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Shift from certificate-based edn Urges Tarique

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman yesterday called for developing a skills- and technology-based, practical, and job-oriented education system in the country instead of a certificate-based one.

"In this era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution, there is no alternative to modernising and updating the traditional education curriculum to face the challenges of artificial intelligence (AI) and automation," the PM said.

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Activists under the banner of the Democratic Rights Committee hold a protest rally near Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban on Manik Mia Avenue in Dhaka yesterday, demanding cancellation of the US trade agreement. They claim the deal will result in increased prices of essentials such as gas and medicines, making life more oppressive for Bangladeshi people.

PHOTO: MEHEDI HASAN

'Reject, resist and exit'

Anu Muhammad urges govt to scrap US trade deal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former Jahangirnagar University professor Anu Muhammad yesterday demanded that the government scrap the trade deal with the United States, signed on February 9 this year, alleging that it would only protect US corporate interests and bring no benefit to the Bangladeshi people.

Prof Anu, also a member of Gonotantrik Odhikar Committee, made the call at a protest rally organised by the newly formed civic rights group at Manik Miah Avenue in Dhaka.

Presiding over the event, he demanded that no provision of the US Bangladesh trade deal be implemented without parliamentary debate.

"Under this agreement, we would have to import LNG at inflated prices. This will not create energy security," he said.

"This is not an agreement but a directive prepared by the US administration. Those who signed on behalf of Bangladesh... they are US agents. They have no backbone, no responsibility. They have done this to ruin the country."

Criticising the trade agreement, he said, "From Clause 1 onward, the document lists hundreds of obligations Bangladesh must fulfil. It specifies what the US will do, and what actions it will take against Bangladesh if those are not met."

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402 killed in 394 road crashes during Eid rush Says Jatri Kalyan Samity report

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 402 people were killed and 1,294 injured in 394 road accidents across the country during Eid-ul-Azha journeys between May 21 and June 4, said Jatri Kalyan Samity in a report.

Mozammel Hoque Chowdhury, secretary general of the organisation, presented the findings of road crash monitoring cell report at a press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity yesterday.

According to the report, road accidents rose by 3.95 percent, deaths by 3.07 percent and injuries by 9.47 percent compared to the previous Eid.

Besides, 31 railway accidents claimed the lives of 23 people and left 30 others injured during the period, while 17 waterway accidents left 13 people dead and 16 injured.

Overall, 438 people were killed and 1,340 injured in 442 accidents across roads, rails, and waterways during the period, the report said.

Motorcycles top the list with 153 accidents, accounting for 38.83 percent of all road crashes, causing at least 159 deaths while 180 were injured.

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438 killed across road, rail and waterways

Accidents reported between May 21 and June 4

Road crashes rose by 3.95% from previous Eid

Motorcycles involved in 153 crashes, killing 159

PARLIAMENT SESSIONS

MPs slam govt over power cuts

Minister insists there's no supply shortage, only temporary outages

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Lawmakers yesterday criticised the government in parliament over prolonged power cuts in their constituencies.

Responding to the criticism, Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Iqbal Hassan Mahmood insisted that there was currently no shortage of electricity against demand, even during peak summer.

The minister said occasional power disruptions occur due to shortages of primary fuel for generation, limitations in transmission and distribution infrastructure, routine maintenance, and weather events such as storms.

These factors, he said, make it difficult to ensure uninterrupted electricity supply at the expected quality, even though overall supply meets demand.

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Whether we call it load-shedding or repair-shedding, in rural areas electricity is unavailable for 10-12 hours. That is the reality.

MP RUMEEEN FARHANA

Budget session to continue till July 9

JS mourns Ramisa, Tofail, Badruddin Umar and others

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The second session of the 13th Jatiya Sangsad, also the budget session for the 2026-27 fiscal year, began yesterday and will continue until July 9.

This is the first budget session of the 13th parliament.

Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury is expected to place the national budget for the 2026-27 fiscal year on June 11.

Yesterday's sitting began with Speaker Hafiz Uddin Ahmad in the chair. He announced a five-member panel of chairmen for the session. The members are Selima Rahman, Osman Faruk, Zainul Abedin, Md Shahjahan, and Shahjahan Chowdhury.

The third meeting of the parliamentary Business Advisory Committee yesterday also decided that, except on public holidays, the session will sit daily at 3:00pm.

A proposal was also made to hold two sittings a day from June 27 to June 30.

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July survivors need mental health support: speakers



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mental health challenges faced by people injured during the July 2024 mass uprising remain largely overlooked despite growing attention to their physical rehabilitation, speakers said at a workshop in the capital yesterday.

The workshop, titled "Mental Health Workshop for Injured July Fighters", was organised by Aparajito 24 Foundation at Banani DOHS Community Hall.

July survivors said many of them continue to struggle with trauma, anxiety and other psychological effects of their injuries, underscoring the need for long-term mental health support alongside medical treatment and economic rehabilitation.

The workshop brought together injured survivors, mental health professionals and rehabilitation workers to discuss psychological recovery, available support systems and ways to

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Seven more die with measles-like symptoms Death toll now 620

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Seven more children died with measles-like symptoms in the 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday, raising the fatalities from the disease and symptoms in Bangladesh to 620.

The Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) has classified the latest casualties as suspected.

With the latest figure, the total number of suspected measles deaths has reached 529, while the confirmed deaths remained unchanged at 91.

A total of 1,221 suspected measles cases were recorded in the 24 hours until yesterday morning, bringing the overall total to 79,012.

During the same period, 66 new confirmed measles cases were reported, bringing the total number of confirmed infections to 9,686, according to the DGHS.

Intern doctors on strike over 6-point demand

STAR REPORT

Intern doctors at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH), Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital (SOMCH) and Chattogram Medical College Hospital (CMCH) began an indefinite work abstention from yesterday morning to press home their six-point demand.

The strikes at the three institutions began around 8:00am and were continuing till filing of this report yesterday afternoon.

Their demands include: cancellation of a decision by the Health Education and Family Welfare Division on FCPS training within 48 hours and issuance of a revised directive; enactment of the Healthcare Professionals Protection Act and its swift implementation through speedy trial tribunals; increasing the monthly stipend for intern doctors to Tk 30,000 and introducing a separate pay scale for government physicians; extending the maximum age limit for entry into the BCS (Health) cadre to 34 years; upgrading the BMDC Act-2025 into a full-fledged law instead of an ordinance; and ensuring strict legal action against fake physicians while capping all admission and examination fees under the Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council (BMDC) and Bangladesh Medical University at a maximum of Tk 1,000.

Intern doctors at the DMCH held a demonstration at the Central Shaheed Minar yesterday morning as part of the indefinite strike.

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Intern doctors protest at the Central Shaheed Minar in Dhaka yesterday, demanding withdrawal of a May 19 FCPS training notification and the cancellation of what they call discriminatory policies. The demonstration, part of a nationwide movement, highlights a six-point charter on postgraduate medical training, professional rights, and healthcare workforce policies.

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