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Newsbrief

Japan invited Prime Minister Tarique Rahman to visit Tokyo as Dhaka and Tokyo agreed to deepen their Strategic Partnership with greater cooperation in trade, investment, energy, security and skilled manpower. Japanese Senior Deputy Foreign Minister Namazu Hiroyuki conveyed Prime Minister Takaichi's invitation to Prime Minister Tarique Rahman to visit Japan at a mutually convenient time during the 7th Bangladesh-Japan Foreign Office Consultations held in Dhaka, said a Foreign Ministry's press release lastnight. Japan also invited Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman to visit the country in his capacity as President of the 81st Session of the United Nations General Assembly. Bangladesh, in turn, invited Japanese Prime Minister Takaichi to pay an official visit to Dhaka at a suitable time.

Finance and Planning Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury said, Bangladesh needs to move beyond traditional public financing and explore alternative sources of finance to bridge the huge funding gap required to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Minister said this to the journalist at a press meet held after the closing ceremony of the three-day national conference titled 'Navigating Five Year Strategic Framework for Achieving SDGs: Policy, Partnership and Priorities' at Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Center in the capital yesterday. The Minister also said, Bangladesh has already started moving towards alternative financing, particularly through the capital market.

Social Welfare Minister Dr. AZM Zahid Hossain has stressed the need for making and implementing government decisions quickly to achieve the SDGs, saying efforts are being made to speed up bureaucratic activities. The Minister said this while addressing a session at the national conference on SDGs at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Center in the capital yesterday. The Minister also said, the government's goal is to build a Bangladesh where the benefits of development are not limited to cities or people with financial means.

A meeting of the National Moon-Sighting Committee will be held today to observe the crescent moon of holy Rabiul Awal month of 1448 Hijri and determine the date of holy Eid-e-Miladunnabi (SAW). The meeting will be held at 7pm (after Maghrib prayers) at the Baitul Mukarram meeting room of the Islamic Foundation with Religious Affairs Minister Kazi Shah Mofazzal Houssain (Kaikobad) in the chair. In a press release, the Islamic Foundation urged people to inform the authorities if the crescent moon of Rabiul Awal is sighted anywhere in Bangladesh through the following telephone and fax numbers or by contacting the Deputy Commissioner of the respective district or the Upazila Nirbahi Officer.

Industries Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktaadir called upon US businesses and investors to make greater investment in Bangladesh to help the country achieve its goal of becoming a trillion-dollar economy. The Minister said this to the reporters after a meeting with a high-level delegation of the US-Bangladesh Business Council at the Industries Ministry conference room in Dhaka yesterday. The Minister also said, the government is taking various measures to create an investment-friendly environment and simplify business processes to attract more US investment. The meeting discussed problems faced by US companies doing business in Bangladesh, as well as the country's future trade and export policies, digital economy and e-commerce. The two sides also exchanged views on priority sectors that Bangladesh should focus on to achieve its trillion-dollar economy target.

Minister for Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Ariful Haque Chowdhury stressed the importance of establishing an ethical and responsible worker recruitment system as Bangladesh and Thailand discussed the recruitment of Bangladeshi workers in Thailand. The Minister made the remarks during a courtesy meeting with a Thai delegation at the conference room of the Ministry in Dhaka yesterday. The Minister also said, the identified concerns would be resolved soon and that an MoU between the two countries could be signed at an early date. Chairman of Thailand's Senate Standing Committee on Labour Nitirutthi Suthinon said, Thailand is interested in signing an agreement with Bangladesh as the fifth country to address the resulting labour shortage.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapan said, the youth are the main driving force of new civilisation in the era of rapidly changing technology. With the knowledge and experience of the old days, it is difficult to deal with the new challenges that are being created every day in the ongoing new ecosystem, including emergence of artificial intelligence (AI). So, it is the duty of every country to impart the right knowledge and skills to the youths. The Minister said this while addressing an event at the Foreign Service Academy in Dhaka yesterday marking the 'International Youth Day 2026'. The Minister also said, proper institutional system to provide this new technology-based knowledge to the youth has not yet taken a complete shape globally. International organisations, including the United Nations, should focus on the process of transforming this new knowledge and acquiring skills with the youth as the main focus.

