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Newsbrief

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman called for collective efforts to solve social problems and assured full government support to private-sector initiatives aimed at social welfare. The Prime Minister said this while inaugurating a programme to distribute 20,000 raincoats to tea garden workers in Sylhet division to protect them from adverse weather conditions, with support from private-sector Corporate Social Responsibility funds. The Premier launched the programme at the Prime Minister's Cabinet Division office in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday by handing over raincoats to 10 tea workers from Sreemangal and Kamalganj upazilas from Moulvibazar district.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman emphasized making the tax management and collection procedures simple, corruption- and harassment-free and transforming the National Board of Revenue (NBR) into a trusted and people-friendly institution so that people feel comfortable paying taxes voluntarily. The Prime Minister said this while addressing the Revenue Conference 2026, organized by NBR, at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the capital yesterday.

Four newly appointed members of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) National Standing Committee met Prime Minister Tarique Rahman at his office in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. The four leaders - Md. Ruhul Kabir Rizvi, Md. Aman Ullah Aman, Farhad Halim and Ismail Zabihullah - met the Prime Minister. BNP Standing Committee member and Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed was present on the occasion. Earlier, the four newly appointed leaders paid tribute to the memory of BNP founder Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman and former Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia by placing wreaths at their graves in capital's Sher-e-Bangla Nagar area.

Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operatives Minister Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, who has been nominated by the ruling BNP as its Presidential candidate, said that even after becoming President, he wishes to remain beside the people and serve them. The Minister said this while talking to members of the Thakurgaon Journalist Forum, Dhaka, who called on him at his Hare Road official residence yesterday.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed said, the government will gradually introduce an artificial intelligence (AI)-based automated fine system on all highways across the country after evaluating the performance of the system launched on the Dhaka-Chattogram highway. The Minister made the announcement while inaugurating the AI-powered 'Auto Fine System' at the Highway Police's Command, Control and Monitoring Centre at Meghnaghat in Sonargaon, Narayanganj yesterday.

Bangladesh and Qatar agreed to establish joint working groups to deepen bilateral cooperation in the energy and financial sectors following high-level talks in Doha. The decision came during Foreign Minister Dr. Khalilur Rahman's separate meetings with Qatar's Energy Minister Saad bin Sherida Al Kaabi and Finance Minister Ali bin Ahmed Al Kuwari, according to a press release yesterday. Prime Minister's Adviser for Finance and Planning Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir, State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Aninda Islam Amit and Prime Minister's Foreign Affairs Adviser Humaiun Kobir were also present at the meetings.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon underscored the need for making proper policies and raising greater public awareness to prevent the negative impacts and misuse of technology including artificial intelligence. The Minister said this while addressing a dialogue titled "Information Integrity and Social Cohesion in Bangladesh: Policy, Platform Accountability and Collective Action" jointly organized by the Norwegian government and the United Nations Development Programme at a city hotel in the capital yesterday.

Senior journalist Maruf Kamal Khan's book Rajnitir Sodore-Ondore published by Suchipotro Prokashoni was launched at Jatiya Press Club yesterday. Prime Minister's Political Adviser and BNP Standing Committee member Nazrul Islam Khan delivered the keynote speech as the chief guest at the publication ceremony while Information and Broadcasting Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon and Cultural Affairs Minister Nitai Roy Chowdhury spoke as the special guests. Prime Minister's Press Secretary AAM Saleh Shibly and Principal Information Officer Syed Abdal Ahmed also spoke at the publication ceremony. Speaking on the occasion, the Information Minister said that the book is not merely an enjoyable piece of literature or a memoir rather it will be regarded as an important document worth preserving for political activists, social workers and conscious citizens.

Fisheries and Livestock Minister Mohammad Amin Ur Rashid said, his Ministry has made satisfactory progress as part of the government's first 180-day programme. The Minister said this while speaking to journalists at the conference room of the Ministry of Agriculture yesterday.

Water Resources Minister Md. Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anee pledged to make the Padma Barrage plan operational and visible by January-February next year, saying the interests of seven crore people in 24 to 26 districts are closely linked to the project. The Minister made the remarks while addressing a seminar titled "Ganges Water Treaty: Issues for Renegotiation" at the Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs auditorium in Dhanmondi yesterday.

