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**News Brief**

 The government will recruit 10,000 doctors and 40,000 employees in phases to improve the service delivery in the health sector, Health Minister Mohammed Nasim has said yesterday. The Health Minister disclosed the information while inaugurating the nationwide ‘Vitamin A Plus’ campaign at Shishu Hospital in Dhaka. Mentioning that the recruitment will be made in phases, Nasim said 3,000 doctors will be recruited initially to ease the shortage of doctors in rural areas.

 OIC Secretary General Dr Yousef bin Ahmad Al-Othaimeen has made an announcement of a donation of $100,000 to Bangladsh Islamic Foundation as a symbolic humanitarian gesture. The OIC Secretary General made this announcement on Friday while visiting the Foundation. He left Dhaka for Jeddah yesterday after a four-day official visit to Bangladesh.

 The 68th birth anniversary of Sheikh Kamal, the eldest son of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, was observed yesterday across the country with an elaborate programme. Awami League, its associate bodies and different political socio-cultural and sports organizations observed the day with elaborate programmes. The programmes included placing of wreaths at the portrait of Sheikh Kamal, recitation from the Holy Quran, milad-mahfil and offering fateha at Banani Graveyard and discussions.

 Finance Minister AMA Muhith has said he would make the Bangladesh Bank heist report public only after the lawsuit in Philippines ends. A panel led by former central bank governor Mohammed Farashuddin submitted its findings almost a year ago. "We can't release it until the lawsuit in Philippines is settled," Muhith told reporters in Sylhet yesterday. Cyber criminals tried to steal nearly $1.0 billion from Bangladesh Bank in February last year and made off with $81 million via an account with the New York Federal Reserve.

 As part of the 'zero tolerance policy' against drugs, the government has decided to stop all sorts of illegal activities, particularly inflow of the contraband yaba tablets through Bangladesh border with Myanmar. "The government has decided to create a region (in Teknaf) on ad-hoc basis to secure the 271-kilometre border with Myanmar," said Director General of Border Guard of Bangladesh (BGB) Major General Abul Hossain. Referring to the seizure of over 1.19 crore yaba tablets in the last seven months, the BGB chief said, "We have already held border conference with Myanmar Police Force to stop smuggling of yaba."

 The government has released the first installment of export subsidy worth Tk 11.25 billion for the fiscal year 2017-18. Of the amount, Tk 10.00 billion went to the sectors included ready-made garments, frozen fish and leather, and Tk 1.25 billion to jute and jute goods sector.

 Twenty-six more readymade garment factories which make products for North American retailers and buyers completed full safety remediation in July. With the progress, the total number of remediated factories affiliated with the Alliance for Bangladesh Worker Safety, a platform of North American buyers and retailers, reached 118.

 The government has recently fixed country wise rates for sending workers to 15 countries by the recruiting agencies. The maximum migration cost had been fixed for Singapore, Malaysia, Libya, Bahrain, UAE, Kuwait, Oman, Iraq, Qatar, Jordan, Egypt, Russia, Maldives, Brunei Darussalam and Lebanon. For Singapore, the migration cost had been set at Tk 2,62,270.

 The government is moving ahead to have its first exclusive tourism park in Cox's Bazar to transform the tourism industry developing world-class luxury hotels and ensuring modern facilities like other countries which bring sun-seekers to beaches. Bangladesh Economic Zone Authority (BEZA) has taken the initiative-'Sabrang Tourism'-encompassing an area of around 1,100 acres having an amazing hill and sea beach territory, multifaceted diverse and admirably beautiful.

 The key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, DSEX, increased 1.12 percent, or 65.38 points, over the week to close at 5,880 points on Thursday.

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