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News Brief

The Cabinet has finally approved the draft of 'Companies (2nd Amendment) Bill, 2020' keeping a provision of formation of one-man companies aiming to attract larger investment. The approval was given in the weekly cabinet meeting yesterday with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina virtually presiding over. The cabinet also gave its final consent to the draft of 'The Bangladesh Travel Agencies (Registration and Control) (Amendment) Act, 2020'. The Cabinet decided to observe June 4 as the 'National Tea Day' every year. The Prime Minister speaking at meeting asked all concerned to continue the all-out efforts to face the ongoing flood situation.

The "National Fisheries Week-2020" with the theme of "Machh Utpadan Briddhi Kori, Shukhi Samriddha Desh Gori" is to begin across the country from today. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to inaugurate the week through releasing the fish fries at the Ganabhaban lake tomorrow. President Md. Abdul Hamid will release fish fries in the lake of Bangabhaban on the third day of the week.

Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury during a meeting with UN Resident Coordinator and Resident Representative of the UNDP Mia Seppo at her at Jatiya Sangsad office in Dhaka yesterday laid emphasis on strengthening the country's economy despite Covid-19 crisis. Mia Seppo assured that UNDP would continue its assistance to Bangladesh in future.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader while speaking at a virtual meeting in Dhaka yesterday laid emphasis on concerted efforts of all to check the spread of the coronavirus during the Eid journey. He asked Bangladesh Road Transport Authority, law enforcement agencies and all concerned bodies to take on all-out cautionary measures to enforce health codes strictly to contain the spread of the deadly virus during the journey marking the Eid-ul-Azha.

Agriculture Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdur Razzaque while addressing a meeting with ministry officials at his ministry in Dhaka yesterday said, the government has taken different initiatives to reduce the Tk. 349 crore damage primarily caused by the flood. The damage will be recovered and the target of Aman production will be possible to achieve if the flood condition does not worsen further, he added.

Information Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud has said, drives are going on in hospitals to root out the malaise of corruption and irregularities from the health sector. He said this while talking to reporters after a views-exchange meeting with the members of Climate Change Journalists Forum at his ministry in Dhaka yesterday. Reiterating the government's 'zero tolerance' stance against corruption and irregularities Dr. Hasan Mahmud said, the government is not considering anyone's political identity while launching such drives.

Foreign Minister Dr. A K Abdul Momen has urged the government of Spain to recruit agricultural laborers from Bangladesh during the post-COVID pandemic period considering their skills in grain production, as the country requires skilled overseas workforce for its agro-farming. He made the urge as outgoing Spanish Ambassador to Bangladesh Álvaro de Salas Giménez de Azcárate paid a farewell call on him at his Ministry in Dhaka on Sunday. Dr. A K Abdul Momen said, Spain may rely on Bangladesh, if PPE and other pharmaceutical products related to prevention or treatment of COVID-19 need to be imported. He also called for more investments from Spain as well as sharing expertise, especially in energy and tourism sectors with Bangladesh.

The newly appointed ambassadors of Bangladesh to Kuwait Major General M Ashikuzzaman and Saudi Arabia Javed Patwary met Minister for Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Imran Ahmed at his office in Dhaka yesterday. During the meeting, both the

ambassadors pledged to strengthen the bilateral relations of the countries with Bangladesh by delivering their duties with utmost sincerity.

Dhaka North City Corporation - DNCC yesterday approved a Tk 4,506.75 crore budget for 2020-21 fiscal year with an allocation Tk 70 crore for controlling the mosquito menace in the corporation area. Local Government Minister Md. Tazul Islam while addressing an online board meeting of DNCC on the occasion called upon all concerned to further strengthen all local government institutions by making those economically self-reliant.

Shipping Ministry is going to introduce 'Real Time Dredge Monitoring System' to monitor dredging activities for bringing more transparency in dredging and the system will be completely operational within the next one month. State Minister for Shipping Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury informed this while attending a meeting of Annual Development Programme at his ministry yesterday.

State Minister Labour and Employment Monnujan Sufian speaking at a meeting of Tripartite Consultative Council in Dhaka yesterday urged the owners of garment factories to pay Eid bonus to their workers by July 27 and half of the salary by July 30. She asked the owners of other factories to pay the salary and Eid bonus of workers by July 25.

Bangladesh yesterday recorded 50 more fatalities from the novel coronavirus in a daily count, raising the death toll from the pandemic to 2,618. At the same time recovery count rose to 1,13,556 after another 1,914 patients were discharged from the hospitals during the period. Directorate General of Health Services disclosed this at its daily health bulletin. The country also saw further rise in coronavirus cases with the detection of 2,928 new cases taking the total number of cases to 2,07,453. A total of 13,362 samples were tested at the authorised labs across the country during that time.

The country has a stock of three lakh kits for COVID-19 test and the process of importing more kits is underway. Secretary of Health Service Division Md. Abdul Mannan informed this while speaking at a virtual meeting of National Technical Advisory Committee yesterday.


Water level continued to rise in the Ganges basin due to the onrush of water coming from upstream, deteriorating flood situation in chars and low-lying areas in the region. Rising trend of water was recorded at almost all points like Pankha, Rajshahi and Hardinge Bridge in the last 24 hours, Bangladesh Water Development Board sources said yesterday.

The government has decided to appoint Md. Ruhul Alam Siddique, currently serving as the Ambassador of Bangladesh to Portugal, as the next High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Pakistan. Meanwhile, Tarik Ahsan, currently serving as the Bangladesh High Commissioner to Pakistan, got appointment as the next Bangladesh Ambassador to Portugal.

The government has sought nomination proposals for Ekushey Padak-2021 by October 15, 2020, said a Press Information Department handout yesterday.

The National Moon-Sighting Committee is going to sit in a meeting this evening to determine the date of Eid-ul-Azha.

The second shipment of Bangladeshi mangoes exported by North Bengal Agro Farm Ltd was sent to Milan in Italy yesterday. The company recently started exporting the mangoes of Rajshahi to the European markets. The first shipment already reached Switzerland on July 13 last.


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