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**News Brief**

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In the worst landslide since 2007, at least 130 people, including four army men, have died in the hilly areas of Rangamati, Chittagong and Bandarban following incessant downpour overnight. The four army members including Major Mahfuzul and Captain Tanvir died after being struck by a landslide from an adjacent hill while they were trying to clear a road at Manikchhari in Rangamati. Among the newspaper reports, the highest figure of casualty 134 was quoted by the daily New Age. News report quoting official sources said, 98 people were killed in Rangamati, 29 in Chittagong and six in Bandarban. Scores more were hurt and many remained missing. Rescue operations were delayed due to bad weather, but were continuing. The district administrations opened a number of makeshift shelter homes for people evacuated and rescued from some 20 landslide spots. The government allocated Tk 12 lakh and 500 tonnes of rice to the landslide-affected areas.

President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressed deep shock at the loss of lives at landslides. The President asked the authorities concerned to complete the rescue operations promptly and ensure treatment of the injured. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, in her condolence message, asked all concerned to take immediate steps to rescue those who have got trapped under mud and rubbles and ensure their proper treatment.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina left Dhaka yesterday for London en route to Sweden on a three-day bilateral tour to the Scandinavian country at the invitation of her Swedish counterpart Stefan Löfven. A VVIP flight of Biman Bangladesh Airlines carrying the Prime Minister and her entourage departed Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport at noon on Tuesday. Ministers, advisers, high civil and military officials saw the Prime Minister off at the airport. After a one-day stopover at London, Prime Minister will leave London for Stockholm on Wednesday afternoon by a Scandinavian Airlines flight at 6:15 pm (local time) and is expected to land at Stockholm Arlanda Airport at 9:40 pm (local time).

Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali has congratulated Boris Johnson, the newly appointed Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom and the Northern Ireland.

Dhaka yesterday expressed serious dissatisfaction over the detention of Mohammed Shaheldul Islam. The foreign ministry summoned the acting US envoy and sought an explanation. Meanwhile, the Bangladesh foreign ministry in a press release yesterday said, “The domestic aide went missing about 13 months earlier [on 17 May 2016] from Mr Islam's residence. The incident was immediately reported to the Department of State by the Bangladesh consulate general in New York and also by the Bangladesh Embassy in Washington D.C. on 18 and 19 May 2016, respectively. However, no update had been received on this matter from the Department of State before the arrest of Mr Islam.” “We have reasons to believe that the arrest is a clear violation of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations 1963. We have lodged a strong protest with the Chargé d' affaires of the United States Embassy in Dhaka,” said the statement. The ministry hoped its concerns would be duly addressed.

British High Commissioner in Dhaka Alison Blake said the relationship between Bangladesh and the United Kingdom will continue to grow addressing the common challenges together. She said while addressing an iftar party, hosted for diplomatic correspondents, at the British High Commission Club yesterday.

Bangladesh has been re-elected as deputy member of the governing body of International Labour Organisation (ILO) for the term of 2017-2020. The election was held on Monday in Geneva during the 106th International Labour Conference (ILC). The other competing countries from this sub-region were Nepal and Pakistan. Bangladesh secured the first of the two positions bagging 190 votes while Nepal became the other deputy member with 173 votes. Pakistan failed to be elected as the deputy member securing 150 votes.

A framework of interim agreement on Teesta water sharing has been finalised, Water Resources Minister Anisul Islam Mahmud told parliament yesterday. The finalisation came as per the directions of the Bangladeshi and Indian prime ministers, he said.

Leather production in the country has increased by 13.16 percent during the last three fiscal years (FY) with a total production of 4,76,23,060 pieces of leather. Fisheries and Livestock Minister Mohammad Sayedul Haque said this while replying to a question in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday.

The first group of 135 members of Bangladesh Navy left Chittagong on Monday night to join United Nations (UN) peacekeeping mission BANCON-8 in Lebanon. The navy members will join naval ships 'Ali Haider' and 'Nirmul'.

At the end of the session, the Dhaka Stock Exchange broad index DSEX closed at 5454.78 points with a rise of 0.08 per cent or 4.66 points on Tuesday.

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