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**News Brief**

The Nation paid homage to the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on the occasion of the National Mourning Day with due respect and solemnity, and renewed the call to bring back fugitive killers of August 15 carnage to meet justice. President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina led the nation in paying deep homage to the Father of the Nation by placing wreaths at his portrait in front of Bangabandhu Memorial Museum at Dhanmondi Road No. 32 in the morning yesterday. After their departure, people from all walks of life paid homage to the Bangabandhu by placing wreaths at his portrait there. The PM also placed a floral wreath at the mazar of the great leader at Tungipara of Gopalganj on the occasion. She also attended a milad and doa mahfil arranged by Mohila Awami League in front of the Bangabandhu Memorial Museum at Dhanmondi in Dhaka yesterday afternoon. A milad and doa mahfil was held at Bangabhaban after Johr prayers attended by President Md. Abdul Hamid.Different socio-cultural, political and professional organisations across the country observed the day with elaborate programmes**.** Bangladesh Missions abroad also observed the Day with due solemnity and special programmes.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan has said the government had identified location of the absconding killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his family members. The Minister made the remark in reply to a query of journalists while paying wreaths at the portrait of Bangabandhu at Dhanmondi, marking the National Mourning Day. Diplomatic efforts are going on to bring those killers back to the country, the Minister said.

The floods aggravated in the northern districts and engulfed new districts of Rajbari, Manikganj and Shariatpur, in the country’s middle region, as the Jamuna and the Ganges passing by them overflowed. About 13 lakh people of five lakh families are affected as the flood situation deteriorated in northern districts. Water levels at 56 river stations monitored by the Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre have marked rise while 32 stations recorded fall and thirty are above danger level. By Tuesday, death toll, caused by flood related issues, rose to 48, according to a report published in the daily New Age. Rangpur Divisional Commissioner Kazi Hasan Ahmed said relief activities were intensified further and members of Bangladesh Army, BGB and Fire Service were assisting the civil administration in facing the situation. Divisional Director (Health) Dr Mozammel Hossain said 700 medical teams were extending healthcare services to the flood-hit people in all eight districts under Rangpur division.Meanwhile, around 800 flood-affected Indian citizens took shelter in several villages of Mogolhat and Durgapur union of the bordering Lalmonirhat district on Monday night. The BGB permitted the Indian citizens to take shelter in Bangladesh on humanitarian grounds, said Lalmonirhat BGB-15 battalion commanding officer lieutenant colonel Golam Morshed.

The Election Commission will start its two-day dialogue with media professionals today to seek their opinions for holding the next parliamentary elections in an exclusive manner. The commission will seek suggestions from the media persons over different issues, including electoral law reform, delimitation of constituencies, updating voter list, fixation of polling stations and awarding registration to new political parties.

A suspected extremist was killed during an operation by police at a suspected hideout at a hotel at Panthapath in Dhaka yesterday. The deceased was identified as Saiful Islam of Noakathi village under Dumuria upazila in Khulna.

The government has expressed its readiness for signing a memorandum of understanding for exploring potentials of duty-free and quota-free access to five countries of Eurasian Economic Union (EEU) and attracting investments from the EEU nations. Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali sent a letter in this regard in July to Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC) Chairman Tigran Sargsyan, inviting him to visit Bangladesh. The proposed MoU is expected to be signed during his visit. The EEC is the permanent regulatory body of the Eurasian Economic Union comprising the Russian Federation, Belarus, Armenia, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyz Republic.

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