Disaster Management and Relief Minister Asadul Habib Dulu said, the government is committed to protecting people's lives and livelihoods, reducing disaster risks and building a safe, prosperous and green Bangladesh. The Minister made the remarks while addressing a ceremony at Narayanganj Dockyard yesterday, where 11 rescue boats were handed over on behalf of the Ministry, with one boat allocated to each of the country's 11 coastal districts.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Md. Asaduzzaman called for reforming the Bangladesh Bar Council to make the legal profession more attractive to the next generation by enhancing lawyers' skills, training and professional standards. The Minister made the call while speaking at the inauguration of a new sub-branch of Dhaka Bank at the Bangladesh Bar Council building in Ramna yesterday.

Education and Primary and Mass Education Minister Dr. ANM Ehsanul Haque Milon said, the government has taken various plans to ensure joyful learning for students. The Minister said this while addressing a workshop titled "Review of the 'Learn Through Play' Information Book" as the chief guest at a hotel in Dhaka yesterday. State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Bobby Hajjaj spoke on the occasion as a special guest.

Malaysian High Commissioner to Bangladesh, Mohd Shuhada Othman called on Health and Family Welfare Minister Sardar Md. Sakhawat Hussain at his office at the Secretariat yesterday, with both sides stressing the need to enhance mutual cooperation in the health sector. Praising the progress of Malaysia's healthcare system, the Minister said that Bangladesh has also made considerable progress in some areas.

Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) launched special women-only bus services in Dhaka, Chattogram and Bogura to ensure safe, comfortable and passenger-friendly public transport for women. The inauguration of the women-only bus service was held at the BRTC office in Tejgaon in the capital yesterday. At the inauguration ceremony, Road Transport Minister Shaikh Rabiul Alam said, ensuring a safe and women-friendly transport system is part of the government's election pledge. State Minister Habibur Rashid attended the ceremony.

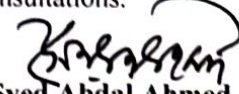
Bangladesh and Bhutan stressed the need to revitalize South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) to advance regional integration and ensure collective benefits for the peoples of South Asia. The issue was discussed when Bhutanese Foreign Secretary Pema Lektup Dorji called on State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday. During the meeting, the two sides discussed various issues of mutual interest, with particular emphasis on regional cooperation and economic engagement.

Lithuania could serve as a gateway for Bangladeshi products and services to the wider European Union (EU) market, Lithuanian Non-resident Ambassador to Bangladesh Diana Mickeviciene said. The Non-resident Ambassador made the remarks during a meeting with State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday. During the meeting, the State Minister stressed the need for strengthening Bangladesh-Lithuania bilateral relations, particularly through enhanced trade, investment and economic cooperation.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam appreciated the Gambia for filing and actively pursuing the Rohingya genocide case against Myanmar at the International Court of Justice. The appreciation came when Non-resident High Commissioner of The Gambia to Bangladesh Mustapha Jawara paid a courtesy call on her at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday. The State Minister said, successful completion of the case would help boost the confidence of the Rohingyas to return voluntarily to their homeland in Myanmar.

Bangladesh rejected several elements of Myanmar's latest statement on the Rohingya issue, saying they were based on erroneous statistics, particularly regarding the number of forcibly displaced Rohingyas. Director General (Myanmar) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Md. Toufiq-ur-Rahman raised the issue during a meeting with Myanmar Ambassador to Bangladesh U Kyaw Soe Moe at the Foreign Ministry yesterday. Referring to the Myanmar Foreign Ministry's August 15 press statement on the Rohingya issue, the Director General said, many elements of the statement were based on erroneous statistics, including figures concerning the displaced Rohingya population.

Bangladesh and Bhutan agreed to deepen bilateral trade and private-sector cooperation, expand product coverage under their Preferential Trade Agreement and explore the possibility of a Free Trade Agreement. The issues figured prominently at the Fourth Foreign Office Consultations between Bangladesh and Bhutan held in Dhaka yesterday. Bangladesh Foreign Secretary Asad Alam Siam and his Bhutanese counterpart Pema Lektup Dorji co-chaired the consultations.


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