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News Brief

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has instructed authorities concerned to dispose the cases involving rapes and arson causing deaths to expose the culprits to stern punitive actions in the soonest possible time. The PM gave the instruction while opening the National Legal Aid Services Day, 2019 in Dhaka yesterday.

The 15-member-committee formed by the government to give recommendations for preventing road accidents and bringing discipline on roads and highways has submitted its report to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Committee Chairman and former Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan handed over the report to the Premier at Ganabhaban yesterday.

Bangladesh Veterinary Council Bill, 2019 was placed in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday. State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Md. Ashraf Ali Khan Khosru placed the bill with a view to maintaining the professional standard of the veterinary practitioners and also to extend quality healthcare services for fighting animal diseases. Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal while responding to a question in the House yesterday said, at present there are 40,37,429 taxpayers in the country. He stated that various measures have already been undertaken to identify new taxpayers and thus boost the revenue collection.

Planning Minister M A Mannan has said, the government is considering building a tunnel beneath the Jamuna River in Kurigram. The Minister said this as he was addressing a discussion arranged by BIDS in Dhaka yesterday.

The EU-Bangladesh Business Climate Dialogue was held at the Ministry of Commerce in Dhaka yesterday. Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi and EU Ambassador to Bangladesh Rensje Teerink attended the dialogue which discussed the ways and means of boosting investment and trade with the countries of European Union.

Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi has underscored the need for ensuring just price of Bangladeshi RMG products in the US market. The Commerce Minister laid such emphasis as visiting Deputy Assistant of USTR Jeba Reyazuddin met the Minister at his office in Dhaka yesterday.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam has said, Dhaka is continuously engaged with China to create more pressure on Myanmar for creating conducive atmosphere inside Rakhine ensuring safe repatriation of the forcefully displaced Rohingyas from Bangladesh. The State Minister said this as he was speaking at a seminar on Rohingya crisis at Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies in Dhaka yesterday.

The US based Voice of America will run reports on different programmes throughout the 'Mujib Barsha' announced by the Bangladesh government to celebrate the birth centenary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The decision came from a meeting of VOA Regional Marketing Director Dr. Joyce Ngoh and VOA Business Development Affairs Country Representative, South Asia Monoj Roy with Information Secretary Abdul Malek at his secretariat office in Dhaka yesterday.

The 66th birthday of Sheikh Jamal, son of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, was observed yesterday throughout the country in a befitting manner. To mark the day, Awami League and its associate bodies observed elaborate programmes including placing of wreaths at his graveyard, recitation from the Holy Quran, offering milad and doa mahfil and discussions.

Biman Bangladesh Airlines is set to re-launch its Dhaka-Delhi direct flight operations next month. Biman is going to start the route after five years as India's private Jet Airways halted its flight operations between the two capitals.

Renowned Singer Subir Nandi is being taken to Singapore today for better treatment at the directives of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Subir Nandi was admitted to the Combined Military Hospital in Dhaka on April 14 after he suffered a massive heart attack.

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