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News Brief

The Cabinet has approved the draft of a law for depositing the idle money to the public exchequer as Tk 2, 12,100 crore remained unused till May this year. The approval came from a regular weekly meeting of the Cabinet held with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair at the Secretariat in Dhaka yesterday. The BRTC will offload shares of Taka 1,000 crore in the capital market as the Cabinet also approved the draft of 'The Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation Act, 2019' with the provision.

Visiting Commandar of Royal Saudi Naval Forces Vice Admiral Fahad Bin Abdullah Al-Ghofaily paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Ganabhaban last afternoon. During the meeting, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Saudi Naval Chief put emphasis on strengthening defence cooperation between the two countries. The Vice Admiral highly praised Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for her noble gesture of hosting over 1.1 million Rohingyas in Bangladesh. The Premier said, Bangladesh has given shelter to the forcibly displaced Rohingya people on humanitarian grounds.

The '4th South Asian Speakers Summit' at the Maldivian capital Male yesterday adopted the 'Male Declaration' with 11 separate directives to interconnect parliaments of the region for the realization of SDGs. Meanwhile, Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury conducted a session titled 'Catalyzing the Global Agenda on Climate Change-overcoming challenges and utilizing opportunities to strengthen the regional agenda for delivering on the Paris Agreement' as a Moderator.

Bangladesh has topped in the world in achieving the GDP during the last 10 years since 2009, according to the recently released 'Spectator Index-2019'. Finance Minister A H M Mustafa Kamal informed this to the Cabinet as briefed by the Cabinet Secretary Mohammad Shafiu Alam at the Secretariat in Dhaka yesterday. Bangladesh topped the list with achieving 188 per cent GDP growth while China achieved 177 per cent, India 117 per cent, Malaysia 78 per cent, Australia 41 per cent and Brazil 17 per cent GDP growth.

Liberation War Affairs Minister A K M Mozammel Haque launched 'Bangabandhu and Muktijuddho Corner' under the arrangement of a publication company at Sadarghat in the capital yesterday. At the function the Minister said, all the photographs of Bangabandhu depicting his leadership role in all past historic events sorely tell the history of Bangladesh.

Information Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud formally inaugurated the broadcasting of BTV programmes in India through DTH platform of Doordarshan, the state-owned TV channel of India at a function held at BTV Bhaban in Dhaka yesterday. The connection between Bangabandhu Satellite-1 and Doordarshan was fixed on July 3 in this regard. Highlighting the global village context, the Minister said, there should be no boundary to air TV channels of a country to other countries. Now, the people of the two neighboring countries can know the culture and heritage of each other. State Minister for Information Dr. Murad Hasan, Indian High Commissioner in Dhaka Riva Ganguly Das, Information Secretary Abdul Malek and BTV Director General S M Haroon-or-Rashid were present at the function.

The government has decided to ban any sale of SIM card and providing mobile phone connectivity at Rohingya camps within 7 days to control law and order following the mass rally of displaced Myanmarese citizens raising security concerns. Posts and Telecommunications Minister instructed the BTRC and it conveyed the order to all Mobile network operator on Sunday.

As stated by the daily Dhaka Tribune, multiple diplomatic sources confirmed that at the initiative of Beijing, the Foreign Ministers of Bangladesh, Myanmar and China are scheduled for a meeting at the end of September on the sidelines of the 74th session of the UN General Assembly to discuss the Rohingya crisis and to find ways to begin the repatriation of the of Rohingyas sheltered in Cox's Bazar.

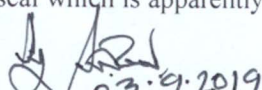
A 20-Member delegation of Bangladesh Awami League led by AL Presidium Member and Parliamentary Standing Committee Chairman on Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Abdul Matin Khasru leaves for China tomorrow at the invitation of Communist Party of China to discuss various issues focusing the Rohingya crisis and their repatriation.

Australian Foreign Affairs Minister Marise Payne will arrive Dhaka today on a three-day official visit to attend Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Blue Economy ministerial meeting to be held on September 4-5 in Dhaka as well as to meet Bangladesh high-ups to address the Rohingya issue. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will formally inaugurate the IORA Blue Economy Ministerial Conference.

DSCC and DNCC fined Tk 1,36,000 several residences and business firms on various charges while conducting anti-mosquito drives in the city yesterday. Meanwhile, DGHS has said, the number of dengue patients has become almost half in a span of month as the figure is falling down gradually. On August 3, a total of 2,429 dengue patients were admitted to different hospitals as it was only 865 in last 24 hours across the country.

A visiting Filipino trade team yesterday termed Bangladesh as a potential destination for enhancing trade and investment considering Bangladesh's multiple supports for the foreign investors. The trade team led by Assistant Director of the Department of Trade and Industry of the Philippines Agnes Perpetua R Legaspi made the remark at a seminar on 'Promoting Bilateral Trade and Investment between Bangladesh and Philippines' organized by Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry in collaboration with Bangladesh Philippines Chamber of Commerce and Industry at the DCCI in Dhaka.

The country received US\$ 3,080.53 million remittances during the first two months of the current fiscal which is apparently 12.87 per cent higher than the same period of the preceding year, according to a Bangladesh Bank data.


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