesh Omar Mohie Eldin Ahmed Fahmy conveyed the interest when he paid a courtesy call on Industries, Commerce and Textiles and Jute Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktedir at the Ministry of Industries in Dhaka yesterday. The Minister welcomed Egypt's interest in investing in Bangladesh and called for greater bilateral cooperation in industries, trade and investment.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon said, the United States is one of Bangladesh's closest and most important partners in the country's current economic progress. The Minister said this at a views-exchange meeting with interfaith leaders at Gournadi Catholic Church in Barishal yesterday. US Ambassador to Bangladesh Brent T. Christensen addressed the event as the guest of honor. The Minister welcomed and congratulated the Ambassador on his visit to Gournadi Upazila in Barishal, the minister's home area.

The results of this year's Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and equivalent examinations were published. This year, the overall pass rate in the country's 11 education boards is 62.25 percent, while 1,16,676 students secured GPA-5. Last year, the pass rate was 68.45 percent. Education and Primary and Mass Education Minister Dr. ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon officially published the results at a press conference at the Secretariat in Dhaka yesterday.

Education Minister Dr. ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon said that opportunity to review the question papers has been ensured following applications of aggrieved students after the publication of this year's SSC and equivalent examinations results. Noting that this system has been ensured by bringing legal changes, he said if any examinee is deprived of fair marks or there is any error in giving marks, his or her papers will be properly evaluated through the review committee. The Minister made the remarks while responding to a question following official publication of this year's SSC and equivalent examination results at the ministry's conference room in Bangladesh Secretariat in Dhaka yesterday.

US Ambassador to Bangladesh Brent T. Christensen yesterday savoured Barishal's traditional hospitality and culinary heritage, including fried hilsa and Gournadi's famed rasmalai, during a luncheon at Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon's village home. The luncheon was hosted at the minister's residence in Sarikal of Gournadi upazila on the second day of the US Ambassador's visit to Barishal. Before joining the luncheon, the US Ambassador planted a sapling on the premises of the Information Minister's residence.

Estonia expressed readiness to support Bangladesh in e-governance and deepen cooperation in digital technologies as the two countries agreed to broaden bilateral ties in trade, investment, skilled migration and other areas. The understanding was reached at the second Foreign Office Consultations between Bangladesh and Estonia held in Tallinn yesterday, according to a Foreign Ministry press release. Bangladesh's delegation was led by Ambassador Dr. M. Nazrul Islam, Secretary (Bilateral-East and West) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, while Mati Murd, Head of Asia and the Pacific Region at Estonia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, headed the Estonian side.

The government has extended the validity of licences for private hospitals, clinics, diagnostic centres, dental clinics and medical check-up centres from one year to two years. The decision was disclosed through an office order signed yesterday by Director of Hospitals and Clinics of the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) Dr. Md Nurul Islam. The office order said, the decision was taken following a directive from the Private Health Management-1 Branch of the Health Services Division under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The new rule will come into effect from the 2026-2027 fiscal year.


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