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News Brief

The historic Homecoming Day of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, will be observed today across the country in a befitting manner. Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman returned to the sacred soil of independent Bangladesh via London and New Delhi on January 10 in 1972, after 290 days of confinement in Pakistan jail. On the occasion, President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday issued separate messages paying glowing tributes to the Father of the Nation. Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's Birth Centenary Celebration National Implementation Committee has taken various programmes to observe the historic Homecoming Day. and a poster has been published marking the 'Homecoming Day.'

President Md. Abdul Hamid yesterday called upon the countrymen to make relentless efforts to build a 'Sonar Bangla' as dreamt by Father of Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. In a message on the eve of the Homecoming Day of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the President said, on historic January 10 in 1972, the Father of the Nation had returned to independent and sovereign Bangladesh after nine months and 14 days of captivity in Pakistan jail. Though we achieved ultimate victory on December 16 in 1971 through an armed struggle, the true essence of victory came with the return of the Father of the Nation, the President added. He said, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, who was a visionary leader, led the nation in every movement and following his path we will be able to move forward with more courage and confidence to build a developed Bangladesh by 2041.

The Krishak Sramik Janata League (KSJL) yesterday joined talks with President Md. Abdul Hamid, placing six proposals on the 12th day of the ongoing dialogue over formation of an acceptable Election Commission (EC). A nine-member KSJL delegation led by its President Bangabir Kader Siddiki Bir Uttom proposed to hold the upcoming national elections by forming an election-time government involving the registered political parties.

Four High Court judges were elevated to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday, bringing the total number of judges at the apex court to eight. President Md. Abdul Hamid made the appointment as per article 95 (1) of the constitution, a Law and Justice Division gazette notification said. The four judges are- Justice Borhanuddin, Justice FRM Nazmul Ahasan, Justice M Enayetur Rahim and Justice Krishna Debnath.

Inspired by the motto of the Great Liberation War, 'we shall play an effective role in building Father of the Nation 'Golden Bangladesh' and uphold the spirit of independence', said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in a message on the eve of the Homecoming Day of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The Premier prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on the occasion of his Homecoming Day. The people of newly independent Bangladesh got back their most beloved leader and that with his arrival of the Great Leader, the joy of the final victory of the liberation war was fulfilled, the Premier added.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called upon the country's renowned physicians to spend some time in research alongside providing treatment to patients. The Premier made this remarks while addressing the foundation stone laying ceremony of establishment of 460-bed comprehensive heart, kidney and cancer treatment units in medical college hospitals of the country's eight divisional cities at Osmani Memorial Auditorium. Joining virtually from her official residence Ganabhaban, she also renewed her call to the people to receive Covid-19 vaccine and maintain the health safety protocols. The Prime Minister said, Doctors should put concentration on sorting out that what types of diseases are attacking our people due to our environment, weather, climate and overall other aspects, finding out some time from attending the patients adding the government has been establishing medical universities in divisional headquarters where post-graduate level doctors will continue their study.

We need to implement the Good Agricultural Practices(GAP) quickly throughout the country and that's why training should be imparted to different stakeholders, including officials, growers and exporters, said Agriculture Minister Dr. Md. Abdur Razzaque yesterday while speaking online as the chief guest at the second steering committee meeting for implementing GAP policy 2020. The GAP should be executed firstly on pilot basis in the areas where there are more possibilities of exporting vegetables and fruits, the Minister added.

BNP wants to foil the next elections by abstaining from the talks, said Information and Broadcasting Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud yesterday while addressing the inaugural function of 'Din Bodoler Mela' organized by 'Poster Sangskritik Sangsad' and 'Bojjrokantho' in front of TSC at Dhaka University. The President has organized the dialogue to form an Election Commission on the basis of opinions of all through a transparent process which BNP never did and BNP would not go to the dialogue and the party is spreading different propagandas against the dialogue, the Minister added. He said, Begum Khaleda Zia and her party leaders had claimed that Awami League would not be able to construct the Padma Bridge when the government started the construction work of the much-awaited bridge under the supervision of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Even, they (BNP) had claimed that they would construct two Padma Bridges if they go to power, he added.

The Minister said, the Padma Bridge has been completed and the Premier went from one side of the bridge to another side by a vehicle. Now, the countrymen are waiting for the official inauguration, he added. The Minister also urged all cultural organizations to create a cultural tide across the country to destroy the ill efforts from the state forever.

The government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will do everything possible to reduce the backlog of cases in courts across the country, said Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Anisul Huq yesterday while talking to newsmen after addressing a function to inaugurate 43rd and 44th special basic training courses for assistant judges and equivalent judicial officers at Judicial Administration Training Institute (JATI) in the capital. The Law Minister said, the President would appoint judges at the High Court Division whenever he would feel like. Judges are the main driving force of the judiciary and we are arranging different training courses for them home and abroad to enhance their efficiency, the Minister added.

The government wants to keep open the education institutions but students, teachers and guardians have to follow the health guidelines properly, said Education Minister Dr. Dipu Moni yesterday. The Education Minister said, if corona virus increases again, the government will decide to close the education institutions in the country considering the health security for all.


Travel through the Bangladesh-India borders will be discouraged on health safety grounds due to Omicron, said Foreign Minister Dr. A K Abdul Momen yesterday while talking to reporters after inaugurating booster Covid-19 vaccine doses for diplomats stationed in Dhaka. Booster Covid-19 vaccine doses are now available for diplomats at Sheikh Russel Gastroliver Institute and Hospital in the city, the Minister added. About Omicron and health safety, Dr. Momen said, the government is not considering lockdown right now because the fatality rate due to Omicron is very low. But the government is considering keeping passengers limited in all types of transports to check spread of this variant of Covid-19, he added. Dr. Momen said, he is happy that they could arrange this special vaccination programme for all diplomats and their dependents stationed in Dhaka.

Bangladesh witnessed huge development in the last 12 years and the country is now self-sufficient in food production, said Planning Minister M. A. Mannan yesterday while speaking as the chief guest at a stipend distribution function on the premises of Sarail Upazila Live Stock and Veterinary Hospital. The Minister urged people to strengthen the hands of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to carry on the development activities for building a prosperous Bangladesh.

Industries Minister Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun yesterday inaugurated an audit management software of the Industries Ministry to increase transparency, accountability and dynamism in financial sector. Industries Minister said, the introduction of audit management software by the Industries Ministry is a timely step. It is not too easy to find out where the total number of objections, types of objection, number of replies sent, action taken on replies, above all audit objection settlement notices issued by the audit department in the audit offices through manually, the Minister added. We go ahead of the others and we hope that this software will play a role in maintaining economic discipline and reducing corruption as part of the implementation of Digital Bangladesh announced by the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the Minister further added.

None will be left helpless in the country with the overall support of the present government, led by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, said Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Md. Shahab Uddin yesterday while speaking a blanket distribution programme at Baralekha Upazila Parishad auditorium in Moulvibazar. Speaking as the chief guest, the Minister said, the high-breed cows provided under the social Safety programme will help the people become economically self-sufficient. He said, the government's unprecedented initiative to ensure healthcare for the country's people has been lauded around the world.

The country yesterday recorded 03 fatalities from COVID-19, taking the total death toll to 28,102. With 1,491 fresh cases, the number of infections surged to 15,93,700. The positivity rate stood at 6.78 per cent as 21,980 samples were tested during the time. At the same time, the recovery count rose to 15,50,905, DGHS disclosed this information in a press release yesterday. Besides, 07 new dengue patients got hospitalized across the country in 24 hours till 8:00am last morning, DGHS informed.



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