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Newsbrief

Acting President Hafiz Uddin Ahmad, Bir Bikram, called upon private institutions, organizations, entrepreneurs, researchers and fishers to join hands with the government for the desired development of the country's fisheries sector. In a message on the occasion of 'National Fisheries Fortnight-2026', or 'Jatiya Matsya Pokkho', to be observed today, the Acting President said that collective efforts are essential to ensure the sustainable development of the country's fisheries resources. The Acting President also said, Bangladesh has been rich in fisheries resources since time immemorial, with its rivers, canals, wetlands, haors, baors and vast water bodies forming an important part of the country's natural wealth.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman said, fisheries is one of the major foundations of Bangladesh's food and nutrition security, employment generation, poverty alleviation, foreign currency earnings and sustainable economic growth. In a message on the occasion of 'National Fisheries Fortnight-2026' to be observed today, the Prime Minister said that the government is implementing timely policies and programmes to build a safe, modern, science-based and export-oriented fisheries sector by harnessing its immense potential. The Prime Minister also wished overall success to all programmes organized on the occasion of 'National Fisheries Fortnight-2026' or 'Jatiya Matsya Pokkho'.

Special doa and munajat were held at the national mosque Baitul Mukarram yesterday after Zuhr prayers, marking the 82nd birth anniversary of former Prime Minister and BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia. Prayers were offered for the eternal peace of the departed soul of Begum Khaleda Zia, as well as for the well-being of her family members, including Prime Minister Tarique Rahman, relatives, colleagues and well-wishers. Additionally, a special munajat was also offered seeking the mercy of Almighty Allah for the peace, prosperity, sovereignty and welfare of the country.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman assured teachers of non-government educational institutions that they would no longer have to visit offices or face harassment to receive their retirement benefits, as the government would ensure timely online transfer of their dues directly to their bank accounts. The Prime Minister said this while addressing a function at Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital yesterday to inaugurate the payment of retirement and welfare benefits of the teachers and employees of non-government educational institutions.

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman called for rebuilding trust, respect and compassion among doctors, patients and their family members, saying no amount of infrastructure development can ensure quality healthcare unless these three groups maintain a relationship built on mutual respect and empathy. The Prime Minister made the call after inaugurating newly constructed 15-storey building (Bhaban-2) -2 of the 500-bed hospital at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in the capital yesterday.

Presidential candidate from ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and its former Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said, the sacrifice and inspirations of Begum Khaleda Zia always shows the way to the party. Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir made the remark while speaking at a milad and doa mahfil at the BNP's Nayapaltan central office in the capital yesterday, marking the 82nd birthday of former Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and the 'Mother of Democracy'.

Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury said that Bangladesh stands only because of the uncompromising leadership of former Prime Minister Desh Netri Begum Khaleda Zia. The Finance Minister made the remark while speaking at a milad and doa mahfil at the BNP's Nayapaltan central office in the capital yesterday, marking the 82nd birthday of former Prime Minister and late BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia, dubbed as 'Gonotanter Maa (Mother of Democracy)'.

Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed said, BNP not only fulfils its election promises but also implements initiatives beyond its manifesto. The Minister made the remarks while speaking at an event at Dhaka's Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital yesterday.

Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Iqbal Hasan Mahmud Tuku said that BNP leaders and activists fought and struggled against ousted fascist Sheikh Hasina for 17 long years under the leadership of uncompromising leader Begum Khaleda Zia. The Minister made the remarks at a doa and milad mahfil organized by Sirajganj District BNP in Sirajganj yesterday, seeking eternal peace for former Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, marking her 82nd birthday.

Land Minister Mizanur Rahman Minu said that Mastul Foundation is working relentlessly across Bangladesh in the service of humanity. Their work is highly commendable. The Minister said this while speaking at a tube-well distribution program organized by Mastul Foundation at Hajor Mor in Rajshahi City yesterday.

Commerce, Industries and Textiles and Jute Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktaadir stressed the need to harness Sylhet region's vast agricultural potentials by bringing fallow and single-crop lands under cultivation, resolving waterlogging, expanding irrigation facilities and promoting cultivation of new and non-traditional crops. The Minister made the remarks at a district-level workshop in Sylhet yesterday on formulating the annual work plan for fiscal year 2026-27 and evaluating implementation of the previous year's activities under the project titled "Agricultural Development of Sylhet Region through Modern Technology".

