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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 on Tuesday. Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury will administer his oath of office at the Darbar Hall of Bangabhaban. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Chief Justice, former Presidents of the country, Judges, cabinet members, diplomats and other dignitaries are expected to attend the function.

President Md. Abdul Hamid has urged members of the Bangladesh Judicial Service Commission to perform their respective duties sincerely and timely. The President gave the directive when a delegation of the commission led by its Chairman Justice Hasan Foez Siddique submitted its annual report to him at Bangabhaban yesterday. Vice-Chancellor of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Maritime University Real Admiral M. Khaled Iqbal also met the President yesterday.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina left London last night for home after wrapping up her eight-day official visit to the United Kingdom and Saudi Arabia. A VVIP flight of Biman Bangladesh Airlines carrying the Premier departed the Heathrow International Airport at 8 pm local time. The flight arrived in Dhaka this morning.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has directed the All European Awami League leaders to further strengthen the organisation and maintain unity among them. The PM gave the directive when a delegation of the All European Awami League leaders called on her at her hotel suite in London yesterday.

A MoU will be signed with China on April 28 to get loan for the 'Rail Link' project of the much awaited Padma Bridge. Under the MoU to be signed in Beijing, the Exim Bank of China will give financial support to the project, said Railways Minister Md Mujibul Haque, addressing a function at Agargaon in Dhaka yesterday.

A 19-member delegation of Awami League led by General Secretary Obaidul Quader yesterday left Dhaka for New Delhi on a three-day visit at the invitation of Bharatiya Janata Party. The delegation is due to meet Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi today.

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu has said, the recently published US Human Rights Report was biased and it violated diplomatic norms. He said, they should have taken the opinion on the issue before preparing such a report. The Minister said this while talking to newsmen at his ministry yesterday.

Disaster Management and Relief Minister Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya joined a street march in Chittagong to create awareness against hill cutting. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister ordered the local administration to resist illegal hill cutting with an iron hand.

A parliamentary standing committee has decided to hold talks with stakeholders to make the proposed Digital Security Bill time-befitting. The decision was taken at a meeting of the committee on the Telecommunications and ICT Ministry at Sangsad Bhaban yesterday.

Nepalese Ambassador in Dhaka Prof Dr. Chop Lal Bhusal has said, Nepal enjoys close and cordial relations with Bangladesh marked by goodwill, cooperation and understanding to each other's aspirations. Dr Bhusal came up with the remarks while addressing the Nepal Night at the Nepalese Mission in Dhaka on Saturday.

DSEX, the benchmark index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange, settled at 5,813 points on Sunday.

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