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### News Brief

The fourth session of the 11th parliament begins this afternoon after a 59-day recess. President Md. Abdul Hamid convened the session on August 21. Just before the beginning of the session, the Business Advisory Committee headed by Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury will sit for a meeting to fix the duration and businesses of the session.

President Md. Abdul Hamid, who is now in London for health check-up and treatment of eyes, will return home on September 9 instead of September 8. The President left Dhaka on August 31 for London.

Bangladesh Awami League nominated Advocate Rezaul Karim Razu, the General Secretary of Rangpur district AL, to contest the Rangpur-3 by-election slated for October 5. The nomination was finalized at a meeting with AL Parliamentary Board Chief and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair at Ganabhaban last evening. Meanwhile, Road Transport and Bridges Minister and AL General Secretary Obaidul Quader addressing a press conference at AL President's political office at Dhanmondi yesterday said, 150 party rebels and their patrons will get show cause notices for their controversial roles in the last upazila elections.

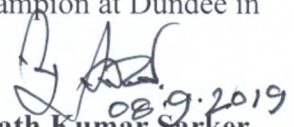
Liberation War Affairs Minister A K M Mozammel Haque while talking to journalists at Akhaura after visiting Indian State of Tripura yesterday said, a list of rajakars will be prepared within March next year. Both Bangladesh and India will work together for preserving memories of the War of liberation so that young generation could know the real history, he added. Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal at a discussion at Police Staff College in Dhaka yesterday urged guardians for taking care of their children as teenage gang is now being emerged adding that if anyone commits crime then action will be taken according to the law.

Education Minister Dr. Dipu Moni addressing a function in Chandpur yesterday said, the government is considering introducing online monitoring system at all educational institutions to supplement the efforts of improving quality of education. State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Md. Zakir Hossain at a meeting in Kurigram yesterday said, at the beginning of the next year, all primary school students in the country will get new books and Taka 2,000 for school dress. The International Literacy Day is being observed in the country today with the theme 'Literacy and Multilingualism'.

Information Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud while talking to reporters after attending a function at Theater Institute in Chattogram yesterday said, the present government is trying its best with its diplomatic endeavours to send Rohingya people back to their homes in Rakhine State of Myanmar. The Minister also warned that people who would be found involved in providing Bangladeshi passports to Rohingyas must face punishment. Visiting Japanese South Asian Affairs Expert Ryohei Kasai told media in Dhaka yesterday that the international community needs to focus more on repatriation of Rohingyas to their place of origin in Rakhine State instead of focusing only on their food, shelter and healthcare issues. He added, Japan has already shared some 'preliminary ideas' with Bangladesh that can help expedite the Rohingya repatriation process as the country, being a common friend of Bangladesh and Myanmar, does not want to see 'prolongation' of the Rohingya situation. Former Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations Lord George Mark Malloch Brown in a speech at a symposium on the United Nations in Dhaka yesterday urged the international community to put pressure on Myanmar to resolve the issue. Malloch Brown said, it requires a great depth of patience on Bangladesh's side to manage this issue because a refugee population of that size in the part of the country is a huge burden.

US Ambassador to Bangladesh Earl R Miller while addressing a discussion on Education in the USA in Dhaka yesterday lauded the academic performance of Bangladeshi students in American institutions and said, currently, there're about 7,500 Bangladeshi students studying in the United States at undergraduate and graduate levels. BGMEA has been assigned to sew the world's largest T- Shirt marking the centenary founding anniversary of the ILO breaking the Guinness record made by India last year. ILO on the occasion of its founding anniversary would organize a gala event in Bangladesh to be held in the last week of November this year which will be attended by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Bangladesh women team won the Women's T20 World Cup Qualifier as unbeaten Champion at Dundee in Scotland yesterday by beating Thailand by 70 runs.

  
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