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Newsbrief

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman stressed the need for efficient use of existing energy infrastructures, transparency and accountability in project management, regular maintenance and a long-term integrated energy plan to ensure the country's power and energy security. The Prime Minister made the remarks after getting a detailed briefing on the overall activities of the 1,200-megawatt Matarbari Ultra-Supercritical Coal-Fired Power Plant in Maheshkhali upazila of Cox's Bazar during his visit yesterday. The Prime Minister also underscored the importance of integrated development of power, energy, deep-sea port and related industrial infrastructure centring Matarbari, saying that their planned and effective utilisation would play a significant role in ensuring energy security, accelerating industrialisation and boosting overall economic activities.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman urged the people to stay alert against those trying to create chaos, saying such attempts could hamper the country's development and peace, ultimately harming the people. The Prime Minister said this while addressing a programme at the Banshkhali High School and College ground in Chattogram yesterday. Highlighting the government's commitment to the welfare and social protection of every family, the Prime Minister said, the government's main responsibility is to stand by the people as they had elected it.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman handed over keys of newly built houses to families, whose homes were destroyed in the recent floods in Banshkhali upazila of Chattogram yesterday. During his visit, the Prime Minister also talked to the affected people and inquired about the wellbeing of their families. Later, he also planted a 'mahogany' sapling in the area. Under the government rehabilitation initiative, 100 flood-affected families in Banshkhali were selected to receive the keys of the newly built houses.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman met Allama Shah Muhibullah Babunagari, Ameer of Hefazat Islam at Fatikchhari in Chattogram yesterday. Allama Muhibullah Babunagari, also the Principal of Al-Jamiatul Islamia Azizul Ulum Babunagar Madrasah in Fatikchhari welcomed the Premier upon his arrival at the madrasah. The Prime Minister attended a views-exchange meeting on the madrasah premises with the Principal in the chair.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman called upon Islamic scholars and ulema to work together with the government to maintain peace and stability in the country and improve the living standards of the people. The Prime Minister said this while addressing a views exchange meeting with ulema and Islamic thinkers at Al-Jamiatul Islamia Azizul Ulum Babunagar Madrasa of Fatikchhari in Chattogram yesterday. The Prime Minister also said, we have formed the government to fulfil the responsibility that Allah Ta'ala has given us. You will pray so that we can do something better for the welfare of the people of the country. The Prime Minister also visited the grave of late Hefazat-e-Islam Ameer Allama Shah Ahmad Shafi at Al-Jamiatul Ahlia Darul Ulum Moinul Islam Madrasa (Hathazari Madrasa).

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman urged all democratic forces to stand united against those seeking to create disorder, spread confusion and obstruct the country's development saying none would be allowed to play with the fate of the people. The Prime Minister said this while addressing a rehabilitation programme for flood-affected people at Hathazari Government College ground in Chattogram yesterday. The Minister also said, changing the fate of the people is our vision and mission. We will work, we will build the country, Bangladesh First (Korbo Kaj, Gorbo Desh, Sobar Agee Bangladesh).

Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said, it is possible to bring about big changes in the lives of the underprivileged people through small humanitarian and social initiatives. The Minister said this while speaking at the inaugural ceremony of the 'Self-reliance Project for the Underprivileged' initiated by the US-based charity organization 'Love Share BD' at Shilpokola Academy Auditorium in Rangpur yesterday. The Minister handed over 25 'Tea Houses' to 25 underprivileged people of Rangpur region under the project to make them self-reliant.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Abdul Awal Minto said although the 'National Tree Fair 2026' has formally ended, the responsibility to plant and care for trees and build a greener Bangladesh has not. Rather, the main work begins now. Every sapling collected from the fair must be planted properly and cared for regularly. The Minister made the remarks while addressing the closing ceremony of the 'National Tree Fair 2026' at the Haimanti Auditorium of the Forest Bhaban in Agargaon in the capital yesterday. The Minister also said, if people from all sections of society, including families, educational institutions, and youth and young people's organisations, come forward collectively, the target of increasing the country's tree cover to 27 percent by 2035 can be achieved ahead of schedule.

