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News Brief

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina left Dhaka for Madrid today on a three-day official visit to Spain to join the “Heads of State and Government Summit” of the 25th Annual Conference of Parties (COP25). A Biman Bangladesh Airlines special flight carrying the Premier and her entourage members took off from Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport for Madrid at 10 am this morning. On Monday morning, Sheikh Hasina will attend the inaugural ceremony of the COP25 at Feria de Madrid in Spain. Later, she will join the Working Session of the COP25 and hold a bilateral meeting with Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte. She is expected to hold a bilateral meeting with Spanish President Pedro Sanchez. The Prime Minister will join a reception to be hosted by the King and the Queen of Spain at Royal Palace on Monday evening. Wrapping up her three-day tour, Sheikh Hasina will leave Madrid for Dhaka by a Biman Bangladesh Airlines flight at 9am on Tuesday.

President Md. Abdul Hamid has urged university teachers not to do any compromise with principles and ideals for serving any narrow personal interest. The Head of the State made the call while addressing the 11st convocation of Rajshahi University at Sheikh Kamal Stadium in Rajshahi yesterday. Congratulating the new graduates, Md. Abdul Hamid also Chancellor of the varsity advised them to remember the contributions of their parents, teachers, society, country and people to making them successful graduates. The President also called upon the graduates and university family members to contribute to the celebration of the birth centenary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in 2020-21 and Golden Jubilee of country's Liberation War in 2021. At the convocation, a total of 3432 students were conferred degrees.

President Md. Abdul Hamid has asked the chartered accountants to play a responsible role in ensuring transparency and accountability of accounts in public and private sectors. The Head of the State made the urge while addressing the opening ceremony of the South Asian Federation of Accountants International Conference-2019 organized by Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh at a hotel in Dhaka yesterday. Welcoming the foreign participants in the SAFA Conference, the President called upon foreign investors to come forward and set their investment destination to Bangladesh which is trying to materialize the dream of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman to build a poverty-free prosperous 'Sonar Bangla'.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina terming illegal money making 'a disease' has warned that the drives against illegal money makers will continue as her government won't tolerate corruption. The Premier made the warning while inaugurating the triennial council of Dhaka North and South City units of Bangladesh Awami League at Suhrawardy Udyan in Dhaka yesterday. The Prime Minister said for leading a lavish life, people may applaud them on their face but will scold them from behind, saying that they're corrupt and thieves.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister and General Secretary of Bangladesh Awami League Obaidul Quader at the council meeting announced that, Sheikh Bazlur Rahman and S M Mannan Kachi have been made President and General Secretary of Dhaka North unit of AL respectively, while Abu Ahammad Mannafi was made President while Humayan Kabir General Secretary of Dhaka south unit of AL for the next three years.

Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury has called upon all not to keep unresolved a single conflict for long because it could produce problems, adding that persisting conflicts could give rise to terrorism. She made the remark while speaking at a seminar at Nawab Ali Senate auditorium on the Dhaka University yesterday. She emphasised on the need to remove ethnic and religious discrimination as well as marginalization to prevent terrorism.

Information Minister Dr Hasan Mahmud has said, Zia started criminalization and commercialization of politics in the country and brought the businessmen into forefront of politics in lieu of money. He said this while addressing a civic memorial meeting of Muktijuddah and founder of NAP Professor Mozaffar Ahmed at Bangabandhu Hall of Chattogram Press Club yesterday. Former President Hossain Mohammad Ershad advanced the process of criminalization of politics and subsequently Begum Khaleda Zia gave it a final shape, he added.

Planning Minister M A Mannan has said, the government will upgrade all the highways of the country to have four separate lanes to ensure smooth flow of traffic and inter-district travel. He said this while attending a rally at Moulvibazar Government College yesterday.

The nation is set to celebrate the Month of Victory with much festivity and enthusiasm amid a series of programmes throughout the month of December that begins today. The programmes will include placing of wreaths at the portrait of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at the Bangabandhu Memorial Museum at Dhanmondi in capital and processions, discussions, photo exhibitions and cultural events. Different organizations will observe the first day of December as the 'Freedom Fighters Day'.

Bangladesh has been elected Vice Chairperson of the UNESCO Executive Board from the electoral group four - Asian and Pacific States - for the next two years. Bangladesh got elected unanimously the post at the UNESCO Executive Board's 208th session held at the UNESCO headquarters on Friday. Former Foreign Affairs Minister of Equatorial Guinea Agapito Mba Mokuy has been elected Chairperson of the UNESCO Executive Board for the tenure 2019-2021.

A Dhaka court is scheduled to pronounce judgement today in a case filed over deaths of college students Abdul Karim Razib and Dia Khanam Mim in a road accident in the city's Airport Road area in July, 2018 which led to a widespread 'safe roads campaign'. Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions judge Imrul Qayes on November 14, fixed December 1 to pass the verdict as both defence and the prosecution concluded their arguments in the case on that day.

Water transport workers withdrew their indefinite strike on yesterday night following a fruitful discussion with the government, over 11 hours after enforcing it across the country to press home their 11-point demand, including an increase in their wages. The workers' other demands include providing risk allowance, stopping extortion, and ensuring clean water and food for them


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