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Pahela Baishakh, the first day of Bengali New Year 1431, was celebrated yesterday across the country upholding the rich cultural values and rituals of the Bangalees. President Mohammed Shahabuddin and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina greeted the countrymen on the Day.

Awami League General Secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said, BNP can't tolerate Bangalees' culture as the party is the real source of communalism and also patron of the militancy. The Minister made this remark while addressing the inaugural function of a colorful rally and discussion, held at the Bahadur Shah Park of old town in the capital marking the Bengali New Year-1431. The programme was organized by Dhaka South city unit of Awami League. The Minister, however, emphasized on preserving the historic Bahadur Shahpark as the Authority must have to protect this historic place, the Minister added.

Meanwhile, Awami League General Secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister greeted the people on the occasion of Pahela Baishakh, the first day of Bengali New Year 1431. In a video message on the New Year, the Minister said, Pahela Baishakh, is a real festival of the Bengali people.

Foreign Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud said, Bangladesh wants to see that all countries would play an effective role in deescalating the Iran-Israel tension and stop the Israeli killings in Gaza. The Foreign Minister made the remarks while replying to a query from a reporter after a meeting with the visiting Foreign Minister of Antigua and Barbuda Chet Greene at the state guest house Padma yesterday. Replying to another query about the rescue of the kidnapped Bangladeshi ship MV Abdullah, Dr. Hasan Mahmud said that the hostage sailors and the ship were safely rescued due to the all-out efforts of the government and those concerned.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Saber Hossain Chowdhury said, let the Bengali New Year begin with colorful dreams of new possibilities and hope. The Minister said this while speaking at a function organised on the occasion of private television channel Ekushey Television's 25th anniversary at Karwan Bazar in the capital yesterday. The Minister said that facing many setbacks and overcoming many ups and downs, Ekushey Television has gained popularity. The Minister called upon Ekushey Television to work on increasing public awareness on environmental protection of the country. The Minister also wished and congratulated everyone associated with Ekushey Television.

State Minister for Shipping Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury said, the whole nation is very happy as the crew members of the hijacked Bangladeshi cargo vessel MV Abdullah, who were held hostage by Somali pirates, were released on Pahela Baishakh. The State Minister told journalists at his official residence in the capital's Minto Road yesterday. Khalid extended his sincere thanks to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Department of Shipping, International Maritime Wing, European Naval Force, Indian Navy and Somali Police as all of them cooperated in this regard.

Law Enforcers attested four operatives of Kuki Chin National Front (KNF) from Ruma upazila of the Hilly District on Saturday. Police said, the four operatives were arrested from Sadar upazila in the cases filed over bank robbery and arms looting on April 2 in Ruma and Thanchi Upazilas. They were also produced before District Magistrate Court yesterday.

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