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Newsbrief

Speaker Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury returned home yesterday after attending the 148th Assembly of Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU), held in Geneva, Switzerland from March 23-27.

Awami League (AL) General Secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's development activities and inclusive politics have pushed BNP's politics into darkness. The Minister said this while addressing an iftar and Eid gift distribution ceremony at Bangabandhu Avenue in the capital yesterday. The wave of global crisis has reached Bangladesh too but the country's people are comparatively in a good position due to the prudent leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the Minister added.

Meanwhile, Awami League General Secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader expressed profound shock and sorrow at the death of Jhenaidah district Awami League vice-president MM Zaman Millat. In a condolence message yesterday, the Minister prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed deep sympathy to his bereaved family members.

Foreign Minister and Joint General Secretary of Awami League Hasan Mahmud said, Ziaur Rahman worked as a spy and friend of Pakistan under the guise of a freedom fighter. As this truth has been exposed, BNP has become upset. The Minister said this at a discussion meeting titled 'Shadhinotar Moha Nayok Bangabandhu' on the occasion of Independence Day at the National Press Club in the capital yesterday. Bangabandhu Cultural Alliance organized this meeting.

Minister of Religion Md. Faridul Haque Khan asked learned people to transmit the light of Islam to the new generation. It will surely help them become ideal people that they will learn to refrain from all kinds of injustice and wickedness and develop into ideal and patriotic citizens, he added. The Minister said this at the closing ceremony of the second DRMC National Ramadan Festival 2024 at Dhaka Residential Model College yesterday.

State Minister for Information and Broadcasting Mohammad Ali Arafat, now on a visit to Bhutan at the invitation of Bhutanese King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, reached Thimphu along with the King from the city of Gelephu yesterday. Bhutanese Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay and Bangladesh Ambassador to Bhutan Shib Nath Roy welcomed the State Minister and the Bhutanese King.

State Minister of Disaster Management and Relief Ministry Mohibur Rahman said, fire hazard in residential and commercial buildings can become one of the major headaches for the country. The State Minister made the comments while speaking in a discussion meeting on fire risk and future plans, organized by the Electronics Safety and Security Association of Bangladesh (ISAB), held at Dhaka Club's Samson Hall yesterday.

The newly appointed Vice-Chancellor (VC) of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) Professor Dr. Deen Md. Nurul Haque paid rich tributes to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by placing a wreath at his mausoleum at Tungipara in Gopalganj yesterday. After laying the wreath, the VC stood in solemn silence for some time as a mark of profound respect to the memory of the Father of the Nation. Later, he offered prayer seeking eternal peace of the departed souls of Bangabandhu and other martyrs who had to embrace martyrdom on the fateful August 15, 1975. A special prayer was offered seeking longevity of the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her family members.

Police in New York shot dead a 19-year-old Bangladeshi man inside his apartment after he called 911 in mental distress yesterday, according to The New York Times. Win Rozario, immigrated from Bangladesh 10 years ago, was declared dead shortly after the shooting, which occurred on Thursday in his family's second-floor apartment in New York City's Queens borough.

Four youths from Anwara Upazila in Chattogram migrated to Libya falling into the traps of the brokers and are now being tortured and asked for ransom of Tk 10 lakh each by sending the torture videos to the family members. Meanwhile, the family members of the victims filed a written complaint to Anwara Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) attaching the sent torture footage demanding ransom on Wednesday.

The Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) decided to increase the number of ferries and launches to facilitate hassle-free movement of Eid passengers and vehicles on the Daulatdia-Paturia river route. According to a BIWTA official, 13 ferries and 17 launches are now operating on the route.



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