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### Newsbrief

The National Disaster Preparedness Day-2024 will be observed across the country today amid different awareness programs. On the occasion, President Mohammed Shahabuddin and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina issued separate messages, with a call to establish a disaster-tolerant country by increasing the use of modern technologies. The President, in his message, said Bangladesh is a disaster-prone country mainly due to its geographical location. In her message, the Prime Minister said, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman had established the Cyclone Preparedness Programme (CPP) to reduce disaster risks and protect the life and property of the people from cyclones.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina presided over a regular meeting of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Memorial Trust. The meeting was held at her official residence Ganabhaban yesterday. In the meeting, the Premier also the chairperson of the trust directed the authorities concerned to expedite the activities of the ongoing projects to complete those quickly. The board of trustees' management committee approved the minutes of the previous meeting and discussed matters regarding Father of the Nation. The meeting also discussed the report of the sub-committee and other important issues.

Earlier, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina met the Special Branch (SB) officials who were involved in publishing "The Secret Documents of Intelligence Branch on Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman" at her official residence Ganabhaban in the capital yesterday. Said PM's Assistant Press Secretary A.B.M Sarwer-E-Alom Sarker.

Deputy Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Md. Shamsul Haque Tuku said, Bangladesh has achieved unprecedented success in the development of women. The Deputy Speaker said this while speaking as the chief guest at a discussion on "Invest in Women, Accelerate Growth" on the occasion of 'International Women's Day-2024' at Jatiya Press Club in Dhaka yesterday. Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman had led the nation to earn its independence. After the independence, he created the foundation of women's development and Bangabandhu's daughter and incumbent Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has created history in the development of women, the Deputy Speaker added.

Awami League General Secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader returned home yesterday from Singapore after his routine health check-up at Mount Elizabeth Hospital, according to a press release yesterday.

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) expressed its keen interest in transforming its bilateral ties with Bangladesh into a partnership level. UAE Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan showed interest at a bilateral meeting with his Bangladesh counterpart Dr. Hasan Mahmud on Friday at the royal palace in Abu Dhabi, a Foreign Ministry press release said yesterday. During the meeting, the UAE Foreign Minister emphasized signing the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) between his country and Bangladesh and activating the Joint Business Council (JBC) with Dhaka to build the economic partnership. At the outset of the meeting, Bangladesh Foreign Minister handed over the invitation letter of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to UAE Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah inviting the UAE President to visit Bangladesh on the occasion of 50 years of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

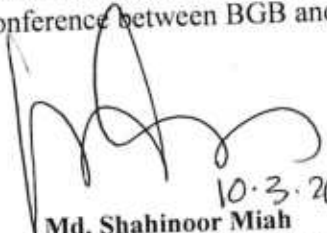
The Environment Forest and Climate Change Minister Saber Hossain Chowdhury said, all concerned must come forward to combating climate change as it is a global challenge. The Environment Minister made the remarks while talking to reporters after joining as the chief guest the closing ceremony of "Chalman", a solo exhibition on climate change and women, held at Alok's Neighborhood Art Space Shala Gallery in the capital yesterday.

Earlier, the Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister said, he wants to build his Dhaka-9 constituency self-contained in basic needs including health, communications and education. Saber said this while addressing a literary-cultural and award-giving ceremony and guardian's rally at Sabujbagh Government College in the capital yesterday.

State Minister for Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology Zunaid Ahmed Palak opened Bangladesh Telecommunications Company Limited (BTCL)'s high-speed broadband internet service 'GBon'. Palak said while launching the package at Narayanganj Telephone Exchange Building on Friday. While asked about the spectacular development in the ICT sector, the state minister said Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman is the architect of Digital Bangladesh.

Tahseen Bahar Shuchona was elected mayor of Cumilla City Corporation in mayoral by-polls unofficially yesterday. Farhad Hossain, Returning Officer, announced the unofficial results of the elections at the Zilla School auditorium in the city.

Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) urged India's Border Security Force (BSF) to immediately reopen the Rahimpur canal's link with the Kushiara River under Zakiganj upazila in Sylhet to facilitate the irrigation and ease people's sufferings. BGB Director General (DG) Major General Mohammad Ashrafuzzaman Siddiqui made the call to BSF DG Nitin Agarwal in a joint press conference in Dhaka yesterday on the last day of the five-day 54th Director General (DG)-level border conference between BGB and BSF.

  
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