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Newsbrief

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman left Dhaka by helicopter for Maheshkhali in Cox's Bazar, where he will inspect major development projects before visiting flood-hit areas in Banshkhali and Hathazari to hand over new houses to the flood victims. The Prime Minister left Tejgaon Airport at 9:15am, said PM's Additional Press Secretary Atiqur Rahman Ruman. During his visit to Maheshkhali, the Prime Minister will inspect the Matarbari deep-sea port, coal-fired power project and activities of the Maheshkhali Integrated Development Authority. The Premier will then travel to Banshkhali and Hathazari to attend programmes for rehabilitating people affected by the recent floods and hand over new houses to the victims. After completing the day's programmes, he is scheduled to leave for Dhaka and return to the capital at night.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman handed over job appointment letters to 10 family members of martyrs and seriously injured persons of July Mass Uprising. The Prime Minister handed over the appointment letters at his office in Tejgaon yesterday, said Prime Minister's Deputy Press Secretary Hasan Shiplu. The Prime Minister said, efforts would continue to ensure due recognition of the sacrifices made by those who were killed or injured during the July Movement. The family members of the martyrs and injured July fighters expressed their gratitude to the Prime Minister after receiving the appointment letters.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman said, the beneficiaries of fascism remained active in the state, politics, governance and administration, and out to destabilise the country's power and energy sector by spreading misleading information and creating confusion. The Prime Minister made the remarks while addressing a doctors' rally organised on the occasion of the 37th founding anniversary of the Doctors Association of Bangladesh (DAB) at the LD Hall of the Jatiya Sangsad complex in Dhaka yesterday. The Prime Minister also said, the government is making efforts to tackle all such situations through positive initiatives. The government had decided to recruit 100,000 new health workers across the country to raise public awareness about primary healthcare, added the Premier.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman gave five rickshaws to two July fighters and a 65-year-old man to help them become self-employed and support their livelihoods. A CNG-run auto-rickshaw was given to July fighter and student Mohammad Aziz Sheikh, two pedal rickshaws were given to July fighter Md. Gaffar, and two battery-powered rickshaws were given to 65-year-old poor man Asadul Haque Bishu. The Prime Minister handed over the gifts to the recipients at a programme at his office in Tejgaon yesterday.

Three villages of the country are set to become SDG Village by attaining the goals as set by the United Nations. The villages are Pankhali village of Dakop Upazila in Khulna, Mitinga Chhari of Kaptai Upazila of Rangamati and Nafanagar of Bochaganj upazila of Dinajpur. Prime Minister Tarique Rahman on Monday next (August 10) will inaugurate the initiative at Pankhali while join virtually with Mitinga Chhari and Nafanagar villages. The initiative is being taken as part of the government's efforts to implement the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

BNP Secretary General and Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said, BNP is working to move the country forward by overcoming the destruction left behind by the fascist Awami League government. The Minister said this while speaking at a rally of doctors organised to mark the 37th founding anniversary of the Doctors' Association of Bangladesh at the LD Hall premises of the Jatiya Sangsad in Dhaka yesterday. The Minister urged the physicians to make people aware of the importance of political stability and the vision of building a new Bangladesh under the leadership of Prime Minister Tarique Rahman.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed has called for maintaining the spirit of the historic July Mass Uprising and "Iron-clad national unity" to build a fascism-free Bangladesh. The Minister made the call while addressing a discussion titled at Nawab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Building auditorium of Dhaka University yesterday marking the second anniversary of the July Mass Uprising. The Minister also called for completing democratic reforms of the state structure through democratic practices and tolerance, without falling into provocative traps aimed at creating conditions for the resurgence of fascism.

Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Afroza Khanam Rita said, the government is working with all relevant stakeholders to transform Bangladesh into an international tourism hub, in line with its electoral commitment. The Minister said this while addressing the launching ceremony of the Travel and Tourism Development Centre at a hotel in the capital yesterday. Highlighting the government's ambition for the sector, the Minister said, a National Tourism Council, chaired by the Prime Minister, has been formed with a target to increase tourism's contribution to GDP from around three percent at present to 6-7 percent in the coming years. More than 100 professional tour guides have already been trained under the government's skill development programme, added the Minister.

Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Ariful Haque Chowdhury said, the government has announced financial assistance of Tk five lakh for the family of each person killed and Tk one lakh for each injured persons in the deadly bus accident on the Dhaka-Sylhet highway in Osmaninagar. The government will also provide Tk three lakh to those who have become disabled in the accident. Earlier, the Minister visited the injured undergoing treatment at Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital yesterday and inquired about the condition of the injured. He also instructed the hospital authorities to ensure proper treatment for the injured. On August 7 morning, nine people were killed in a head-on collision between two buses in the Kashikapan area of Osmaninagar on the Dhaka-Sylhet highway.

Fisheries, Livestock and Agriculture Minister Mohammed Aminur Rashid said, the government will establish new fish sanctuaries in haor and wetland areas under a new system by replacing conventional leasing of jolmohals to boost local fresh water fish production. The Minister said this to the journalists after visiting the 'National Fisheries Fortnight-2026' venue at Achmita George Institute Mini Stadium of Katiadi upazila in Kishorganj yesterday. Earlier, the Minister inspected prospective sites for fish fry release along the Old Brahmaputra River at Thana Ghat Isakha Bridge, Bahadia Pathanbari Ghat, and Chairman Bari Ghat near Mirzapur Government Primary School at Pakundia Upazila in Kishorganj.

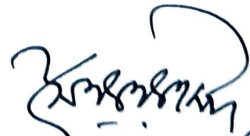
Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Md. Asaduzzaman warned of stern action against market syndicates and hoarding. The Minister made the remarks after inspecting the wholesale markets for jute and onions in Shailkupa of Jhenaidah yesterday. The Minister said, instructions have already been issued to all the local retail and wholesale markets to dismantle the syndicates.

Housing and Public Works Minister Zakaria Taher called upon people, irrespective of personal and political interests, to work together for the welfare of the people and the development of their local areas. The Minister said this while speaking at a function marking the assumption of office and inauguration of the newly-elected executive committee of the Barura Upazila Janakalyan Samity, Dhaka, and its annual general meeting at the Institution of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh Bhaban in the city's Kakrail area in Dhaka yesterday.

Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology Minister Faqir Mahub Anam said, Kaliakair Hi-Tech Park by now fetched US\$ 283 million investment out of proposed US\$ 1.636 billion amid government thrust to develop the facility as a production and export hub. The Minister also said, the state-run facility on the outskirts of the capital drew investment proposals of US\$ 629 million alone from seven companies based in China, Japan, India, South Korea and the United States. The Minister made the remarks while visiting the country's first hi-tech park at Kaliakair in Gazipur yesterday. The Minister also said, multinational companies from around the world, including Google, Meta (Facebook) and TikTok, also proposed investment for a planned AI data centre project by a US-based company.

State Minister for Information and Broadcasting Yasser Khan Chowdhury said, the government will take necessary steps to preserve and refurbish the historic Kalurghat radio station, from where Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman made the declaration of independence. The State Minister made the remarks while exchanging views with journalists after visiting the Kalurghat radio station in Chattogram yesterday. The State Minister also said, the Information and Broadcasting Ministry is taking effective initiatives to combat misinformation and rumours.

Meanwhile, State Minister for Information and Broadcasting Yasser Khan Choudhury said, the Press Information Department (PID) plays vital role in reducing gap between the government and the people. The Minister made the remarks while addressing a view exchange meeting with the officials and employees at the Regional Information Office in Chattogram yesterday. The Minister also said, the PID remains constantly active in creating public awareness during disasters, providing necessary information to the citizens and informing them about various government programmes. Addressing the PID officials, the State Minister said, ongoing activities must be made more dynamic and effective to provide people with higher-quality services.


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