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**News Brief**

The Cabinet has constituted a committee headed by Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister’s Office to further scrutinise the draft of the proposed Bangladesh Tariff Commission (Amendment) Act, 2018. The decision was taken in the weekly meeting of the cabinet held at PMO yesterday with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

 Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said, Bangladesh’s democracy has stood on a strong foundation and its economy is now strong enough as well. The PM said this in her brief speech at an iftar mahfil for the leaders of different political parties at her official residence Ganabhaban yesterday. The Premier reiterated her determination to build a hunger and poverty-free Sonar Bangla as dreamt by Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

 Finance Minister A M A Muhith will place the national budget for the next fiscal at Jatiya Sangsad on Thursday. Any person or organisation at home and abroad can send feedback, opinion or recommendation by filling up a form after downloading it from the website. All the received opinions and recommendations will be considered. The Minister will speak at a post-budget press conference at Osmani Memorial Auditorium at 2:30 pm on June 8.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader has said, the Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation would transport homebound passengers with its 904 buses as part of the special service during the upcoming Eid-ul-Fitr across the country. He said this to the media after a preparation meeting on the occasion of the Eid at BRTC Bhaban in Dhaka yesterday. The Minister asked authorities concerned not to go for road digging and development work till June 21 to minimise people’s sufferings during Ramadan and before Eid-ul-Fitr.

Ruling Awami League candidate Habibun Nahar Bina has been elected uncontested in the by-election of Bagerhat-3 constituency. The constituency fell vacant on April 10 as Talukdar Abdul
Khaleque rendered his resignation to the Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad.

President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina have issued separate messages on the occasion of the World Environment Day which is being observed in the country today.

Bangladesh women cricket team beat Pakistan by 7 wickets in the Women's Asia Cup T20 held yesterday at Kinrara Oval in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

 Bangladeshi expatriates have remitted $1.49 billion in May ahead of the Eid-ul-Fitr. The figure is the highest for a single month over the past four years and the second biggest for a month in history, according to the latest data from Bangladesh Bank.

The Anti-Corruption Commission conducted a drive at the Sadarghat Launch terminal yesterday. The anti-corruption body is determined to root out corruption from the shipping sector as an evil section becomes active ahead of Eid to earn money in wrong means.

 National Board of Revenue has initiated a move to introduce ‘Electric Fiscal Device’ to ensure collection of VAT in a hassle-free and transparent way.

 The key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange lost 0.06 per cent, or 3.25 points, to close at 5,313.70 points yesterday.

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