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### Newsbrief

Prime Minister and Awami League (AL) President Sheikh Hasina said, the history of proclamation of independence in 1971 by Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was distorted after his assassination in 1975. The Prime Minister made this remark while chairing a discussion at AL office in capital's Tejgaon area yesterday, organised by her party on the occasion of the Great Independence Day-2024. Sheikh Hasina, however, questioned about Ziaur Rahman's loyalty on Bangladesh during the War of Liberation in 1971.

At the same programme, Awami League General Secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister ObaidulQuader said, BNP is making evil efforts to destroy the spirit and values of the great Liberation War as well as the democracy under an orchestrated plan. BNP was born at the hands of killer Ziaur Rahman following the brutal assassination of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on August 15, 1975, the Minister added.

Education Minister Mohibul Hasan Chowdhury called Yunus Centre statement as "misleading" and "deceitful" saying it diminished the reputation of both the Nobel Laureate and Bangladesh. The Statement claimed that Professor Mohammad Yunus has been conferred with a UNESCO Award and. The Minister said this while talking to newsmen at his Secretariat office yesterday. The UNESCO Headquarters declined to have conferred any such award to Yunus as the Education Ministry contacted them. The report disseminated referring to Yunus and the Yunus Centre is entirely false and fraudulent, the Minister added.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Anisul Huq expressed profound shock at the death of Nazma Rahim, mother of Justice M Enayetur Rahim and National Parliament Whip Iqbalur Rahim, MP. In a condolence message yesterday, the Law Minister prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed his sympathy to the bereaved family.

The Australian Assistant Minister for Defense Matt Thistlethwaite said, Australia is ready to work with Bangladesh. The Assistant Defense Minister said this while addressing a function at a hotel in Australian capital Canberra on Tuesday marking the Independence and National Day of Bangladesh. Bangladesh High Commissioner to Australia Md. Allama Siddiqui also took part in the discussion. The Bangladesh High Commission in Australia organised the function.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Saber Hossain Chowdhury said, initiatives have been taken to increase the climate-change resilience of people living in coastal islands and riverine chars. The Environment Minister made the remarks while speaking at the review meeting of the implementation progress of the projects of the Ministry for fiscal 2023-24 at Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. Under the project, 900 climate-resilient houses will be repaired to deal with cyclones, storm surge and floods.

The Cabinet Committee on Government Purchase (CCGP) extended the timeframe for procuring electricity from three gas-based power plants by five more years, operated by Summit Power Limited. The approval came from its seventh meeting in this year, held at the Cabinet Division Conference Room of Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday with Finance Minister Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali in the chair.

Prime Minister's Principal Secretary Md. Tofazzel Hossain Miah paid a courtesy call on the visiting Bhutanese King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck at his Palace of Residence in Dhaka yesterday. During the meeting, they discussed bilateral issues including setting up Bhutanese special economic zone in Bangladesh.

President of the UN General Assembly, Ambassador Dennis Francis said, with a well-educated workforce and a dynamic youth population, modern Bangladesh has overcome remarkable odds to become an economic powerhouse in South Asia. Francis made the comment yesterday while delivering remarks as the chief guest at a reception, hosted by the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the United Nations in New York to celebrate Independence and National Day of Bangladesh.

Chinese company Song Shin Leather (BD) Limited will set up a Leather processing industry in Cumilla EPZ. Member (Investment Promotion) of BEPZA Ali Reza Mazid and General Manager of Song Shin Leather (BD) Co Limited Wang Jingzhao signed the agreement on behalf of their respective sides at the BEPZA Complex in Dhaka yesterday.



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