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Newsbrief

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said, no case filed against BNP men is political as they were accused of specific criminal charges that include arson terrorism, grenade attack, firearms smuggling and corruption. The Prime Minister said, the cases should be disposed of quickly to ensure punishment for those crimes. The Prime Minister said this while speaking at a view exchange with central committee members of Bangladesh Krishak League on the occasion of its 52th founding anniversary at her official residence Ganabhaban yesterday. Mentioning that they unleashed arson violence in 2013 and 2014 to resist the 2014 general election, she said during the mayhem they burnt 3800 cars, buses, launches and trains. About violence before the 12th parliamentary election, they committed the 28th October incident and killed a mother and her child by setting fire to trains to thwart the polls, the Prime Minister added.

Awami League General Secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader termed BNP as communal force, kingpin of corruption and money laundering and urged all to resist them. The Minister told at a discussion marking the 52nd founding anniversary of Krishak League at Krishibid Institution Bangladesh in the capital's Khamarbari area yesterday.

Meanwhile, Awami League General Secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister expressed deep shock and sorrow at the death of the country's war-time national flag designer and valiant freedom fighter Shib Narayan Das. In a condolence message yesterday, the Minister prayed for the salvation of the departed soul and conveyed deep sympathy to the bereaved family.

Foreign Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud said, Dhaka had given clearance to Myanmar authority to return their security personnel, who took shelter in Bangladesh on April 22. He told reporters after an event at the Foreign Ministry yesterday. It has been decided that the fled Myanmar security personnel will go back by ship to be sent by the Myanmar authority, the Minister added.

Finance Minister Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali on Thursday said, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has started work on building a future Bangladesh to fulfill the dream of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The Finance Minister made these comments while exchanging views with the officials and employees of Bangladesh Embassy in Washington DC, according to a press release yesterday.

Agriculture Minister Dr. Mohammed Abdus Shahid said, the price of rice will be fixed in such a way that farmers get a fair price. Besides, the government is implementing various initiatives to de-risk Haor crops. The Minister said this while speaking at a Boro paddy-cutting festival organised by the DC office and Agricultural Extension Department in Bahadurpur village of Sunamganj's Sadar Upazila yesterday. Earlier, the Minister distributed combine harvester machines among the farmers.

A road and a park of the capital will be named after the Emir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani, who is scheduled to visit Bangladesh on April 22-23. Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) Mayor Atiqul Islam confirmed BSS yesterday. According to the itinerary, the Emir will inaugurate the park in Kalshi area of Mirpur under DNCC and a road running from Mirpur ECB Chattar to Kalshi Flyover at 3 pm on April 23.

The Information and Broadcasting Ministry started the process of selecting films with transparency and utmost professionalism for the disbursement of government grants. In this regard, a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed films before the script selection committee of the full-length feature films for a grant has begun for the first time. State Minister for Information and Broadcasting Mohammad Ali Arafat inaugurated the selection process at his Ministry's conference room at the Secretariat on Thursday. PowerPoint presentation of initially selected 45 films out of 195 full-length feature films applied for the grant in FY 2023-24.

State Minister for Information and Broadcasting Mohammad Ali Arafat held a meeting with Land Minister Narayan Chandra Chanda for a quick resumption of the works of Bhashantek Rehabilitation Project (BRP) in the capital. They held the meeting at the Land Minister's Office at the Secretariat on Thursday, according to a press release yesterday. The Land Minister assured the State Minister of information on resuming the works of the BRP and gave necessary directives to the officials concerned.

Dhaka urged Thumpu to reduce its Sustainable Development Fees for tourists for Bangladesh at the 3rd Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) between Bangladesh and Bhutan. Bangladesh Foreign Secretary Masud Bin Momen and his Bhutanese counterpart Pema Choden led their respective side at the FOC held in Thimpu, according to a Foreign Ministry's press release yesterday.

Thirteen more members of the Myanmar Border Guard Police (BGP) entered Bangladesh through the Teknaf border of Cox's Bazar on Thursday to take refuge amid the ongoing conflict between the Myanmar security forces and the rebel Arakan Army (AA). Official sources of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) confirmed yesterday.

The country's largest private carrier US-Bangla Airlines started a direct flight to Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) fulfilling the demand of a large number of expatriate Bangladeshis residing in the oil-rich Middle East nation, according to a press release of the airline said yesterday.



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