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News Brief

President Md. Abdul Hamid will be sworn in as the head of the state for a second consecutive term today. The sworn-in ceremony will take place at the Darbar Hall of Bangabhaban at 7.30 pm today. Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury will administer his oath of office in presence of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and other dignitaries.

A three-member delegation led by Comptroller and Auditor General of Bangladesh Masud Ahmed submitted its special audit report of 2014-15 to President Md. Abdul Hamid at Bangabhaban yesterday. The President, while receiving the report, urged all custodian of public money to ensure accountability and transparency in financial dealings.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina returned home yesterday concluding her eight-day official visit to the United Kingdom and Saudi Arabia for attending Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting and military exercise 'Gulf Shield-1', respectively.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has lauded the bold and courageous leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for Bangladesh's remarkable success in socio-economic development. His appreciation came during a meeting with Bangladesh Awami League delegation led by the party General Secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader at his official residence in New Delhi yesterday. Referring to Bangladesh's role in providing shelter to the forcibly displaced Rohingya people from Rakhine state of Myanmar, the Indian Premier said, his country wants an early and permanent solution to the problem. On the question of sharing Teesta River water between India and Bangladesh, Modi assured that he is trying to resolve the issue.

The National Nutrition Week began aimed at creating awareness about the importance of nutrition for health. The theme of this week is 'Think about Nutrition, if You Think about Food'. Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury inaugurated week at city's Osmani Memorial Auditorium yesterday.

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Engineer Khandker Mosharraf Hossain has underscored the need for keeping sufficient open places in the capital city Dhaka to keep the city as hygienic and environment-friendly one. He said, if necessary, agencies concerned should take legal actions in strong hand to save the city. The Minister was addressing a meeting to review the Detailed Area Plan of Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha at his ministry in Dhaka yesterday .

Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed has said, Bangladesh and Thailand are working jointly to sign free-trade agreement to increase trade and export. The Minister said this while addressing the inauguration ceremony of the four-day "Thai Week" organized by the Royal Thailand Embassy in Dhaka yesterday.

Expatriate Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Nurul Islam B Sc has said, the recruitment process of the nineteen categories of Bangladeshi workers to the UAE would be completed within the next three months as per the MoU signed between the governments of the two countries. The Minister said this at a press conference at his ministry in Dhaka yesterday.

Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor, stressing the need for creating mass awareness on copyright act, has urged all to come forward to protect the intellectual properties. The Minister made the call while addressing a seminar marking the International Copyright Day at National Museum in Dhaka yesterday.

Trial bus service on Bangladesh-India-Nepal route started as two buses carrying 44 delegates led by BRTC Chairman Fariduddin Ahmed left Dhaka yesterday.

DSEX, the benchmark index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange, settled at 5,806.13 points on Monday.

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