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### Newsbrief

President Md. Abdul Hamid called for ensuring quality education and ensuring a congenial atmosphere on the campuses. He said this when three Vice-Chancellors (VCs) of three universities paid a courtesy call on him at Bangabhaban in Dhaka yesterday. He also asked the VCs to adopt fair recruitment method, avoid favoritism and ensure proper accommodation of genuine students.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina called upon youths to engage in nursing education and service on a large scale. The Premier said this while addressing the second graduation ceremony of the Sheikh Fazilatunnessa Mujib Memorial KPJ Nursing College at its campus in Gazipur yesterday.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said, pro-BNP Lawyers carried out attacks on the court premises to stop the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) elections held yesterday. The Minister made the remarks while speaking at a joint meeting at the Awami League's central office on Bangabandhu Avenue in Dhaka yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud said, there is no question of holding dialogue with BNP over the caretaker government issue. The Minister told reporters in reply to a query at his Ministry in the capital yesterday.

Education Minister Dr. Dipu Moni said, students will be enrolled in universities through creating a national merit list after holding one admission test from the next year. The Minister said this to reporters after inaugurating a 'Science Fair' of the National University at Daulatpur College in Kushtia yesterday.

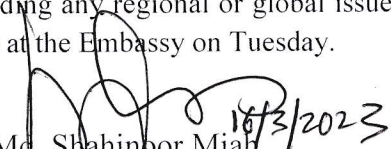
The Cabinet Committee on Government Purchase approved five proposals, including four proposals for the development and restoration of navigability of the old Brahmaputra River. The approval came from this year's 10th meeting of the committee held virtually with Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal in the chair yesterday.

Elections to five city corporations -- Barishal, Gazipur, Khulna, Rajshahi, and Sylhet -- will be held between May 23 and June 29, said Election Commission Secretariat Secretary Jahangir Alam after a meeting of commissioners held at the EC office in Dhaka yesterday.

State Minister for Water Resources Zahid Faruq said, the government will take projects for excavation of 19 rivers in haor regions to ensure normal flow of water. He told journalists while visiting Tuphankhali Crop Protection Embankment in Derai Upzila of Sunamganj yesterday.

Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) President Faruque Hassan urged the German brand Lidl to increase business with Bangladesh. Chief Financial Officer of Lidl and Kaufland Asia Stefan Erhart paid a courtesy call on the BGMEA President yesterday.

Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Yao Wen highly praised Bangladesh's foreign policy and hoped that Bangladesh will not take any side but will remain independent regarding any regional or global issues. He said this while speaking at the annual Spring Dialogue with journalists at the Embassy on Tuesday.

  
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