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### News Brief

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said, the historic Six-Point Demand was solely the brainchild of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as no-one else was involved in formulating this crucial political programme that led the county to its Independence. The Premier was virtually addressing the prize-distribution ceremony of an online quiz competition held on June 7, marking the Historic Six-Point Demand Day. Bangabandhu's Birth Centenary Celebration National Implementation Committee organized the ceremony at the International Mother Language Institute in the capital yesterday. The Prime Minister said, "This was a rare instance in the world that the people had received a demand (the Six-Point Demand) in such a way and shed blood for implementing it. It was possible only by the Bangalees," she said. Sheikh Hasina said, the Six-Point Demand in phases turned into a one point demand to liberate the country from the Pakistani rulers.

Road, Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader has said, after the assassination of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the Mushtaq-Zia clique imprisoned the conscience of the nation through abuse of power. The Minister said this while virtually addressing a discussion marking the National Mourning Day organized by the Jatiya Sramik League at Bangabandhu Avenue yesterday. On the Rohingya issue he said, the government led Sheikh Hasina is holding bilateral, tripartite and multilateral talks to find a sustainable solution to the Rohingya repatriation.

Information Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud while addressing a discussion marking the National Mourning Day organized by NAP- Bhashani at Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday stressed the need for unmasking the kingpins behind the assassination of Bangabandhu and bringing them to book. He further said, Khandaker Moshtaq was the main plotter and Ziaur Rahman was the chief associate of the Bangabandhu assassination adding that Begum Zia is also guilty of the massacre like Zia as she gave shelter to the killers of Bangabandhu and nurtured them too. The Minister also said, the trial of Bangabandhu's killers was held. Now, a demand has been raised to unmask the plotters and bring those who are alive under justice.

The Cabinet Committee on Government Purchase in a virtual meeting yesterday chaired by Finance Minister A H M Mustafa Kamal approved a total of 6 proposals, including one for extending the contract tenure of Korea Expressway Corporation & Associates, the Construction Supervision Consultant for Padma Bridge with a cost of around Taka 348.01 crore.

Education Minister Dr. Dipu Moni while addressing a virtual discussion programme yesterday organized by the Planning Commission said, the government has taken an initiative to amend the National Education Policy-2010 as it needs revision and refinement. Dr. Dipu Moni also revealed that formulation of an education law is at its final stage to ensure quality education at all levels.

Nigerian postal service will release a commemorative stamp today celebrating the 'Mujib Year'. Nigerian Foreign Minister Geoffrey Onyeama along with his Bangladesh counterpart Dr. A K Abul Momen will jointly unveil the commemorative stamps at a virtual platform organized by Bangladesh mission in Nigerian capital Abuja.

Indian External Affairs Ministry in a statement yesterday said, Indian Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla's recent visit to Bangladesh was very needed to uphold mutual interests of the two friendly countries. The statement, citing the strengthening of bilateral relations in various areas during the last couple of years said, the Foreign Secretary's visit has proved, how India prioritizes Bangladesh in the 'neighbor first policy.'

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A two day virtual conference marking three years of Rohingya exodus ended yesterday with 15 point Dhaka Declaration which includes trial of the Myanmar perpetrators. Human rights activists from 12 countries took part in the conference arranged by Dhaka University, BRAC University and ActionAid Bangladesh.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, in a statement, has called for greater attention to the Rohingya refugee crisis and addressing its root causes. He said, conditions for the safe, voluntary, dignified and sustainable return of all refugees need to be created adding that the UN will continue to stand in solidarity with all those affected by the crisis.

The USA has reiterated its call for justice for Rohingya victims and accountability for those responsible for launching brutal attacks against Myanmar's minor community on August 2017, said US Department of State spokesperson Morgan Ortagus in a statement on Tuesday.

Bangladesh yesterday recorded 54 more fatalities from the novel coronavirus in a daily count, raising the death toll from the pandemic to 4,082. At the same time recovery count rose to 1,90,183 after another 3,427 patients were discharged from the hospitals during the period. The country also saw further rise in coronavirus cases with the detection of 2,519 new cases taking the total number of cases to 3,02,147. A total of 15,070 samples were tested across the country during the time.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has gifted Rajshahi Medical College Hospital a high flow nasal cannula for treatment of its patients suffering from covid-19. Rajshahi Mayor AHM Khairuzzaman Liton yesterday handed over the modern device to the hospital authorities.

The Election Commission-EC approved the draft of Political Party Registration Act with some corrections and directions at a meeting yesterday with Chief Election Commissioner K M Nurul Huda in the chair. He said that the draft would be placed before the EC commissioners within a week with required corrections and then it would be sent to the concerned office of the government.

The 44th death anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam is being observed in the country today. Different political parties, socio-cultural and professional bodies have chalked out elaborate programmes to observe the day.

The government has extended the tenure of Bangladesh Ambassador to China Mahbub Uz Zaman with a one-year contractual appointment.

Bangladesh Permanent Representative to UN Agencies and other International Organizations in Vienna Ambassador Muhammad Abdul Muhith presented credentials to United Nations Industrial Development Organization-UNIDO Director General LI Yong on Tuesday at UNIDO Headquarters there.

The Central Procurement Technical Unit-CPTU of Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division-IMED launched a Citizen Portal-citizen.cptu.gov.bd yesterday as a part of the government's commitment to let people know about public expenditures in line with the Right to Information Act.

The overall flood situation improved across the country, except in the Ganges basin, according to the Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre. The Brahmaputra-Jamuna and Padma rivers are in falling trend, while the Ganges River is in steady state and it would remain stable in the next 72 hours, the FFWC said in a bulletin last morning. Major rivers of the upper Meghna basin in the country's north-eastern region are also in falling trend and it may continue to recede in the next 24 hours.

Former New Zealand batsman Craig McMillan has been appointed Bangladesh's batting consultant for the Tour of Sri Lanka in October-November this year, the Bangladesh Cricket Board - BCB confirmed on Tuesday.

  
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