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## Newsbrief

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is scheduled to inaugurate the 'Bangladesh Business Summit' today for expanding the country's trade and investment, Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) President Md Jashim Uddin said at a press conference on Thursday. FBCCI is organising the three-day event at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka. Ministers from seven countries including the United Kingdom, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, China, Bhutan, the United Arab Emirates, CEOs of 12 multinational companies and more than 200 foreign investors and business leaders from 17 countries of the world are going to participate in the summit.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said, whether BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia would be able to do politics and join polls depends on the court's decision. The Minister was addressing a function arranged on the occasion of the golden jubilee of Dhaka University's Haji Muhammad Mohsin Hall and reunion of its Alumni Association in Dhaka yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud said, amid BNP's continuous hue and cry that there is no democracy in the country and the people have no freedom of speech, Bangladesh moved one notch up in democracy index as per a new report of Washington based research institute Freedom House. The Minister said this while exchanging views with reporters on Bangladesh's progress in democracy index at his Minto Road residence in Dhaka yesterday.

Industries Minister Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun said, that Karnafuli Paper Mill will be modernized by solving all the existing problems. The Minister said this while visiting the KPM at Kaptai Upazila in Rangamati district yesterday.

State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid said, Bangladesh-India Friendship Pipeline will contribute effectively to energy security. The Minister also said one of the main conditions for development is uninterrupted power and energy supply in the country which is being ensured successfully by the Awami League government led by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The Minister said this while inspecting the progress of the pipeline project at Parbatipur in Rangpur yesterday.

State Minister for ICT Division Zunaid Ahmed Palak said, a knowledge park will be set up at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Science and Technology University at Kotalipara in Gopalganj for research and innovation on March 16. The Minister was visiting the proposed land for Gopalganj hi-tech park yesterday.

Saudi Commerce Minister Dr. Majid bin Abdullah Al Qasabi arrived in Dhaka yesterday. The Saudi Commerce Minister is visiting Bangladesh to attend 'Bangladesh Business Summit-2023' to be inaugurated by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today.

The UK's Indo-Pacific Minister Anne-Marie Trevelyan arrived in Dhaka to discuss security, democracy, human rights, trade and the Rohingya crisis. Trevelyan will meet Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Foreign Minister Dr. AK Abdul Momen as well as hold talks with civil society organizations, humanitarian actors, climate experts and business groups.

  
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