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Newsbrief

President Mohammed Shahabuddin welcomed Qatar's Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani as Bangladesh rolled out the red carpet complete with gun salute at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka yesterday. The Amir of Qatar arrived at 5pm for a two-day state visit at the invitation of the President of Bangladesh. The President and the Amir exchanged flowers at the airport on his arrival and exchanged greetings with the representatives of Bangladesh and Qatar in the presentation line after receiving the salute. During the trip, the President will host an official lunch in honour of the Amir at Darbar Hall followed by a cultural programme at Bangabhaban today. Six agreements and five Memorandums of Understandings (MoUs) are likely to be signed between the two countries during this visit. The Amir is scheduled to fly for Qatar by a special aircraft in this evening.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina stressed the need for expending money used in the war to protect the world, placing six proposals in facing the adverse impact of the climate change to build a beautiful world for future generation. The Premier made the remarks while inaugurating a four-day UN Climate Adaptation Conference titled 'National Adaptation Plan Expo 2024' and Bangladesh Climate Development Partnership at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka yesterday. The PM also said, achieving this goal requires increasing adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience, and undertaking coordinated risk reduction initiatives. Let's work together to protect this planet more intensively. Bangladesh has always been working with the international community to combat the impacts of climate change, added the PM.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said, Bangladesh has formed Bangladesh Climate Development Partnership to synchronise with the international stakeholders to face the climate change impacts in their global programmes. The Prime Minister said this while executive secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Simon Steele called on her at a bilateral meeting room at the Bangabandhu International Conference Center in Dhaka yesterday. The PM also said, Bangladesh is taking long term programmes to tackle the impacts of climate change. The Executive Secretary of UNFCCC appreciated Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for creating climate fund on her own initiative.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Anisul Huq said, the rights of the labourers in the country is going to be better day by day during the tenure of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The Minister said this while talking to the newsmen after a meeting with a trade delegation of the United States at his office in Dhaka yesterday. The Minister hoped that the labour amendment bill will be passed by the end of next budget session.

Foreign Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud said, five bilateral instruments including one agreement, three Memorandum of Understandings (MoU) and one Letter of Intent are likely to be signed during Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Thailand visit this week. The Minister said this while speaking at the curtain raiser press conference at his Ministry in Dhaka yesterday marking both the bilateral and multilateral visit of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to Thailand from April 24 to 29. The Minister also said, the visit will create opportunity to review the potential 'Free Trade Agreement' between the two countries for the expansion of trade and increase in import and export.

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud requested Kyrgyzstan to support Bangladesh for signing the Free Trade agreement (FTA) with Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC) and also to support Bangladesh's candidatures in different international fora. The Minister made the call during a call on meeting with Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic Avazbek Atakhanov at his Ministry in Dhaka yesterday, a press release said. During the meeting, the Minister also sought Kyrgyzstan's assistance for repatriation of the Rohingyas to their homeland Myanmar.

Agriculture Minister Dr. Md Abdus Shahid laid emphasis on increasing high-yielding rice cultivation across the country to boost rice production aiming to export the staple food after meeting domestic demand. The

Minister said this at a function on the occasion of Boro rice harvesting at Rustampur village under Srimangal upazila of Moulvibazar district yesterday, an official release said. The Minister urged all stakeholders including relevant organizations and farmers to take necessary measures to bring more farming land under high-yielding rice cultivation to boost production of the staple food. The government has fixed production target of 2.22 lakh tonnes of Boro rice this year, added the Minister.

Land Minister Narayan Chandra Chanda stressed the need to ensure optimum use of land and people-friendly services related to land while formulating the Annual Performance Agreement (APA) action plan for the fiscal year 2024-2025. The Minister said this while inaugurating a workshop on the preparation of draft APA for the fiscal year 2024-25 of the Ministry of Land and its offices/agencies at the conference room of the Ministry of Land at the Secretariat yesterday.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Samanta Lal Sen said, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has given necessary instructions for providing better treatment to Professor Anu Muhammad. The Minister said this after visiting Anu Muhammad at Sheikh Hasina National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery in Dhaka yesterday.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Saber Hossain Chowdhury said, adaptation is not a challenge only for LDCs (least developed countries) but it is a challenge for all of us. So, global solidarity is needed to this end. The Minister said this while moderating the second session of NAP Expo 2024 at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka yesterday.


Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) Mayor Atiqul Islam said, legal actions will be taken if Aedes mosquito larvae are found in any house or office in his area after April 27. The Mayor said this while addressing the inaugural ceremony of a month-long campaign programme on dengue prevention at Rupnagar of Mirpur in Dhaka yesterday. The DNCC authorities have launched the month-long mosquito eradication campaign in 54 wards simultaneously from yesterday in line with the recommendations of a technical committee of experts.

Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Yao Wen paid rich tributes to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by placing a wreath at his mausoleum at Tungipara in Gopalganj yesterday. Later, he offered prayer seeking eternal peace of the departed souls of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Bangamata Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Mujib and other martyrs who had to embrace martyrdom on the fateful August 15, 1975. The Ambassador also signed the visitors' book at the Tungipara Mausoleum Complex.

UNICEF yesterday honoured 15 Bangladeshi journalists, including three child journalists, for their outstanding reporting on children's issues during the 18th edition of Meena Media Awards in Bangladesh. Since its launch in 2005, the Meena Media Awards have promoted child rights through recognizing excellence in journalistic reporting in print, broadcast, and online media, including reports of child journalists.

The prevailing heat wave condition over the country may continue for 72 hours commencing Monday. Bangladesh Meteorological Department issued an alert in this regard yesterday. Due to increase of moisture incursion, the discomfort may persist, it said.

DSEX, the prime index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), went up by 21.16 points or 0.37 per cent to settle at 5,674.87.



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