The Board of Directors of the Bangladesh Sramik Kallyan Foundation approved Tk 12 crore 98 lakh 65 thousand in financial assistance for 2,199 workers and their families in the formal and informal sectors. The board also approved a budget of Tk 68 crore 50 lakh 10 thousand for the 2026-27 fiscal year. The decisions were taken at the 34th meeting of the board held at the meeting room of the Ministry of Labour and Employment in Dhaka yesterday with Labour and Employment Minister Ariful Haque Choudhury in the chair. The Minister said, ensuring workers' welfare, supporting them during disasters and difficult times, and strengthening the social safety net are among the government's priorities. The Minister stressed coordinated efforts by the government, employers and workers' organisations to establish a balanced, worker-friendly and exploitation-free labour environment.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon said, the media is a mirror of society and must accurately reflect how society functions. The Minister made the remarks at a programme marking the 56th anniversary of Dainik Biplobi Bangladesh, a newspaper published from Barishal, at Ashwini Kumar Hall in the Sadar Road area of the city yesterday. The Minister also said, the media must also play the role of a watchdog to ensure that all political parties remain committed to changing the country's political culture.

Meanwhile, a 15-day divisional tree plantation campaign and tree fair has begun in Barishal. Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon formally inaugurated the fair at the city's Bell's Park ground yesterday. Speaking at the inaugural ceremony, the Minister said, Bangladesh and the whole world are facing serious risks due to climate change. Global effective steps and coordinated initiatives are needed to address this problem. The Minister also said, five crore saplings will be planted every year and this tree fair is being held across the country to achieve this goal. The Minister also visited 50 stalls and nurseries participating in the fair.

Water Resources Minister Md. Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anee said, Bangladesh will pursue political efforts to secure its fair share of water from Transboundary Rivers, including through renewal of the Farakka Treaty. The Minister made the remarks while addressing a seminar at the auditorium of the Institute of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) in the capital yesterday. The Minister stressed the need for stronger cooperation among South Asian countries to address common challenges, including sustainable water management, climate change, energy and regional connectivity.

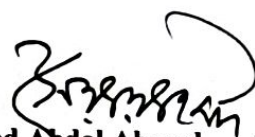
Bangladesh's Permanent Representative and Ambassador to the United Nations Irene Khan paid a courtesy call on Education Minister Dr. ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon. The meeting was held at the Minister's office room in Dhaka yesterday. During the meeting, extensive discussions were held on the government's initiatives for the development of education, future plans, and cooperation with the United Nations. The Ambassador highly praised the initiatives taken by the Government of Bangladesh in various fields, including education. At this time, the Minister expressed sincere gratitude for the UN's continued cooperation in various fields, including education.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam, MP, reached Singapore yesterday on a two-day official visit. Upon her arrival at Changi Airport, the State Minister was received by Singapore's non-resident High Commissioner to Bangladesh Derek Loh, officials concerned from the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the chargé d'affaires of the Bangladesh High Commission in Singapore, according to a message received here yesterday. The visit is part of ongoing diplomatic engagements between Bangladesh and Singapore aimed at further strengthening bilateral relations.

Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Dinesh Trivedi called on Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman and discussed various issues concerning bilateral relations and mutual interests. The meeting was held at a state guest house in the capital yesterday.

The results of this year's Secondary School Certificate (SSC) and equivalent examinations will be published simultaneously at the respective educational institutions and online today, according to a notice issued by the Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Dhaka. Institutions will be able to download their respective result sheets through the prescribed methods, while examinees will be able to know their results through SMS.

Ten people from Atrai upazila of Naogaon have been killed in a fire at a sofa manufacturing factory in Saudi Arabia. Naogaon Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Saiful Islam confirmed their deaths. The deceased were Koli, 30 and Lutfar, 32, Jandar and Rubel of Kalikapur Union in the upazila, Sagar and Majidul of Bisha area; Shuvo and Suman of Dubai area; Jalal of Parkasunda village and Md. Farid Sheikh of Udanpaia village. However, the number of casualties may rise further. Locals said, the fire broke out at the factory in Khordam city of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, at around 3:30pm Bangladesh time on Sunday.


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