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Newsbrief

President Mohammed Shahabuddin hoped that the scout movement would play an important and fruitful role in building a 'Smart Bangladesh' by 2041 by building the young and talented people of the country as skilled citizens. The President expressed this hope in a message given on the occasion of "Golden Jubilee Rover Moot-2024" on the golden jubilee of Bangladesh Scouts Rover Region on March 1. The President also urged the scout leaders to make all-out effort to spread the scout movement nationwide and inspire the youth in scout ideals and education.

National Insurance Day-2024 will be observed in the country today in a befitting manner. On the occasion of the day, President Mohammed Shahabuddin and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in separate messages yesterday greeted all involved in the insurance industry, including insurance companies and the common people. In the message President said, the journey of the insurance industry in independent Bangladesh began with the hands of the Great Architect of Independence and Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. In her message, Prime Minister said, the dream of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was to ensure the welfare and prosperity of the people of the country by achieving economic emancipation.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said, new crimes are emerging with the advent of advanced technology asking the police personnel to take necessary preparations to thwart the diversified crimes. The Prime Minister said this while addressing the police officers of higher ranks at Prime Minister's Office in the capital yesterday. Her government is very careful about the capability of police and has a close eye on the issue, the Premier added.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister urged Bangladesh Scouts members to play their roles with patriotism and dedication in building a hunger-poverty-free, developed-prosperous and non-communal 'Sonar Bangladesh' and 'Smart Bangladesh'. The Prime Minister made the call in a message issued yesterday on the occasion of the "Golden Jubilee Rover Moot" on the 50th anniversary of the Bangladesh Scouts Rover Region today. Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman gave official recognition to Bangladesh Scouts on September 11, 1972 by issuing Presidential Ordinance 111, the Prime Minister added.

Awami League (AL) General Secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said, BNP is active in implementing a master plan to destroy the country while it has no faith in the country's democracy and elections. The Minister said this in a statement yesterday. BNP has been doing politics by blocking the democratic rights of the country's people and running the steam roller of torture on the commoners, the Minister added.

Foreign Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud said, BNP-Jamaat has taken the side of Tel Aviv by keeping mum on genocide in Gaza, Palestine, committed by Israel. The Foreign Minister said this while speaking at a rally and human chain in demand for stopping killing women and children in Palestine, organised by Bangabandhu Sanskritik Jot in front of the central Shaheed Minar in the capital yesterday.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Saber Hossain Chowdhury stressed taking an integrated global effort to address growing plastic pollution. He called upon all stakeholders, including government representatives, business leaders, civil society activists and community members to join Bangladesh in its endeavour. The Minister made the call while addressing a roundtable titled 'Global Plastic Action Partnership' at the 6th United Nations Environment Conference in Nairobi, Kenya yesterday.

The government approved separate proposals for procuring some 50,000 metric tons of wheat, 70,000 metric tons of fertilizer, 1.10 crore liters of soybean oil and 8,000 metric tons of lentil to meet the growing demand of the country. The approvals came from the 4th meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Government Purchase (CCGP) this year, held yesterday at the Cabinet Division with Finance Minister Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali in the chair.

The Bangladesh delegation, now participating in the 13th Ministerial Conference (MC13) of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Abu Dhabi, UAE yesterday, held bilateral meetings with other member countries including China, Japan, Germany, Korea and Singapore to boost trade with them. During these meetings, the Bangladesh delegation, led by State Minister for Commerce Ahsanul Islam Titu emphasized on export diversification keeping

intact the duty-free facilities beyond the LDC graduation period improving the foreign currency situation through import support and expansion of investment.

The Law and Order Disruption (Speedy Trial) Amendment Bill, 2024 was placed in the Jatiya Sangsad aimed at making the provisional law enacted in 2002 a permanent one to contain vandalism and obstructions to public movement. Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Anisul Huq on behalf of Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan placed the bill in the House with Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury in the chair yesterday.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Professor Dr. Samanta Lal Sen said, the country's people would get necessary medical devices easily if those could be produced locally. The Health Minister said these while addressing inaugural function of '15th Asia Pharma Expo and Asia Lab Expo 2024' at Bangladesh-China Friendship Exhibition Centre in Purbachal in the capital yesterday. Prof Sen also assured all necessary help from the government for producing medical devices locally.

Meanwhie, Health and Family Welfare Minister said, currently 29,561 doctors are working in government hospitals across the country. The Minister said this while responding to a query during the question-answer session at the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday with Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury in the chair.

President of the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) Faruque Hassan emphasized the immense potential for collaboration between Bangladesh and India as trading partners, particularly in the textile and apparel sectors to grow together. Speaking at the "Building Resilient Value Chains - India as Global Sourcing Destination" discussion, organized by the Indian Ministry of Textiles and the Consortium of the Export Promotion Councils in New Delhi the day before yesterday. Faruque highlighted the synergies between the strengths of both nations.

The benchmark index DSEX settled 14.09 points down at 6,254.54 yesterday.



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