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### Newsbrief

President Mohammed Shahabuddin expressed profound shock and sorrow at the death of Nilufa Islam, wife of Language Veteran Aminul Islam Badsha and mother of Dhaka Divisional Commissioner Md. Sabirul Islam. In a message of condolence yesterday, the Head of State prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed deep sympathy to the bereaved family.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina called upon world leaders to stand against all forms of aggression and atrocities, and say "no" to wars, as the precondition for sustainable development is lasting peace and security. The Prime Minister made the call while addressing the 80th Session of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) at the ESCAP hall in United Nations Conference Center (UNCC) in Bangkok yesterday.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina paid a courtesy call on the King and the Queen of the Kingdom of Thailand Maha Vajiralongkorn Phra Vajiraklaochaoyuhua and Suthida Bajrasudhabimalalakshan yesterday, according to PM's press wing. During the meeting, they exchanged greetings and discussed various issues related to different bilateral matters.

Awami League (AL) General Secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said, BNP has become desperate to capture state power by any means, while its leaders have lost their sense. The Minister said this in a statement yesterday....where?

Industries Minister Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun distributed registration certificates of 14 Geographical Indication (GI) products including Tangail Saree. The Minister handed over the certificates to those who proposed for GI recognition of those products at a function at the Foreign Service Academy in the capital yesterday. Department of Patents, Designs & Trademarks (DPDT) under the Ministry of Industries organized the event. Speaking on the occasion, Humayun also said, Bangladesh followed all the legal procedures to retain the status of Tangail saree as a product of Bangladesh.

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Md. Tazul Islam underscored the need for using modern technology at all levels of agriculture to take ahead the country. The Minister said this at the opening ceremony of the 12th International Agro Tech Bangladesh-2024 at Bashundhara International Convention City in the capital yesterday. The government is implementing various programme for the development of agriculture and farmers, the Minister added.

The newly appointed judges of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court (SC) took oath yesterday. Chief Justice Obaidul Hassan formally administered the oath of office to the three newly appointed judges at the Supreme Court judges' lounge.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Kazi Habibul Awal said, the upazila parishad elections must be held in a free and fair manner at any cost. The CEC made this remark while exchanging views on the law and order situation with field administrations ahead of the upazila polls at Nirbachon Bhaban at Agargaon in the capital yesterday.

Criticising the recently released US State Department's 2023 Human Rights Report, a Foreign Ministry Spokesperson said, it is apparent that the report mostly relies on assumptions and unsubstantiated allegations. Spokesperson Seheli Sabrin said this at a press briefing at the Foreign Ministry yesterday. She said, the allegations are drawn from local and international non-government organizations (including anonymous sources), many of which are supported by the US government or related entities. Regrettably, she also said, many of the improvements and achievements of the Bangladesh government have not been acknowledged in the report.

Washington doesn't define its bilateral relations with Dhaka by India, China, Russia, or any third country, the US Embassy in Dhaka said yesterday. Maxwell Martin, an IPS expert said this at the US Embassy in media briefing of a selected group of journalists at the Embassy in Dhaka yesterday.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Secretary Dr. Farhina Ahmed urged developed nations to fulfill their commitments by providing resources and technologies to the least developed countries (LDCs) to help them implement their climate actions. The Secretary made the call while speaking at the concluding ceremony of the four-day National Adaptation Plan Expo 2024 at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC) in Dhaka yesterday.

Bangladesh Meteorological Department (BMD) issued again country-wide fresh heat wave alert message for the next 72 hours. In the latest heat wave alert, Meteorologist Md. Shaheenul Islam said this at his office in Dhaka yesterday.

The government decided to reopen all educational institutions from Sunday amid the ongoing heatwave. Daily assemblies at these institutions will remain suspended until the heatwave becomes tolerable, says a notice issued by the Ministry of Education yesterday.

A total of 288 members of Myanmar's army and Border Guard Police (BGP), who fled to Bangladesh amid ongoing conflicts in their country, were repatriated yesterday. The handover took place at Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) Ghat in Nunia Chara in Cox's Bazar in the presence of delegations from both the countries.

DSEX, the prime index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), went down by 60.49 points or 1.08 percent to 5,518.48 points yesterday.



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