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News Brief

President Md. Abdul Hamid who is now on a seven-day visit to Kishoreganj, inaugurated the newly constructed three-storey building of Tamiza Khatun Government Girls' High School at Mithamin Upazila of the district yesterday. Later, he laid the foundation stone of four-storey multipurpose building of Tamiza Khatun Government Girls' School. Earlier, the President offered doa at the grave of his parents for eternal peace of the departed souls. The President is expected to return the capital city tomorrow.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will address a press conference at 4pm this afternoon from Ganabhaban to brief the media about her recently-concluded visit to the United Kingdom-UK and France.

President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, in separate condolence messages, expressed deep shock and sorrow at the death of Member of Parliament from Tangail-7 constituency Md. Ekabbar Hossain, who passed away while undergoing treatment at a city hospital yesterday, at the age of 65. Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader, Information and Broadcasting Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud also condoled his death. Number of Ministers and State Ministers condoled his death.

Chief Minister of the Indian state of West Bengal Mamata Banerjee in a condolence message, expressed profound shock at the death of renowned literary personality Hasan Azizul Haque, saying that his demise is an irreparable loss to the literature. Hasan Azizul Haque passed away at his residence in Rajshahi city on Monday night from old age complications. He was 83.

The 45th death anniversary of veteran politician Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani, popularly known as "Majlum Jananeta", is being observed today. Different programs, including placing wreaths at Bhasani's grave in Santosh of Tangail, discussions and doa mahfils, have been taken to observe the day in the capital and at Santosh in Tangail. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina issued a message on the occasion, paying glowing tributes to the late legendary political figure of the country.

Liberation War Affairs Minister A K M Mozammel Haque has said, the new generation needs to know the actual history of Liberation War and independence and ideals of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. While addressing a discussion at ATN Bangla Auditorium yesterday, the Minister said, Bangabandhu along with his family members were not only killed in 1975, but also the development of Bangalees was delayed aimed at annihilating the whole nation. The Minister added, the country is now moving forward under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the daughter of Bangabandhu.

A Memorandum of Understanding-MoU will be signed with the Food Standards Agency-FSA of the UK to increase exports of agricultural products to the European markets including UK, Agriculture Minister Dr. Md. Abdur Razzaque, who is now visiting London, UK, stated this while exchanging views with officials of FSA and government laboratory recently. The Minister also exchanged views with the leaders of the British Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry-BBCCI at the Bangladesh Embassy there. Meanwhile, he urged UK expatriate businessmen to invest in the country's agricultural sector. Bangladesh High Commissioner to the UK Saida Muna Tasnim, among others, was present at the moment.

The government will consider BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia's appeal to go abroad for medical treatment if she makes a fresh petition after returning to jail, Law Minister Anisul Huq said this in the Parliament yesterday replying to the remarks of a BNP MP. But there is no scope to consider any fresh step under the section 401 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in these circumstances, he added.

Preparations have almost been made to bring the students aged 12-17 under vaccination program against COVID-19, Education Minister Dr. Dipu Moni stated this while talking to newsmen after visiting the examination center of the ongoing SSC exams in Chandpur yesterday. She added, there is no scope to hold the public examinations in the next year as per schedule, but the delay will not be like that of this year's SSC examinations,

Foreign Minister Dr. A K Abdul Momen has urged the UK to send back to Bangladesh the convicted 1971's war criminals who are currently residing in Britain, as the visiting British State Minister for Foreign Affairs for South Asia, the Commonwealth and the UN Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon, who is here to attend the 21st IORA Council of Ministers meetings, met him at the Foreign Service Academy on Monday. During the meeting, they discussed various bilateral issues. Dr. Momen urged the UK to continue to remain engaged on the questions of Rohingya repatriation. In reply, Lord Ahmad assured the Minister of standing by the Rohingyas to help find a durable solution for their crisis.

Bangladesh has stressed the importance of an early conclusion of Bangladesh-Indonesia Bilateral Preferential Trade Agreement-PTA, which is currently under negotiation, by making it inclusive and mutually beneficial. The bilateral PTA, if successfully concluded, could be an effective tool for further strengthening the trade and economic relations between the two countries, Foreign Minister Dr. Momen made the observation while his Indonesian counterpart Retno L. P. Marsudi, who is now visiting Bangladesh to attend the 21st IORA Council of Ministers, met him on the sidelines of the event. Dr. Momen urged Indonesia to play a more proactive role within the ASEAN to ensure an early repatriation of the Rohingyas to their motherland.

