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### News Brief

The people of the country have no alternative to "boat" as her party is working to change the fate of the masses since its inception, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said this while presiding over a meeting marking the 73<sup>rd</sup> founding anniversary of the AL held at 23, Bangabandhu Avenue in the capital, joining virtually from her official Ganabhaban residence. The Premier said, all the achievements of Bangladesh including independence and prosperity have come at the hand of the Awami League. She also said, her government has given electricity to every house and is working to bring every person under a housing scheme as none would remain homeless and landless in the country of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The PM heavily criticized the BNP leader for their demand to stop the grand opening celebration of the Padma Bridge on the plea of flooding.

Earlier, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina paid glowing tributes to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman marking the 73<sup>rd</sup> founding anniversary of the ruling Awami League (AL). The Premier paid homage to Bangabandhu by placing a wreath at the portrait of the Father of the Nation at Bangabandhu Memorial Museum at Dhanmondi-32 last morning. After laying the wreath, the PM stood in solemn silence for sometimes as a mark of profound respect to the memory of Bangabandhu.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said, Awami League (AL) means independence, developed Bangladesh and the right to speak in mother tongue, as the name of the party is involved with all achievements of the country. The Premier made this remarks while speaking in the Jatiya Sangsad during an unscheduled discussion marking the founding anniversary of ruling Awami League yesterday. If the country runs as per the plans formulated by the ruling Awami League, no one will be able to restrict the forward march of nation country and "this is my firm belief", she added. The Awami League has formulated Delta Plan-2100 and formulated plans to make the country prosperous and developed by 2041, she further added. The PM also mentioned that since its inception, the AL was engaged in establishing the rights of the people of this country.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi invited Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to visit his country. Indian High Commissioner Vikram K Doraiswami handed over Modi's invitation letter to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to visit India while paying a call on her at her Jatiya Sangsad office yesterday. During the meeting, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina proposed to conduct dredging in the common rivers jointly with India for mutual interest. In this regard, she expressed concerns over havoc caused by the recent floods in Assam, Arunachal and Meghalaya states of India. The PM informed the Indian envoy that the floods have ravaged much of Bangladesh's north-eastern part by the heavy rains occurred across mountains of north-east India. She also said, the government of Bangladesh stands ready to work together with India to overcome any such natural disaster.

All achievements of Bangalee nation came under Awami League (AL) during its 73 years of journey, Information and Broadcasting Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud told the reporters after paying rich tributes to Bangabandhu by placing wreath at the portrait of Father of the Nation Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Dhanmondi-32 last morning on 73<sup>rd</sup> founding anniversary of AL. The Minister said, Bangladesh had achieved independence under the leadership of AL and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Bangladesh now became a food surplus country from food deficit one and turned into a developing nation from least developed country under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, he added. The another big achievement is to construct Padma Bridge under the leadership of AL and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina by showing thumbs to the world conspirators, he further added.

Foreign Minister Dr. A.K Abdul Momen arrived in Kigali in Rwanda on Wednesday to attend the 26<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM). This year, CHOGM is taking place from 24-25 June 2022 under the theme "Delivering a Common Future: Connecting, Innovating, Transforming" with the attendance of more than thirty Heads of Government. Earlier, the Foreign Minister had bilateral meetings with Foreign Minister of Commonwealth of Dominica Dr. Kenneth M Darroux and the Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka Prof. G.L Peiris where the entire gamut of bilateral and multilateral issues was discussed.

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There would be no shortage of sacrificial animals this year as Bangladesh has over 1.21 crore such animals for the upcoming Eid-ul-Azha, Fisheries and Livestock Minister SM Rezaul Karim disclosed the information at an inter-ministerial meeting, organised to determine the demand and supply of sacrificial animals and ensure their safe transportation during Eid-ul-Azha, at the livestock department's conference room in the capital's Farmgate. The Minister said, the government has already taken adequate preparation for the celebration of the Eid-ul-Azha and determined the demand for sacrificial animals. He cautioned that health safety guidelines must be followed at cattle markets and sick animals will not be allowed to be sold at those markets.

Russia has already given offer to export two lakh metric tons of wheat to Bangladesh, Food Minister Sadhan Chandra Majumder told the parliament yesterday. In reply to a lawmakers' query from Awami League MP Shafiul Islam from Dhaka-10, the Minister said, the Foreign Ministry approached different wheat exporting countries for importing wheat as the prices of wheat and flour has gone up along with various food grains, due to the war between Ukraine and Russia. Besides, a letter has been sent to the Bangladesh High Commission in Delhi to import wheat from India at government and private levels, he added.

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Md. Shahab Uddin distributed relief items among 1,500 flood-affected families at Barolekha upazila of Moulvibazar yesterday. Addressing the flood victims, the Minister said, compensation would be provided by listing the flood affected people. He said, along with the government, Bangladesh Awami League and all its affiliates have stood by the flood-hit people. He called upon the expatriates and the solvent people of the society to come forward for providing all possible assistance to the flood victims.

Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Imran Ahmad informed the parliament that more than 5 lakh Bangladeshi expatriate workers returned to the country after losing their jobs since the onset of Covid-19 pandemic. The Minister said this in reply to a query from ruling Awami League MP Manzur Hossain from Faridpur-1 yesterday.

2,415 more Bangladeshi's will be able to perform Hajj this year, as Saudi Arabia increased the number of Hajj quota for this country. The information came from a letter sent to the Hajj Council in Saudi Arabia by the Religious Affairs Ministry of Bangladesh on Wednesday.


Bangladesh Bank has launched commemorative note of Tk100 on the occasion of the inauguration of Padma Bridge on 25 June.

Flight operations at MAG Osmani International Airport resumed yesterday following a six-day pause, triggered by the devastating floods in the country's northeastern region.

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

Bangladesh yesterday reported one death from COVID-19. With 1,319 fresh cases, the number of infections surged to 19,60,528. The positivity rate stood at 14.32 per cent, testing 6,905 samples during the time. At the same time, the recovery count rose to 19,06,232. DGHS disclosed this information in a press release yesterday.

Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) and Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) witnessed an upward trend like earlier as investors continued their buying spree on large-cap issues amid optimism yesterday. DSEX went up by 9.85 points or 0.16 per cent to settle at 6,327.65.

  
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