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Newsbrief

The Bangladesh Scouts Day will be observed today in the country with the theme 'Smart Scouting, Smart Citizen'. President Mohammed Shahabuddin and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday issued separate messages on the eve of the day greeting all members of Scouts. In his message, the President said, scouting is an international, voluntary, non-political and educational movement. Scouting is a supplementary practical education system in addition to regular education, the Head of the State added. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, in her message said, the greatest Bangalee of all time, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman gave official recognition to Bangladesh Scouts on September 11, 1972 through the issuance of a Presidential Ordinance. The Prime Minister also lauded the initiative to celebrate this day as 'Bangladesh Scouts Day'.

Awami League (AL) General Secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said, the armed activities of Kuki-Chin in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) is a sporadic incident, while the government has taken a cautious and rigid stance to this end. The Minister made the remarks while speaking at a press conference at the AL President's Dhanmondi political office yesterday. The Home Minister has visited the CHT area and a joint operation is going on there, the Minister added.

Bangladesh and Brazil held productive discussions on Dhaka-Brasilia bilateral ties, international and regional initiatives, and multilateral cooperation as Foreign Ministers of the two global south nations joined a meeting in Dhaka yesterday. Foreign Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud told a joint media briefing with his Brazilian counterpart Mauro Vieira after the bilateral talks at the state guest house Jamuna in the capital. During the meeting the two Foreign Ministers agreed on the importance of increasing cooperation and exchanges in the fields of agriculture, livestock, science, technology and innovation, education, climate change and energy transition and technical cooperation, among others. He said, they discussed on Brazil's investment in Bangladesh's economic zone and IT sector that will give Brazilian businessmen an avenue to reach about two billion people in his region, Dr. Hasan Mahmud added. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is likely to visit Brazil in July as the visiting Brazilian Foreign Minister brought an invitation from the Brazilian President in this regard, Dr. Hasan Mahmud further added.

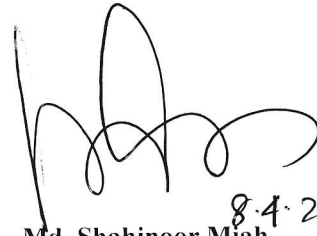
Visiting Brazilian Foreign Minister Mauro Vieira said, Brasilia considered Bangladesh's keen interest to become BRICS member "very strongly and positively" as Dhaka shared same principles and positions with the BRICS member states. Vieira was speaking at a joint media briefing with his Bangladesh counterpart after a bilateral talk with Foreign Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud at the state guest house Jamuna in the capital yesterday. Mauro Vieira arrived Dhaka yesterday on a two-day official visit to further strengthen the bilateral and commercial ties with Bangladesh. Last year, Bangladesh requested to join the BRICS alliance, comprised of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, that formally established in 2009 to establish economic and political equilibrium among powerful global nations. The Brazilian Foreign Minister affirmed that Bangladesh, as an emerging voice of the Global South, could offer substantial contributions to BRICS on a number of issues. Brazilian Foreign Minister said, Bangladesh people reelected Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina once again due to her hard work for improving living standard of her countrymen. Bangladesh Premier and Brazilian President Lula had a wonderful meeting last year and they built a very good personal relation, the Brazilian Foreign Minister added.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Saber Hossain Chowdhury said, his Ministry is working to ensure maximum punishment for those involved in killing Md Sajjaduzzaman, a beat officer of the forest department in Cox's Bazar. The Minister made the remarks while handing over a cheque of financial assistance to the family of Sajjaduzzaman at his residence of Vitikandi village at Ghazaria upazila of Munshiganj yesterday. Sajjaduzzaman was killed by a mini truck of miscreants in Cox's Bazar recently. Expressing deep condolences to the family members of Sajjaduzzaman, Saber Hossain said, when Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was informed about the incident, she also expressed grief and sorrow too.

Meanwhile, Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister said, Bangladesh will always remain beside the freedom-seeking people of Palestine. The Minister said this while addressing a food distribution ceremony supported by Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Embassies of OIC countries, Kuwait Society for Relief-Bangladesh Office and Society for Social and Technological Support as the chief guest at Mugda police station of Dhaka yesterday. Father of Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman has contributed a lot to Islam in Bangladesh, the Minister added.

Five Eid jamaats (congregations) will be held at the Baitul Mukarram National Mosque in Dhaka on the day of Eid-ul-Fitr, an Islamic Foundation press release said yesterday. According to the release, the first Eid jamaat will be held at 7am. The second will take place at 8am while the third one at 9am and the fourth one at 10am. The last Eid jamaat will be held at 10:45am.

The Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) arrested Cheusim Bawm, the 55-year-old chief coordinator of the Kuki-Chin National Front (KNF) from his residence at Shayronpar village in Sadar upazila of Bandarban. Commanding officer of RAB-15 Lieutenant Colonel HM Sazzad announced the arrest at a press briefing, held at the Bandarban Zila Parishad Auditorium yesterday.



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