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Newsbrief

The 12th Parliament will go into the second session on May 02 after a 58-day recess as the first session of the current parliament was prorogued on March 05. President Mohammed Shahabuddin yesterday summoned the 2nd session of the 12th parliament exercising the power bestowed upon him as per Clause (1) of Article 72 of the Constitution.

Prime Minister and Awami League (AL) President Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed deep shock and sorrow at the death of former President of AL's Muksudpur Upazila unit, Gopalganj and former Muksudpur municipality Mayor valiant freedom fighter Advocate Md. Atiqur Rahman Mia. In a condolence message, the Prime Minister prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed deep sympathy to the bereaved family.

Claiming BNP's falsehood over the number of its imprisoned party men, Awami League General Secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader sought the list of imprisoned BNP leaders, otherwise BNP would have to seek an apology to the nation. The Minister made this comment while briefing the journalists at Awami League President's political office at Dhanmondi in the capital yesterday. Talking about the Mujibnagar Day on April 17, the ruling party leader said "it is the oath day of the first government of the Independent Bangladesh but BNP does not accept it." Even they refuse June 7, a red-letter day in the history of freedom movements of the people of Bangladesh and the nation has since been observing June 7 as the historic Six-Point Day, the Minister added.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Samanta Lal Sen directed the authorities concerned to work in a coordinated way to prevent dengue this year. Talking to journalists at his Secretariat office yesterday, the Minister urged people to keep their houses and surroundings clean. Hospital authorities have also been directed to take necessary measures for dengue treatment, he said. There will be no saline crisis this year as the Ministry had already held a meeting over the issue, the Minister added.

State Minister for Information and Broadcasting Mohammad Ali Arafat described Bangladesh Udichi Shilpigoshthi's programme defying the directives, issued by the government for the sake of public safety and its negative statement as unexpected and unfortunate. The State Minister told journalists at his Secretariat office yesterday. Arafat said, "The government gets hurt and very much shocked at this behaviour of Udichi". Many people were killed and many others became paralyzed after being injured in bombings at Ramna Batamul in the capital and Udichi's programme in Jashore on Pahela Baishakh, he said. The State Minister said, several members of the police sacrificed their lives to prevent terrorist attack at Holey Artisan, Eid Jammal at Sholakia Maidan and in Sylhet and saved the lives of people. As the government remains always vigilant to ensure the safety of people's lives and property in every event, no terrorist attack or terrorist incident has occurred in Bangladesh in the recent past, the State Minister mentioned.

State Minister for Posts, Telecommunications and ICT Zunaid Ahmed Palak said that the proposed 'Sheikh Kamal IT Training and Incubation Centre' and 'Joy Smart D-Training Centre' in Bogura will create thousands of employment for youths. The State Minister said this while talking to reporters after visiting sites of the two proposed projects in Bogura on 13 April. Along with the promise of building a science and technology university and a high-tech park in Bogura as well as constructing Bogura-Sirajganj rail line, the State Minister said, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is also going to present Sheikh Kamal IT Training and Incubation Centre and Joy Smart D-Training Centre to the people of Bogura. Once the centres are constructed, these will play a vital role in reducing the employment crisis in the district.

State Minister for Shipping Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury said, the concerned surveyors of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) will be brought under punishment if found any negligence against them over the launch accident that left five people dead at Sadarghat on Thursday last. The State Minister told reporters while replying to a query on the first day after the holy Eid-el-Fitr and Pahela Baishakh vacation at his Secretariat office yesterday. Every person was in festive mood on the Eid day, but such type of accident on the Eid day faded the festive mood, the State Minister added.

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State Minister for Commerce Ahasanul Islam Titu has claimed, a sense of comfort has returned among members of the public over commodity prices. He says, the criticism of the government over rising prices is political. The State Minister told reporters at the Secretariat yesterday. Ramadan passed well in Bangladesh without disruption in the supply chain, the State Minister claimed.

Senior Secretary of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting Md. Humayun Kabir Khândaker called upon all concerned including the diplomats to work with more sincerity and integrity to further brighten the country's image abroad. He simultaneously urged them to project the impressive socioeconomic progress that Bangladesh achieved in the last 15 years under the dynamic and visionary leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Humayun Kabir made the call while exchanging views with Senior Officials of the Bangladesh Embassy in Washington DC on April 8, according to a press release, received recently.

With sincere efforts by the Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) Pahela Baishakh, the Bengali New Year, was celebrated peacefully in the capital. DMP Commissioner Habibur Rahman expressed his satisfaction at an Eid reunion at DMP Headquarters in the capital yesterday.

DSEX, the prime index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), went down by 85.32 points or 1.45 percent to 5,778.77 points yesterday.



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