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**News Brief**

 President Md. Abdul Hamid hosted an iftar in honour of the Prime Minister, Speaker, Chief Justice, cabinet members, MPs, foreign diplomats, eminent citizens, and senior civil and military officials at Bangabhaban yesterday. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina attended the iftar party. Before the iftar, a special munajat was offered seeking divine blessing for continued peace, progress and prosperity of the country and its people.

 Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has asked BEZA to strictly ensure compliance of environmental standards and obligations in the specialized economic zones producing export bound products. The Prime Minister issued the directive while addressing the BEPZA's Governing Council Meeting at her office yesterday.

 Thailand's Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn arrives in Dhaka today on a four-day visit to Bangladesh. The Thai Princess will lead an 11-member government delegation. State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam is expected to receive the Thai Princess at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport. During her visit, the Princess is scheduled to call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

 The UK parliament has said, relatively open civic space has played a major role in Bangladesh's successful economic growth and development. In a report on the UK's role in development of Bangladesh, the parliament also commended how the authorities and local communities in Bangladesh have pursued an open border policy for Rohingya people with generosity and compassion.

 Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu has urged the government officials to adopt a work strategy to ensure free flow of information for making a bridge between the government and people. The Minister made the urge while addressing a workshop on Implementation of the RTI Act in Dhaka yesterday.

 Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid has said, harmful impacts of tobacco would be incorporated in the textbooks to create awareness against all sorts of tobacco consumption among the students. The Minister was addressing a prize distribution function at CIRDAP in Dhaka yesterday.

 Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal has said, the government has decided to take all possible security measures to ensure security for peaceful celebration of the holy Eid-ul-Fitr across the country. The Minister said this as he was talking to newsmen after a meeting on law and order ahead of the Eid in his ministry yesterday.

 Two Bangladeshi UN peacekeepers died and two others received injuries in a road accident that took place in Central African Republic on Saturday.

 The government has taken a Taka 10 crore project under Remediation Coordination Cell to follow up renovation programmes taken for ready-made garments for improving working conditions. The programme will begin from July 1.

 Country witnessed highest 10,825MW of electricity generation on Saturday while the previous record was 10,147MW.

 DSEX, the prime index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange, finished yesterday at 5,456 points.

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