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News Brief

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina made a courtesy call on President Md. Abdul Hamid at Bangabhaban yesterday. The Premier apprised the President of the outcomes of various development projects and policies being implemented.

The Cabinet has approved a revised road transport law suggesting five years of imprisonment alongside penalties for rough driving leading to deaths and grievous injuries while the term is three years under the existing law. The approval came in the weekly cabinet meeting with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair yesterday.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Anisul Huq has said, drivers under the newly proposed Road Transport Act 2018 will lose points for committing nine kinds of traffic violations and automatically be banned from driving if he loses all his 12 points. The Minister said this while briefing media on the proposed road transport law.

Sri Lankan Prime Minister and current chair of Indian Ocean Conference (IOC) Ranil Wickremesinghe over a phone call yesterday invited Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to join the 3rd IOC-2018 to be held in Hanoi, capital of Vietnam on August 27-28.

President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in separate messages yesterday congratulated Bangladesh Cricket Team for T 20 series victory over the West Indies.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader has said, his ministry has taken a programme to keep open all offices of BRTA from 9 am to 9 pm except Friday to provide all urgent services including issuing of fitness certificates, driving licenses and renewal of license. The Minister said this while talking to media yesterday.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Mohammed Nasim has urged all government and non-government organisations to work unitedly for eliminating the deadly disease Tuberculosis from the country. He made the urge while speaking at a roundtable discussion on TB at BRAC Center in Dhaka yesterday.

United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth Jayathma Wickramanayake has called upon all concerned for providing a cyber-safe space for youths to make them worthy citizens. Jayathama made the call while addressing a programme marking World Youth Day at Sheikh Hasina National Youth Development Institute at Savar yesterday.

The nation yesterday observed the 77th death anniversary of Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore. Bangla Academy, Shilpakala Academy, Chhayanaut, National Museum and Shishu Academy organised different programmes marking the day.

The sale of advance bus tickets on long routes for the upcoming holy Eid-ul-Azha starts from today. Bus Owners' Association announced the decision yesterday.

DSEX, the key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, shed 0.06 per cent, or 3.61 points, to close at 5,353 points yesterday.

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