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News Brief

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has directed the authorities concerned to intensify monitoring to save the migrant aspirants from the clutch of middlemen. The Premier came up with the instruction while delivering her speech at a meeting of the National Steering Committee on Migration held at the PMO in the city yesterday.

Rohingya people held a rally at Madhuchara of Ukhiya upazila in Cox's Bazar yesterday marking the two years of Rohingya crisis. From the rally, they called upon the international community to escalate pressure on the Myanmar government for creating safe environment for their repatriation to Rakhine state. They demanded justice at international court for genocide, rapes and atrocities carried out against Rohingya people in Myanmar. Meanwhile, Foreign Ministry in Dhaka in a statement issued yesterday urged Myanmar to fully concentrate on implementation of its obligations and commitments necessary for a durable solution to the long-pending Rohingya crisis. The United States in a statement issued by US Department of State on Saturday marking two years of Myanmar security forces' brutal attacks on Rohingyas in Rakhine urged the Myanmar government to implement the recommendations made by Kofi Annan-led advisory commission on the Rakhine State to resolve the Rohingya crisis. It said, the Annan-led commission offers the best path forward for Myanmar and all the people of Rakhine as well as all those who fled. The Annan commission recommended giving Rohingyas citizenship and other rights to solve the crisis.

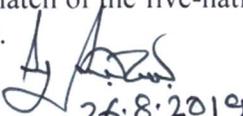
A meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Liberation War Affairs at Parliament Secretariat yesterday was informed that Home Ministry has started preparing a list of Razakars who have taken salaries for helping Pakistanis kill, rape, torture and loot the Bengalis during Bangladesh Liberation War in 1971. A High Court division bench yesterday ordered to remove the word 'Kumari' from Muslim marriage document nikahnama. The court ordered to write unmarried instead of the word Kumari and also ordered to add married, widower or divorced for bridegroom.

Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury while addressing a discussion marking the National Mourning Day at the National Museum in the city said, if we analyse every day of Bangabandhu's life, we find he loved the people deeply and dedicated his life for the emancipation of the Bengali nation. The diary of his struggle is an important document for the future generations, she said. Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday while addressing a discussion organised by North South University marking the 44th anniversary of martyrdom of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman said, BNP founder Ziaur Rahman and his family had betrayed Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the country as well. The killers of Bangabandhu should be unmasked before the nation, the Minister added. Agriculture Minister Dr. Md. Abdur Razzaque while addressing a similar function at Dhanmondi 32 in the city yesterday said, those who were involved in the assassination of Bangabandhu and August 21 grenade attack will never be pardoned.

Finance Minister A H M Mustafa Kamal briefing reporters after a meeting with the new top management of the four state owned commercial banks at his ministry yesterday said, the government would not re-finance anymore to the state owned commercial banks to address their capital crunch. The government has taken different projects at the cost of Taka 2,747 crore aiming at easily reaching all land-related services to the people's doorsteps in a hassle-free manner adopting facilities of digitisation. Secretary of the Ministry of Land Md. Maksudur Rahman Patwary said this while addressing a workshop in Dhaka yesterday.

DNCC Mayor Md. Atiqul Islam while inaugurating awareness campaign to tackle dengue at Gulshan DNCC Market premises yesterday called upon everyone to cooperate in the ongoing combating operation to destroy Aedes mosquito and its breeding grounds. Local Government Minister Md. Tazul Islam while administering oath to 20 newly elected district council members at his ministry yesterday said, the rate of new dengue infections has come down due to the concerted efforts of all and growing awareness. The dengue outbreak will be checked using this year's experiences, he said adding that all the departments concerned have been directed to prepare a master plan to control dengue in the future. Meanwhile DGHS has said, a total of 1,299 new dengue patients were admitted to different hospitals in the last 24 hours across the country. Among them, 607 patients were hospitalized in Dhaka.

A two-week long Bangladesh-China Youth Camp begins today at Yunnan in China aiming to strengthen people-to-people contact and cultural bonding between the two countries. A 158-member Bangladesh youth delegation will take part in the Camp. Bangladesh piled up massive 7-1 goals victory over Sri Lanka in their second match of the five-nation SAFF Under-15 Championship at the Kalyani Stadium in Nadia District of West Bengal yesterday.


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