Disaster Management and Relief Minister Asadul Habib Dulu said that the more developed and integrated the communication system is, the more dynamic the people's lives and economic activities will be. The Minister said this while speaking at the foundation stone laying and inauguration ceremony of the construction of a 104.1-meter-long, beautiful arch bridge from Jora Bridge intersection to Lakshmanathari in Patgram upazila in Lalmonirhat, at a cost of Tk 23 crore, over the Saniajan River on Saturday, according to PID press release yesterday.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Md. Asaduzzaman said, ensuring access to justice is an integral part of protecting human rights and it is the responsibility of the state to ensure that citizens can exercise their inherent and universal rights. The Law Minister made the remarks while inaugurating a two-day coordination meeting on the "Accelerating Digital Legal Aid Services in Bangladesh" project at BRAC Centre for Development Management in Rajendrapur, Gazipur yesterday.

Education Minister Dr. ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon said that following the Prime Minister's directive, the government has begun paying arrears of retirement benefits and welfare allowances to more than 70,000 teachers across the country. The Minister made the remarks at the inauguration of the distribution of funds under the Retirement Benefits and Welfare Trust for private teachers and employees at Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the capital yesterday.

Chief Whip Md. Nurul Islam said, the government will be able to resolve the country's power and energy crisis with everyone's cooperation. The Chief Whip also said, 98 percent of Bangladesh's gas control was handed over to a particular country during the previous government. The Chief Whip made the remarks at a discussion organized by the Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Sangskritik Dal at the Abdus Salam Hall of the National Press Club in the capital yesterday marking the second anniversary of the July Mass Uprising.

State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Sultan Salahuddin Tuku said, the government has a plan to set up modern meat processing centers in every district. The centers will be set up aimed at expanding safe and quality meat processing facilities, preservation and pave the ways of meat export in future. The State Minister said this in an interview with BSS at his office in the Secretariat yesterday.

State Minister for Water Resources Forhad Hossain Azad called for collective efforts, rising above political differences to improve healthcare services at Panchagarh Modern Sadar Hospital. The State Minister also warned of stern action against any individual or organisation seeking to control the hospital's healthcare services through a syndicate for personal or organizational interests. The State Minister made the remarks while speaking at a discussion with the hospital management committee and local stakeholders at the hospital in Panchagarh yesterday.

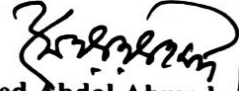
Youth and Sports Minister Md Aminul Haque said the government is committed to implementing its election manifesto to make the country's vast youth population skilled and self-reliant. The minister made the remarks while addressing a day-long special workshop titled "Formulation of Action Plan of the Department of Youth Development for Implementation of the Election Manifesto" at the National Institute of Youth Development in Savar. The workshop aimed to bring young people into the mainstream of national development.

State Minister for Road Transport and Bridges and Railways Habibur Rashid Habib said that no one in the BNP would be spared if he or she gets involved in crimes and warned that organizational action would be taken against party leaders and activists who shelter or patronize criminals. The State Minister made the remarks at a tree plantation and fish fry release programme at the Sri Sri Bordeshwari Kalimata Temple ground in the Rajarbagh-Sabujbagh area of the capital yesterday.

State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr. M A Muhit said, the government is working to bring healthcare services to people's doorsteps as Prime Minister Tarique Rahman has already given instructions in this regard. The State Minister made the remarks while responding to questions from journalists after inspecting the Bangladesh Institute of Health Management and the new building of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in Savar yesterday.

State Minister for Information and Broadcasting Yasser Khan Choudhury said, the future leadership of the country will emerge from today's meritorious students. The State Minister made the remarks at a reception accorded to meritorious students who achieved GPA-5 in the 2026 SSC, Dakhil and technical examinations at the Nandail Upazila Parishad Hallroom in Mymensingh yesterday.

Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Dinesh Trivedi stressed the need for strengthening Bangladesh-India partnership across key sectors and nurturing people-to-people bonds as the two neighbours work towards shared prosperity. The High Commissioner made the remarks while speaking at a programme marking India's 80th Independence Day at the Indian High Commission in Dhaka yesterday.


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