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## Newsbrief

President Mohammed Shahabuddin asked the authorities concerned of the Bangladesh University of Textile to implement a world-standard academic curriculum based on information technology (IT). The President, also the Chancellor of the universities, came up with the directive as a BUTEX delegation led by its Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Engr. Shah Alimuzzaman Belal paid a courtesy call on him at the Bangabhaban in the capital yesterday.

Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury said, Matarbari Deep Seaport is a gateway that will facilitate connectivity with landlocked countries like Nepal and Bhutan through Bangladesh. The Speaker said this at a workshop titled 'Bangladesh's First Deep Seaport: Matarbari Opening a New Scene in the Bay of Bengal', organised by the Ocean Policy Research Unit of Japan's Sasakawa Peace Foundation at Parliament's LD Hall in the capital vesterday.

Awami League (AL) General Secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said, BNP leaders are talking nonsense as they are tired and their activists are frustrated. The Minister told reporters after a view-exchange meeting with the leaders of Sramik League and Krishak League of Dhaka south and north units at AL central office in the city's Bangabandhu Avenue yesterday.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Anisul Huq said, accomplished personalities should be honoured properly. The Minister was addressing a function for giving felicitation to former law Minister Barrister Shafique Ahmed at Supreme Court Bar Association Auditorium in the capital yesterday.

Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister M Faruk Kahn sought investment from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in the development of Bangladesh's tourism infrastructures as well as building hotels and resorts. The Minister said this while UAE ambassador Abdulla Ali Abdulla Khaseif AlHmoudi to Bangladesh called on him at the Secretariat in the capital yesterday.

Foreign Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud urged the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to increase its investment at the special economic zones in Bangladesh. The Minister told reporters after a meeting with the UAE ambassador to Bangladesh Abdulla Ali Abdulla Khaseif AlHmoudi at the Foreign Ministry in the capital yesterday.

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister and Awami League Joint General Secretary Dr. Hasan Mahmud said, it is sad that BNP does not want any support and cooperation from the people, rather it seeks foreigners' support. The Minister made the comment while responding to a question from a journalist at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the capital yesterday.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Professor Dr. Samanta Lal Sen laid emphasis on taking comprehensive initiatives to prevent the dengue disease. The Minister said this in a meeting at his Ministry in Dhaka yesterday.

State Minister for Information and Broadcasting Mohammad Ali Arafat said, if BNP could have been successful in spoiling the January 7 general elections, undemocratic forces would have emerged in the country. The State Minister was addressing the Iftar item distribution programme yesterday, when organized by Bangladesh Awami Jubo League at South Point School and College ground in Dhaka's Mohakhali area marking the 104th birth anniversary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid called upon the developed countries to come forward with firm determination to build a greener and resilient world. The State Minister was addressing the ministerial-level multi-stakeholder roundtable on "Implementing the COP28 decisions in the energy sector-opportunities, barriers, and next steps: The Way Ahead" of Berlin Energy Transition Dialogue 2024 in Germany, according to a press release in the capital yesterday.

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State Minister for Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology Zunaid Ahmed Palak said, the government has adopted a plan to convert local post offices into smart service points in the journey to build Smart Bangladesh. The State Minister said this while talking to reporters after inaugurating Smart Post Center at Koyra in Khulna yesterday.

Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden, serving as a Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) since 2023, visited Khulna and Chattogram to witness firsthand the impact of climate change and UNDP's initiatives on climate change adaptation in Bangladesh. By immersing herself in locally-driven solutions, the Crown Princess gained invaluable insights into the development of comprehensive resilience models, a UNDP press release said yesterday.

Bangladesh reported no more COVID-19 related deaths while there are 33 fresh cases in the past 24 hours till Tuesday morning. Directorate General of Health Services reported in a press release yesterday.

Bangladesh reported no more Dengue related deaths and 19 fresh cases in the past 24 hours till Tuesday morning. Directorate General of Health Services said in a press release yesterday.

DSEX, the key index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), closed the day with 84.14 points down and settled at 5,814.09 points yesterday. The DS30 index, comprising blue chips, fell 22.51 points to finish at 2020.11 and the DSE Shariah Index (DSES) closed the day with 17.87 points down to close at 1268.38.

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