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News Brief

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will formally open 'Sheikh Hasina Dharla Bridge', the second bridge on the river in Kurigram district, today through video conference from Ganabhaban.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has offered Fateha at the mausoleum of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in Tungipara yesterday. The PM offered munajat seeking eternal peace of departed souls of the Father of the Nation, Bangamata Begum Fazilatunnesa Mujib and other martyrs of the August 15, 1975 massacre.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has hosted an iftar party for her family members and relatives at her official Ganabhaban residence. Premier's younger sister Sheikh Rehana was also present on the occasion.

Speaker Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury has sought support of the international community for voluntary, safe, peaceful and sustainable repatriation of the Rohingyas to their homeland in Myanmar. The Speaker sought the support while addressing an international conference on the Rohingyas organized by France-Bangladesh Friendship Group in Paris on Friday.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Anisul Huq called on UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein in Geneva on Friday. During the call on, they discussed ways and means to further ensure promotion and protection of human rights in Bangladesh and beyond. In the meeting, the High Commissioner stated that Bangladesh's ongoing generosity towards displaced Rohingyas is indeed exemplary to many other countries. He further appreciated Bangladesh's proactive and responsive engagement with the UN Human Rights mechanism.

Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury has said, the anti-narcotic drive is being carried out to protect the youth and future generation of the country. The Minister said this while distributing Eid gifts among the poor at Kapasia in Nalitabari, Sherpur yesterday.

Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader has said, investigation into the killing of Teknaf ward councilor Ekramul Haque is being continued. The Minister said this while inaugurating AC bus service for women passengers at Bangabandhu International conference Centre at in Dhaka yesterday.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal has said, a magistrate will investigate the recent killing of former president of Teknaf Upazila Juba League and councilor Ekramul Haque. The Minister said this to the media at his official residence at Dhanmondi in Dhaka yesterday.

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu yesterday at a function in Dhaka released a book 'Footballer Golpo, Footballer Golpo' by Sports Journalist Masud Alam. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister recalled that during the liberation war the national football team toured India and popularized the cause of the war.

Bangladesh will take on Afghanistan in the first game of the three-match T20 International series at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium in Dehradun today. In the mean time, the Bangladesh national women's cricket team will start their ACC Women's T20 Asia Cup tournament as they face Sri Lanka in one of the opening day's matches scheduled to being held today at Royal Selangor Club, Kuala Lumpur.

DSEX, the key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, lost 1.58 per cent, or 85.81 points over the week to finish at 5,343.88 points on Thursday.

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