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News Brief

Fani, dubbed as the deadliest cyclone in the region in decades, claimed four lives and injured over 60 others as it lashed across the country after ravaging the eastern Indian coastlines. State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Dr. Enamur Rahman at a press conference at his ministry yesterday confirming the figure said, the ministry is yet to compile the details of the casualties and damages caused the cyclone.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, now in London on an official visit, has offered 'shukria' as no massive damage took place after the cyclonic storm Fani hit Bangladesh due to the blessings of the Almighty Allah. A press release of PMO said, the government took massive preparations to face the possible losses to be caused by Fani in the country as per the directives of the Prime Minister. Special doa and prayers were also offered after Jumma prayers on Friday seeking blessings of the Almighty Allah to save Bangladesh from the devastation of Fani.

Bangladesh Army has deployed its units for distributing relief and medical care services among the people of flood-affected areas caused by the cyclonic storm 'Fani'. Bangladesh Navy has also started distributing post disaster relief and providing medical assistance in the Fani affected areas across the country. The naval ships are distributing dry foods, life saving medicines and oral saline and providing medical services.

The country's four local airlines including national flag carrier Biman Bangladesh so far cancelled 10 flights and rescheduled others mostly on domestic routes as the severe cyclone was passing over Bangladesh. Novoair was forced to cancel highest seven flights while Biman, US-Bangla Airlines and Regent Airways each cancel one of their flight since yesterday morning.

The Water Resources Ministry has urged the people to contact its control room in emergency case of breaking or possibility of breaking embankments because of the impact of cyclonic storm Fani. The control room with telephone number 029540701 remains open for 24 hours.

The International Day of the Midwife 2019, recognizing the contribution of midwives to saving lives of women, adolescent girls and newborns, is being observed in the country today as elsewhere in the world. President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, on the eve of the Day, gave separate messages wishing success of all programmes chalked out on the occasion.

Planning Minister M A Mannan has said, the poverty rate in the country has now come down significantly over the last 10 years and Zakat can be an important tool in this regard. The Planning Minister said this as he was addressing a seminar titled 'Role of zakat and tax in reducing economic inequalities' marking the 7th Zakat Fair held at the Krishibid Institution Bangladesh Auditorium in the capital yesterday.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs M Shahriar Alam has said, Bangladesh despite resource scarcity has engaged its fullest strength to cope with the humanitarian needs of the forcefully displaced Rohingya people. The State Minister said this as he was addressing a discussion titled 'Regional Consultation of the Global Compact for Migration' in Dhaka yesterday.

The Bangladesh-Malaysia Chamber of Commerce and Industry is going to organise "Showcase Bangladesh" at the Royale Chulan Hotel in Kuala Lumpur on July 11 for promoting Bangladeshi products in the Malaysian market. Malaysian International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Ignatius Darell Leiking is expected to attend the inaugural session of the fair as the chief guest while Bangladesh Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi will be present as the guest of honour.

The first election to the Mymensingh City Corporation is being held today as a total of 2, 96,938 voters are exercising their voting rights. Awami League Mayoral Nominee Ekramul Haque Titu has already been elected Mayor unopposed. Some 242 persons are competing for councilor posts in 33 wards while 70 others are contesting for reserved women councilor posts.

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