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News Brief

President Md. Abdul Hamid reached London at 4.45 pm local time yesterday. The President is scheduled to have his health check-up at Moorfields Eye Hospital and Bupa Cromwell Hospital there. The President is expected to return home on July 15.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has urged the party men to organize Awami League and go to the people to seek their votes in the next general election. The PM made the urge while addressing the party's special extended meeting at Ganabhaban in Dhaka yesterday. The PM said, the rural economy has been boosted up and the people have started getting scope to live better as Awami League remains in power.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has urged all to exercise austerity in using electricity and water as the government provides these utilities at subsidised prices. The PM made the call while speaking at separate functions organised to inaugurate the newly constructed multi-storey buildings having 988 flats at Motijheel and Azimpur government colonies for public servants.

The National Film Awards-2016 will be distributed through a gala function at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka at 3.30pm today. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will hand over the awards, the highest recognition for contribution to the film industry.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has expressed deep shock at the death of the National Film Award-winning actress Rani Sarkar. Earlier, the PM gave financial assistance of Taka 30 lakh to the veteran actress.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Mohammed Nasim has urged the pharmaceutical companies to reduce the prices of drugs so that common people of the country can afford it. The Minister was addressing a views-exchange meeting with officials of 'One Pharma' pharmaceutical company at Commerce Ministry in Dhaka yesterday. Currently, Bangladesh is exporting medicines to over 151 countries, including India, Sri Lanka, Germany, USA, France, Italy, UK, Canada, the Netherlands and Denmark as we are producing quality drugs, Mr. Nasim added.

Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister A K M Shahjahan Kamal has stressed on forming a common platform to promote tourism in South Asian region. The Minister made the emphasis while inaugurating the three-day Kolkata Travel and Tourism Fair at the Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Indoor Stadium in Kolkata on Friday. As many as 430 organizations from 13 countries and different Indian states are participating in the fair.

Disaster Management and Relief Minister Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya has said, the government would provide electricity connections to all houses. The Minister said this while inaugurating a 80-kilometre electricity line at Matlab, Chandpur yesterday.

The Awami League Central Working Committee will hold a joint meeting today with its associate bodies, different units of Dhaka city and surrounding districts and party lawmakers. The meeting begins at 11 am at AL Central Office at Bangabandhu Avenue in Dhaka.

DSEX, the key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, lost 0.80 per cent or 43.18 points over the week to finish at 5,362.28 points on Thursday.

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