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News Brief

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina urged the major world economies to work with all the stakeholders in partnership to ensure a sustainable future for the next generation. The Premier made the call in a pre-recorded speech aired in a high level event titled "Major Economies Forum on Energy and Climate" Summit convened by US President Joe Biden in Washington DC yesterday. The Prime Minister, in her speech, placed a six-point proposal for the forum's consideration. In her first proposal, she called upon the major carbon emitting countries to take actions to reduce their emissions to keep the global temperature rise at 1.5 degree Celsius. In her second proposal, Sheikh Hasina said that the commitment of annual 100 billion dollars climate fund by the developed countries has to be fulfilled, distributed 50:50 between adaptation and mitigation. In the third proposal, she renewed her call to the developed countries to come forward with the most effective energy solutions along with technology transfer to the developing countries. In her fourth proposal, she said while transitioning to renewables, stocktaking of respective development priorities of nation-states, according to loss and damage experienced by them should be considered. The premier, in her fifth proposal, said that the responsibility of rehabilitating people displaced because of sea-level rise, increase in salinity, river erosion, floods and draughts needs to be shared by all countries.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina reached Helsinki, the capital of Finland last evening, on her en route to New York, USA to attend the 76th United Nations General Assembly -UNGA. Bangladesh's Non-Resident Ambassador to Finland Md. Nazmul Islam received the Premier at the airport. Among others, Foreign Minister Dr A K Abdul Momen and State Minister for Foreign Md Shahriar Alam accompanied the Premier.

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday greeted her Indian counterpart Narendra Modi on the occasion of his 71st birthday by sending a bouquet of 71 roses. Bangladesh High Commission in New Delhi on behalf of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina handed over the bouquet to the Indian Prime Minister's office, according to a press release issued by Bangladesh High Commission in India.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said, student politics should be established as model of values and knowledge as politics would be knowledge-based in the coming days. He said this while virtually addressing a seminar arranged titled "Education: Realistic Strategy for Achieving Targets of 2041" marking Education Day yesterday. The Minister underscored the need for taking up new strategies to enhance the standard of education on the basis of proper research. Merits should be evaluated in providing post to anybody in any student organizations, he said.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud while exchanging views with journalists at his residence in the city yesterday said, there is no evidence of existence of Zia's body in capital's Chandrima Udyan. Asked about the removal of the grave from Chandrima Udyan, the Minister said, demanding for a grave without any body is like cheating with the people as well as it is an act against the rules and regulations of Islam. Referring to the recent remark of BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir that AL is torturing BNP for staying in power permanently, Dr. Hasan said, Awami League believes in the power of the people. It will run the country as long as the people want, he added.

Education Minister Dr. Dipu Moni while talking to the reporters in Chandpur yesterday informed, educational institutions would not be allowed to charge fees for assignments in the assessment of learning results of students.

Foreign Minister Dr. A K Abul Momen has called upon the Commonwealth members including Chair-in-Office, the UK to engage with Myanmar for its compliance with 'provisional measures' by the ICJ and expedite return of the Rohingyas to their ancestral homes in Myanmar. The Minister said this while addressing the 21st Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers Meeting held virtually in London on Thursday, a press release issued by Bangladesh London mission said yesterday. Dr. Momen also called upon Myanmar to comply with International Court of Justice provisional measures and ensure sustainable return of Rohingyas. On the question of Covid vaccines, Dr. Momen reiterated Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's call for vaccines to be delivered as global public goods without discrimination and disparity.

State Minister for Shipping Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury said, Bangladesh-India relationship is a role model for any neighboring country. He said this while speaking at the inauguration ceremony of the 2nd cargo gate of Petrapole land port and passenger terminal building-1 at Bongaon in West Bengal, India yesterday. The new passenger terminal will facilitate smooth and comfortable movement of passengers and is equipped with facilities such as immigration, customs and security under one roof

State Minister for Information and Broadcasting Dr. Murad Hasan vowed struggle will be continued until the posthumous trial of killer Ziaur Rahman would take place in the country. While addressing the extending meeting of the Awna Union Awami League at Shrishabari Upazila in Jamalpur yesterday, he also said, Bangladesh had been created with the sacrifice of blood by huge number of peoples. Praising the role of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, he said Bangladesh is now walking toward the highway of development.

The state of New York in the USA will observe "Bangladeshi Immigrant Day" on September 25 next for the third consecutive times as the bill regarding observance of the day was passed in the New York State Senate on January 26. Father of the Nation of Bangladesh Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, for the first time in its history, gave a speech in Bangla at the General Assembly of the UN on September 25, 1974. In memory of his speech on September 25, the day was declared as the Bangladeshi Immigrant Day.

A strong and modern UK-Bangladesh financial sector partnership has potential for mutual benefits, the UK Prime Minister's Trade Envoy for Bangladesh Rushanara Ali MP said recently. Rushanara also applauded the economic goals Bangladesh has set to reach an upper-middle-income status by 2031 and high-income status by 2041. The British High Commission in Bangladesh recently organised a webinar titled "Bangladesh Capital Markets: A New Frontier." Planning Minister M A Mannan attended the event as chief guest.

The country yesterday recorded 38 fatalities from COVID-19, taking the death toll to 27,109. With 1,907 fresh cases, the number of infections surged to 15,40,110. The positivity rate stood at 6.41 percent as 29,756 samples were tested during the time. At the same time, the recovery count rose to 14,97,009, DGHS disclosed this information.

Besides, a total of 163 dengue patients got admitted in different hospitals across the country in the 24 hours till 8 am last morning, DGHS informed.



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