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Newsbrief

Amir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani will arrive in Dhaka today evening on a two-day official visit. "A special aircraft, carrying the Amir of Qatar and his entourage members, is scheduled to land at Hazrat Shahjalal (R.) International Airport (HISA) at 5 pm today," President's Press Secretary Md Joynal Abedin told BSS yesterday. At the invitation of Bangladesh President Mohammed Shahabuddin and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the Amir of Qatar will visit Bangladesh from April 22 to 23. President Shahabuddin will welcome the Amir through a state ceremony.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Battery Complex at the Artillery Centre and School at Haliashahar in Chattogram yesterday. She opened the complex by unveiling its inaugural plaque as she visited the artillery museum set up at the complex.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said, Bangladesh is always ready and firmly committed to defend the country's sovereignty from attack by any external forces. The Prime Minister made the remarks after opening Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Battery Complex by unveiling its inaugural plaque this morning at the Artillery Centre and School at Haliashahar in Chattogram yesterday. The Premier also said that the Awami League government has been working to achieve the sustainable development target by 2030 and build a developed, prosperous and Smart Bangladesh by 2041.

Awami League (AL) General Secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said, BNP is in a politically tumultuous situation as the party has failed to involve the people in their movement. The Minister said this in a statement, sent to mass media protesting and condemning the comments of Fakhruel yesterday. The Minister also said, the countrymen have no interest in the negative politics of BNP. For this, the people have rejected BNP repeatedly, adding BNP wants to bring back their misrule and those miserable days.

Foreign Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud said, 11 bilateral instruments including six agreements and five Memorandum of Understandings (MoU) are likely to be signed during the Qatar Amir's Dhaka visit. The Minister was speaking at the curtain raiser press conference at his Ministry in Dhaka yesterday marking the state visit of Qatar Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani to Bangladesh from April 22 to 23. The Foreign Minister also said, the bilateral relations between the two countries have reached a strong position through the visit of the Prime Minister to Qatar twice in March and May last year and in continuation of this, the Qatar Amir will visit Bangladesh.

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud raised the issue of genocide, committed by Pakistani occupancy forces during the Bangladesh's War of Liberation in 1971 when Pakistan High Commissioner in Dhaka Syed Ahmed Maroof paid a courtesy call on him. The Minister said this while responding to a question of a reporter at the Foreign Ministry in the capital yesterday. According to the Foreign Ministry, during the meeting, both sides emphasized on expanding cooperation in trade and agricultural and people-to-people contact.

Industries Minister Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun said, Bangladesh and Qatar will work together for the development of Bangladesh's industrial sector. The Minister said this while giving an interview to the Qatar state television, Qatar TV, marking the upcoming visit of the Qatar Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani to Bangladesh from April 22 to 23, at the Ministry's office in Dhaka, BSS reports citing a press release yesterday.

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The government has fixed the procurement price of rice and paddy harvesting in the upcoming Boro season as the largest amount of food grains of the country is produced particularly during this season. The price has been fixed at the Food Planning and Monitoring Committee (FPMU) meeting at the cabinet conference room in Dhaka yesterday with Food Minister Sadhan Chandra Majumder in the chair.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Professor Dr. Samanta Lal Sen directed authorities concerned of the public hospitals to remain ready for extending healthcare services to people as the country is under the grip of severe heatwave. The Minister told this in a press conference virtually at his Ministry in Dhaka yesterday.

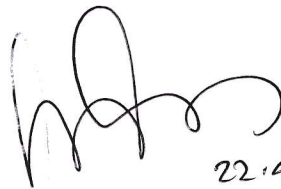
The four-day UN Climate Adaptation Conference titled 'National Adaptation Plan (NAP) Expo 2024' will begin at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC) in Dhaka today. Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Saber Hossain Chowdhury revealed the information at a press conference at BICC in the capital yesterday.

Bangladesh has urged the United States to provide duty free and quota access on Bangladeshi RMG items made from US cotton. Bangladesh also demanded of the US government for creating export opportunities for Bangladeshi products like pharmaceuticals, ceramics apart from RMG as well as simplifying further the registration process of pharmaceuticals. The demands were placed at a US-Bangladesh TICFA Intercessional Meeting, held at the Ministry of Commerce conference room at Bangladesh Secretariat in the capital yesterday.

The Bangladeshi-flagged ship 'MV Abdullah' which was released with all 23 crew members after 31 days of captivity by Somali pirates who hijacked the ship in the Indian Ocean, reached Al Hamriya Port of Dubai safely yesterday. The cargo vessel anchored at the port around 4:30 pm (Bangladesh time), said Mizanul Islam, media advisor KSRM group yesterday.

Bangladesh reported no more COVID-19 and Dengue related deaths while there are 22 COVID-19 and 34 Dengue fresh cases in the past 24 hours till Sunday morning, Directorate General of Health Services reported in a press release yesterday.

DSEX, the prime index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) went down by 19 points or 0.34 per cent to 5,667 yesterday.



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