Bangladesh and Tanzania have agreed to cooperate in different sectors of agriculture including fisheries, livestock, horticulture and aquaculture. Both the countries also decided to establish cooperation in the blue economy and other economic sectors through establishing official contacts. The matter was discussed at a meeting between Foreign Minister Dr. A K Abdul Momen and Tanzanian Livestock and Fisheries Minister Mashimba Mashauri Ndaki and Blue Economy, Fisheries Minister Mr. Abdullah Hussein Kombo at the State Guest House Padma on Monday. Dr. Momen sought cooperation from the Tanzanian government for solution of the Rohingya crisis.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has donated 1.5 million doses of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine to Bangladesh. Saudi Ambassador to Bangladesh Essa Yousef Essa Al Duhailan formally handed over the vaccine doses to Foreign Minister Dr. Momen and Health Minister Zahid Maleque at the State Guest House Padma yesterday.

The government has adopted 'Zero Tolerance Policy' against human trafficking as it is committed to ensure fair, orderly and responsible migration, Expatriate Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Imran Ahmad said this at a meeting with Italian Ambassador to Bangladesh Enrico Nunziata yesterday. He added, along with introducing various campaigns and awareness programs to discourage irregular migration, the government has undertaken various activities to make the people skilled and send them abroad legally.

All areas, including remote ones of the country, will come under broadband connectivity by 2025, State Minister for ICT Zunaid Ahmed Palak said this yesterday while virtually presenting the keynote paper at a program "Frontier Technology Policy Experimentation and Regulatory Sandboxes in Asia and the Pacific" organized by the United Nations Department of Economy and Social Affairs. 'Telehealth' development in the country was more than 300 per cent during the COVID-19 period, he informed. During the period, 13,000 community health clinics have been set up to provide different services including video conferencing, test report sharing, and specialist consultation. Some 98 per cent of them were connected through mobile phone, he added.

India would be very happy to have more trade with Bangladesh through easier and more simplified procedures, Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Vikram K Doraiswami said while addressing a meeting organized by the Rangpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry-RCCI on 'Bangladesh-India Bilateral Trade and Commerce Issues' at RCCI auditorium in the metropolis yesterday. Assistant High Commissioner of India in Rajshahi Sanjeev Kumar Bhati also attended the meeting.

The timeframe for submission of income tax returns at individual level would not be extended beyond the stipulated timeframe of November 30 this year, officials at the National Board of Revenue confirmed.

The UK has declared £18 million of new funding through partners UNICEF and UNFPA for 12 countries, including Bangladesh to end child marriage, the British High Commission informed yesterday.

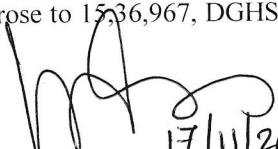
Russia will lift its COVID-19 ban on flights to Bangladesh along with Brazil, Mongolia, Costa Rica and Argentina from Dec 1, the government coronavirus task force yesterday said.

BGB members yesterday recovered 50,000 pieces of Burmese yaba worth Taka 1.5 crore from Cox's Bazar's Ukhia upazila, smuggled from Myanmar.

The Leader and Deputy Leader of the Opposition (Remuneration and Privileges) Bill, 2021 was passed in the Parliament yesterday. It will replace the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Opposition (Remuneration and Privileges) Ordinance 1979, which was promulgated during the military regime. The Special Security Force Bill, 2021 was also passed in the House incorporating the provision of providing security to family members of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and very important persons. Besides, the Public Debt Bill, 2021 was placed in the Parliament to make the existing law a time-befitting one.

Bangladesh and India will jointly host the 50-over ICC World Cup in 2031, the International Cricket Council announced yesterday. It will be the second time Bangladesh hosting a 50-over World Cup after they successfully co-hosted the mega event back in 2011 along with India and Sri Lanka.

Meanwhile, the country yesterday recorded 02 fatalities from COVID-19, taking the total death toll to 27,928. With 213 fresh cases, the number of infections surged to 15,72,948. The positivity rate stood at 1.03 per cent as 20,764 samples were tested during the time. At the same time, the recovery count rose to 15,36,967, DGHS disclosed this information in a press release yesterday.


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