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Newsbrief

President Mohammed Shahabuddin asked the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) authorities to focus on research for exploring new energy sources. "We need to find out new sources of energy and we should focus on strengthening energy related research," he said as a BERC delegation presented its annual report to the President at Bangabhaban in the capital yesterday. The Head of the state expressed his hope that the BERC authorities would provide time-befitting recommendations and advices to the government on stability and pricing of the energy sector.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina called upon the Russian state-run ROSATOM to set up another nuclear power plant at Rooppur, if there is any scope for that. The Premier made the request when ROSATOM Director General Alexey Likhachev called on her at her official residence at Ganabhaban in the capital yesterday.

AL General Secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has pledged to cooperate with the Election Commission (EC) in holding the elections in a free, fair, and peaceful manner. The Minister said this in a statement sent to the media. The Minister also said, the administration and the law enforcers will perform their duties with neutrality. Actions will be taken if anyone tries to illegally interfere in the election process, added the Minister.

Finance Minister Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali sought an increase in budgetary support from the Asian Development Bank (ADB), which helped Bangladesh make a quick recovery following the Covid-19 pandemic. The Minister made the request at a meeting with visiting ADB vice-president Fatima Yasmin at the former's secretariat office in Dhaka yesterday.

Foreign Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud said, measures are being taken to bring home 170 Bangladeshis trapped in Myanmar and send back 180 members of border guard police (BGP) and army personnel of Myanmar who took refuge in Bangladesh. The Minister said this while exchanging views with journalists at his Ministry in Dhaka yesterday. The Minister also said, a total of 177 members of Myanmar's Border Guard Police (BGP) and later three of their army personnel took shelter in Bangladesh.

State Minister for Information and Broadcasting Mohammad Ali Arafat said, only legal cable and Direct to Home (DTH) operators will be able to transmit feeds of government-approved domestic and foreign television channels to subscribers. The State Minister made the comments following a meeting with Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology Ministry on "Taking legal measures to stop the illegal broadcasting of local and foreign television channels" in the conference room of the Information and Broadcasting Ministry at the Secretariat in the capital yesterday.

State Minister for Commerce Ahsanul Islam Titu inaugurated the sale operations of onion, imported from India, at a function in front of the Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) Bhaban in the capital yesterday. State Minister said, Bangladesh got onion from India due to its friendly relations with this neighboring country. State Minister also said, some 1,650 out of 50,000 metric tons of onion have already arrived in the country from India while such onion would be sold at Taka 40 per kg in Dhaka, Chattogram and Gazipur cities.

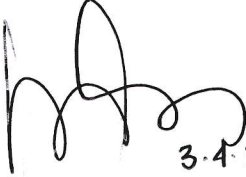
Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) Mayor Barrister Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh said, extensive drives will begin against the illegal chemical warehouses in old Dhaka after the upcoming Eid-ul-Fitr. The DSCC Mayor said, every chemical warehouse and business institute will be closed through drives after Eid. The Mayor said this while addressing a view exchange meeting over traffic congestion in old Dhaka, organised by Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) at its auditorium in Dhaka yesterday.

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Election Commissioner (EC) Rashida Sultana said, they are firmly committed to hold the upcoming upazila election in a free, fair and neutral manner. She categorically said while addressing a law-order meeting related to the sixth upazila parishad election at Shilpakala Academy in the capital yesterday.

Bangladesh reported no more COVID-19 related deaths while there are 18 fresh cases in the past 24 hours till Tuesday morning. Directorate General of Health Services reported in a press release yesterday.

DSEX, the prime index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) went down by 22.98 points or 0.40 percent to 5738.40 yesterday.



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