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### News Brief

President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina greeted all who were involved in the implementation of the Padma Bridge project as the bridge will be inaugurated today. On the eve of the historic day, they also greeted the countrymen issuing separate messages. In his message, the President said, I am very happy to know that the Padma Bridge, a symbol of Bangladesh's self-reliance and self-respect, is being inaugurated. He lauded Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina as the Premier is leading from the forefront of these achievements. The President hoped that this bridge will play an important role in the socio-economic development of the country through increasing trade, investment and industrialization. In her message, the Prime Minister said, we greet all concerned, including local and foreign engineers, consultants, officers and employees, the army and construction workers engaged in the implementation of the challenging project, Padma Multipurpose Bridge Project for their contribution and tireless works. The Premier extended her gratitude to the people on both sides of the bridge for providing lands and assisting in the implementation of the project in various ways. She thanked the countrymen as the government received huge support from them when Bangladesh announced to build the bridge with its own funds. Both the President and the Premier wished successful implementation of all mega projects in the country like Padma Bridge.

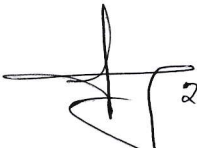
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will open the much-anticipated Padma Bridge for vehicular movement today which will bring a massive progress in road connectivity of 21 south and southwestern districts with capital Dhaka and other major cities. Marking the grand opening of the bridge, a festive mood is prevailing in the country, particularly in the southern and southwestern region which will be directly facilitated through the major road connectivity. The Premier will join the Padma Bridge inaugural ceremony at Mawa point in Munshiganj at 10 am. As per the Premier's programme schedule, she will also unveil commemorative postage stamps, souvenir sheets, opening day cover and seals at 11 am at Mawa point.

On the inauguration of Padma Bridge by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the government and people of India convey greetings and felicitations to the government and people of Bangladesh on the successful completion of this landmark project.

Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif extended his sincere felicitations to Bangladesh's Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and the people of Bangladesh on the completion and inauguration of the much-hyped Padma Multipurpose Bridge. In a greeting sent to the Prime Minister of Bangladesh yesterday, he said, the inauguration of the bridge is an important landmark in the development journey of fraternal Bangladesh.

Padma Bridge Implementation Movement Steering Committee in Mawa congratulated Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday as the Premier finally completed the Padma Bridge with her dedication and determination.

The Awami League(AL) always remains beside the country's people whether it is in power or not, Information and Broadcasting Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud said this while addressing a relief distribution ceremony at the AL's Bangabandhu Avenue central office in the capital yesterday. The BNP never goes to the people in crisis but does politics with them, the Minister added. Speaking as the chief guest, he said, reaching the affected people first is one of the main characteristics of the AL. The AL has always been doing that as per the directives of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, he added.

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The earliest repatriation of all forcibly displaced Rohingyas back to their homeland in Myanmar ensuring their safety and dignity remains Bangladesh's priority, Foreign Minister Dr. AK Abdul Momen said this during his intervention in the Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers Meeting held on June 23 in Rwandan Capital Kigali. Rohingya crisis entered its 6<sup>th</sup> year threatening human security, peace, and stability of this region, the Minister added. He also called upon the fellow Commonwealth nations to exert pressure on the Myanmar regime to comply with the 'Provisional Measures' by the ICJ and create a conducive environment in the Rakhine State for the safe, secure and dignified return of their nationals.

Ambassador of Italy to Bangladesh Enrico Nunziata paid a courtesy call on State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid at the latter's office at the secretariat. During the meeting, they discussed several bilateral issues related to Italy- Bangladesh. They expressed their desire to work on exploration, liquefied natural gas (LNG), bio and traditional refining activities, wind, climate conservation, hydrogen and new technologies to contribute to Bangladesh's sustainable energy system.

Bangladesh Police yesterday issued traffic guideline for vehicular movements on the way to Mawa point from Dhaka marking the grand opening ceremony of the Padma Multipurpose Bridge. The traffic guideline was issued for the invited guests travelling to Mawa from Dhaka today. It requested all invitees to start their journey from Dhaka taking ample time to reach the venue within the stipulated time.


The United States (US) termed Padma Bridge as another example of Bangladesh's leadership in promoting regional connectivity in the South Asia. The United States congratulates Bangladesh on the momentous opening of the Padma Bridge. Building sustainable transportation infrastructure to connect people and goods efficiently is important to fostering inclusive economic growth, the US mission said.

Japan Ambassador in Dhaka Ito Naoki said, his country would like to promote people to people cultural bondage with Bangladesh through Ikebana, a traditional Japanese art of flower arrangement. He said this while speaking at a function organized by Bangladesh Ikebana Association (BIA) in the city. The ambassador said, there is a strong interest among the young students in Bangladesh about Japan, its language and culture. He urged the BIA to continue playing its role to further promote the friendship through better understanding of Japanese culture.

The European Commission (EU) is providing €2 million in funding for emergency assistance to those affected by the current floods in Bangladesh and India. For Bangladesh, the EU released € 1.2 million in humanitarian aid funding to people affected by the flooding in the north-east and northern regions of the country.

21 more dengue patients were hospitalized in 24 hours until yesterday morning, DGHS disclosed this information in a press release yesterday.

Bangladesh yesterday reported zero death from COVID-19. With 1,685 fresh cases, the number of infections surged to 19,62,213. The positivity rate stood at 12.18 per cent, testing 13,833 samples during the time. At the same time, the recovery count rose to 19,06,417. DGHS disclosed this information in a press release yesterday.

  
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