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### News Brief

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina led the nation in paying homage to the veteran politician NAP President Prof. Muzaffar Ahmed last morning at the South Plaza of the Parliament by placing wreath on his coffin draped with the national flag. On behalf of President Md. Abdul Hamid, his Military Secretary placed wreath on the coffin on the late leader. Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury also paid her respect by placing wreath on Prof. Muzaffar's coffin at the South Plaza. Prof. Muzaffar will be buried at his village home in Cumilla's Debidar Upazila today.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina attended a milad and doa mahfil seeking eternal peace of the departed soul of an August 21 grenade attack victim, Ivy Rahman, wife of late President Zillur Rahman and former Women Affairs Secretary of Bangladesh Awami League at her residence at Gulshan after Asr prayers yesterday. Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury while addressing a discussion marking the 15th anniversary of martyrdom of Ivy Rahman at Bangladesh Mahila Samity auditorium in the capital said, Ivy Rahman would remain as an iconic figure to the women forever as she worked for their right, freedom and welfare.

A meeting of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Memorial Trust was held at Bangabandhu Bhaban at Dhanmondi in the city last evening. Chairperson of the trust Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina presided over the meeting. The meeting reviewed the social welfare activities of the trust and decided to carry forward its different projects faster.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader while speaking at a discussion on the occasion of National Mourning Day at Diploma Engineers' Institution in Dhaka yesterday said, the government has taken strategic actions to repatriate the forcibly displaced Rohingyas to their homeland and tactfully handling the issue. US Ambassador to Bangladesh Earl R Miller while distributing relief items among flood victims at Natarkandi High School at Astamir Char under Chilmari upazila of Kurigram yesterday said, his country will continue to exert pressure on Myanmar for dignified and secured Rohingya repatriation. Radhika Coomaraswamy, an expert of the UN Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar said to an informal Security Council meeting on accountability in Myanmar on Friday that the commission believes a domestic judicial process is not possible at this time. There will be no long-term peace in Myanmar and no return of Rohingya refugees unless there is accountability for the 'brutality' of the Asian country's military forces, she added.

Liberation War Affairs Minister A K M Mozammel Huq while addressing a discussion titled 'Bangabandhu Theke Bishwabandhu' on the occasion of National Mourning Day at National Press Club in the city yesterday called for following the ideology of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman so that the Bengali nation could occupy the place of the best nation across the globe. Information Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud while addressing a discussion programme marking the 44th martyrdom anniversary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Bangladesh Film Development Corporation auditorium in Dhaka yesterday said, patrons of militants and killers must be ousted from politics to make the country's political system clean. The Minister also addressing the inaugural function of the Janmashtami Mahotsab at Bashundhara Convention Center in the city yesterday said, under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, today's Bangladesh is characterized by non-communal spirit. The Minister urged all to take part in the festivals together shunning the differences.

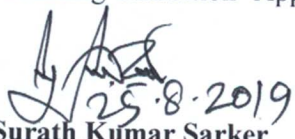
Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi who is now on a visit to several South American countries aiming at finding new export markets in the region offered signing free trade agreement with Argentina to mutually expand bilateral trade between the two countries. The Minister made the offer at a meeting with Argentine Minister of Labor and Production Dante Sica on Thursday. The Minister also met the Argentine Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Minister and Foreign Minister.

DSCC conducted mobile courts in its different areas to search mosquito breeding grounds yesterday. A total of 141 houses were inspected and a number of building owners were fined as mosquito larvae were found inside their buildings. Meanwhile, DGHS has said, a total of 1,179 new dengue patients were admitted to different hospitals in the past 24 hours till 8:00 am yesterday. Among them, 570 were infected in Dhaka.

Bangladesh and Nigeria have noted that there are huge potentials to expand bilateral relations between the two friendly countries and underlined exchange of high-level visits. The issues were discussed as High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Nigeria Md. Shameem Ahsan met Vice-President of Nigeria Yemi Osinbajo at his office in the State House in Abuja on Friday.

Bangladesh has participated at the four-day competition of the 45th 'Kazan World Skills Competition 2019' along with 1,354 competitors from 63 countries and regions across the globe with two of its contestants. Prime Minister's Principal Secretary M Nojibur Rahman is leading the Bangladesh team.

RMG industry has received roughly US\$2.50 million export order from the apparel sourcing exhibition 'Apparel Textile Sourcing Canada' held in Toronto of Canada.

  
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