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### Newsbrief

Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury said, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina-led government has made a revolution in the advancement of women in the last 15 years. The Speaker said this while addressing a discussion at Nasrul Hamid Auditorium of Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU) in the capital yesterday as chief guest marking the International Women's Day-2024. The Speaker also unveiled the cover of DRU's special compilation (edition) or souvenir 'Konthoshor' there. Women at the grassroot level are also active today and the number of women entrepreneurs has also increased significantly, the Speaker added.

Awami League (AL) General Secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said, the members of Parliament (MPs) cannot influence or interfere in upazila elections. Awami League will not nominate party candidate for the upazila elections to keep it open. The Minister said this while exchanging views with the party leaders and workers of Rangpur division at AL's Bangabandhu Avenue central office yesterday.

Foreign Minister (FM) and Joint Secretary of Awami League Dr. Hasan Mahmud said, the government hopes the United States authorities will take appropriate action if investigation finds New York Police Department officers guilty of "wrongfully" killing a Bangladeshi youth Rozario. The Minister replied a question after the meeting with the central leaders of Awami League with leaders of Rangpur division at the party's central office at Bangabandhu Avenue in the capital yesterday.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Saber Hossain Chowdhury said, all should work together to prevent river encroachment and pollution. The Minister said this while addressing a roundtable discussion on "Climate Change, Water and Sanitation", organized at Kalbela Conference Room in New Market of the capital yesterday. Taka 37,000 crore have been allocated through 25 Ministries to deal with the climate crisis in the current financial year, the Minister added.

Youth and Sports Minister Nazmul Hassan Papon yesterday expressed deep shock and sorrow at the death of Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) Vice-President Mohammad Yousuf. In a condolence message, the Sports Minister prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed deep sympathy to the bereaved family.

State Minister for Information and Broadcasting Mohammad Ali Arafat visited the training centre of the De-suung Skilling Programme (DSP) launched in Thimphu in 2021 at the directives of Bhutanese King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, said an official release yesterday. Later, the State Minister went around the training facility and saw the handicrafts displayed at the ceramics, metal smithing and sword and blade workshops.

With sincere efforts, the government will introduce solar irrigation by reducing number of diesel irrigation pumps in agriculture sector. State Minister for Power and Energy and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid told BSS yesterday. The government has a roadmap to increase power from renewable energy sources up to 12,000 MW in the future.

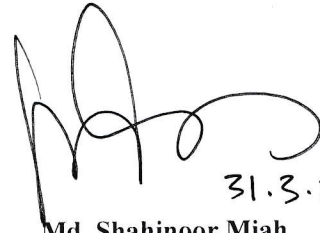
Later, State Minister for Power and Energy and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid said, it is possible to build profitable partnerships beyond borders through regional cooperation. The State Minister said this while addressing a seminar titled "Pre-event Seminar on the 3rd Nepal Investment Summit -2024" at the Nepal Embassy in city's Baridhara area as the chief guest, a press release said yesterday. The State Minister said, Bangladesh was the first to import electricity from India. "Now about 2,660 megawatt (MW) electricity is being imported," Nasrul added. The process of importing 40 MW of power from Nepal through the unused capacity of HVDC sub-station (located at Bheramara in Kushtia) using the Indian grid is almost finalized, the State Minister further added.

Regional Director of WHO South-East Asia Saima Wazed reiterated the World Health Organization's commitment to supporting and strengthening the resilience of Bangladesh's health sector in view of the country's vulnerability to health impacts of climate change. Wazed, who commenced her country visits with her home country Bangladesh after assuming office on February 01, met Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on March 22. The Regional Director of WHO concluded her six-day official visit to Bangladesh yesterday.

Three more Border Guard Police (BGP) of Myanmar entered into Bangladesh amid the fighting between the rebel groups and Myanmar Military. The three BGP men entered into Bangladesh through Tamru border under Naikhonchhari upazila of the district early yesterday. They were made unarmed and taken to Tamru border outpost of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB), Deputy Commissioner of Bandarban Shah Mujahid Uddin confirmed.

The Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) strongly condemned online harassment of Bangladeshi journalist Mushfiqul Fazal living in the United States, reads a statement by CPJ Asia posted on X (formerly known as twitter) yesterday. Journalists must be able to do their jobs free of reprisal and intimidation, it added.

According to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), no dengue death case was reported in the country during the last 24 hours till Monday morning while 11 patients were hospitalised during this period.



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