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Newsbrief

A number of agreements and Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) are likely to be signed between Dhaka and Bangkok during the upcoming visit of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to Thailand from April 24 to 29, the Foreign Ministry said yesterday.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina laid emphasis on ensuring food and nutrition security calling upon the private sector to step forward for the development of the country's poultry, fisheries and livestock sectors. The Prime Minister said this while addressing the opening ceremony of the Livestock Services Week and Exhibition-2024 at the old Trade Fair Ground in capital's Sher-e-Banglanagar yesterday. The Premier also visited the exhibition as the Department of Livestock and Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries organised it.

Awami League (AL) General Secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader condemned and protested the "false, fabricated and politically motivated" statements of BNP. The Minister said this in a statement yesterday. The Minister said, BNP is patronizing arson terrorists. On the other hand, they allege that the government is suppressing the opposition party when the law enforcers take legal actions against the terrorists, the Minister added.

Environment, Forest, and Climate Change Minister Saber Hossain Chowdhury said, the Bangladesh government is going to form Bangladesh Climate Development Partnership (BCDP). The Minister told at a consultation with development partners on BCDP at Hotel Intercontinental in the capital yesterday. By working collaboratively with external partners and the private sector and implementing a strong climate-resilient project pipeline alongside a progressive policy framework, Bangladesh should attract significant global capital invested in the climate change agenda, the Minister added.

Housing and Public Works Minister R.A.M Obaidul Muktedir Chowdhury said, the government is committed to promote environment friendly and cost-effective building materials in the country's construction sector. The Minister said this while speaking at the inauguration ceremony of a state-of-the art factory dedicated to produce AAC Blocks and Panel at Jagir area under the ownership of Max Group in Manikganj yesterday.

Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) Mayor Md. Atiqul Islam has announced to launch month-long awareness-raising programme from April 22. The Mayor said this while addressing a coordination meeting on "conducting a month-long campaign for prevention of dengue" with all ward Councilors and officials concerned on the virtual platform on Wednesday, an official handout said yesterday.

Bangladesh and India would further accelerate cooperation in the areas of information, media, film and television and significantly promote the people-to-people relations between the two neighboring countries. State Minister for Information and Broadcasting Mohammad Ali Arafat and Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Pranay Verma reached an agreement in this regard at a meeting at the State Minister's office at the Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. The State Minister told reporters after the meeting.

State Minister for Information and Broadcasting called for increasing investment in the country's arts and culture for its further progress. The State Minister said this while addressing the inaugural ceremony of the 12th Liberation DocFest Bangladesh, an international documentary screening festival on emancipation and human rights, as the chief guest at the Liberation War Museum in the capital's Agargaon area yesterday. innovative talent is needed in the field of arts, literature and culture, the State Minister added.

Japanese Ambassador in Dhaka IWAMA Kiminori made a courtesy call on State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid at his Secretariat office yesterday. During the meeting, they discussed various issues related to mutual interest. Issues like initiatives to increase the activities of Japanese companies in Bangladesh were also discussed.

The price of unpackaged soybean oil has been reduced by Tk 2 to Tk 147 per liter. State Minister for Commerce Ahsanul Islam Titu announced this price of soybean oil at his Ministry's office yesterday.

Chinese Embassy here yesterday opened a Chinese Visa Center (CVC) to facilitate smooth travel for Bangladeshi citizens in China. The CVC is authorized by the Embassy to accept visa applications in strict accordance with the Embassy's requirements and provide applicants with services such as on-site reception, application materials acceptance, passport and legalization documents issuance, and question and answers services, said the Chinese Embassy in Dhaka yesterday.

Chief of Army Staff General S M Shafiuddin Ahmed said, Bangladesh Army never forgets that the main role of military forces is to protect the sovereignty of the country. The Army Chief said this while addressing a seminar titled "Defence Diplomacy: Strategy for Bangladesh", organized by Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BIISS) at its auditorium in Dhaka yesterday.

DSEX, the prime index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), went down by 77.08 points or 1.34 percent to 5,686.69 points yesterday.



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