Zahir Uddin Swapan

Prime Minister's Foreign Affairs Adviser Humaiun Kobir said, closer partnerships with US businesses and investors could significantly contribute to Bangladesh's economic growth, employment generation and exchange of technology and knowledge. The Adviser said this while meeting a high-level US business delegation at the Prime Minister's Office in Dhaka yesterday. The delegation led by US-Bangladesh Business Council President Atul Keshap paid a courtesy call on the Foreign Affairs Adviser and discussed ways to further strengthen bilateral trade and investment ties. Highlighting opportunities and facilities available to US investors as well as Bangladesh's promising sectors, the Adviser also said, the government remains committed to ensuring a business and investment friendly environment.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister's Foreign Affairs Adviser Humaiun Kobir has urged the Maldives to further expand employment opportunities for Bangladeshis in the island nation. The Adviser made the request when Maldives High Commissioner to Bangladesh Shiuneen Rasheed paid a courtesy call on him at the Prime Minister's Office at Tejgaon in Dhaka yesterday. During the meeting, the two sides discussed bilateral relations as well as various issues of mutual interest. Both sides reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthening the existing friendly relations between the two countries.

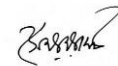
State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam welcomed increased Japanese investment and enhanced economic cooperation, and expressed hope for expanded opportunities for skilled Bangladeshi workers in Japan. Highlighting Japan's long-standing contribution to Bangladesh's development, the State Minister appreciated Japan's continued support through the BIG-B Initiative and Official Security Assistance programme. The issues were discussed when Japanese Senior Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Namazu Hiroyuki called on her at State Guest House Padma in Dhaka yesterday. Namazu Hiroyuki is on a two-day official visit to Dhaka and attended the 7th Bangladesh-Japan Foreign Office Consultations (FOC). Mentioning Bangladesh's long-standing friendship with Japan, the State Minister reaffirmed its commitment to further advancing the Bangladesh-Japan Strategic Partnership.

State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Aninda Islam Amit said, the government has been giving all-out efforts to tackle the ongoing gas and electricity crisis. The State Minister said this to the journalists at Bangladesh Secretariat in Dhaka yesterday. The State Minister said, the government has been working on all the alternatives available to tackle the crisis, he said, adding that opinions are being sought from experts and businessmen to address the issue.

State Minister for Information and Broadcasting Yeaser Khan Choudhury said, it is crucial to develop skilled directors, producers and artists for the overall development of our film industry. We have to start working now with the goal that those directors' names will be written in golden letters 20, 30 or 40 years from now. The State Minister made the remarks at a discussion meeting held at the conference room of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting at Bangladesh Secretariat in Dhaka yesterday. The State Minister also said, the government wants sustainable development of the overall film industry rather than keeping it centred only on the Bangladesh Film Development Corporation.

The government has decided to keep shopping malls, markets and shops across the country open from 11am to 8pm. At the same time, all illuminated billboards have been asked to be switched off by 7pm, while all forms of decorative lighting have also been prohibited. As part of the government measures to save electricity, the Power Division took the decision yesterday, according to a ministry statement. However, food shops, hospitals, pharmacies and emergency services will remain exclude the purview of the decision. The authorities concerned have been instructed to take necessary measures to ensure the government decision.

A low pressure area has formed over North Bay and adjoining West Bengal-Bangladesh coast which is likely to intensify while the maritime ports have been asked to hoist local cautionary signal number three. Under its influence, squally weather may affect the maritime ports, North Bay and adjoining Coastal areas of Bangladesh, according to a latest warning issued by the storm warning center of the Meteorological Department in Dhaka yesterday. Maritime ports of Chattogram, Cox's Bazar, Mongla and Payra have been advised to hoist local cautionary signal number three. All fishing boats and trawlers over North Bay have been advised to come close to the coast and proceed with caution till further notice.



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