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News Brief

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in a message, on the occasion of Bangabandhu's historic speech on February 6 in 1972 in Kolkata said, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's historic speech delivered at the Brigade Parade Ground in Kolkata on February 6, 1972 is very significant one in the history of Bangalee nation. The Premier also recalled with gratitude the sacrifice and unity of Indian people during the Liberation War of Bangladesh. Sheikh Hasina wished the friendly ties between the two neighboring countries will further stronger in the coming days. Meanwhile, Bangladesh Information Ministry along with Bangladesh Deputy High Commission in Kolkata in cooperation with Indian authorities are going to arrange a memorial meeting today on the occasion of Bangabandhu's historic speech at the historic parade ground on the eve of the golden jubilee of Bangladesh's independence and birth centenary of Bangabandhu. Information Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud is going to join as chief guest in the memorial meeting.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader at a press briefing from his official residence in Dhaka yesterday said, BNP is orchestrating widespread propaganda against the government by appointing lobbyists in exchange of huge amount of money. Talking about the propaganda surfaced by the Al-Jazeera television he said, the people will not confused over the propaganda as the people is getting benefit of the politics of development, led by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Agriculture Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdur Razzaque after visiting various development schemes at Modhupur municipality in Tangail said, all the villages across the country are gradually being transformed into cities as the government has taken pragmatic steps to reach all the urban facilities to the people living in rural areas. The present government is working for building a non-communal democratic country where development would be ensured for all, he added.

A five-day long 3rd Bangladesh Film Festival-2021 began yesterday at Nandan Hall Kolkata, West Bengal with much enthusiasm and festivity in presence of popular artistes and eminent film makers from both the countries. Information Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud opened the festival. Speaking at the function Dr. Hasan Mahmud said, the third 'Bangladesh Film Festival' will help deepen proximity of Bangladesh and West Bengal. He said, the journey of Bangladesh's films was started with the hands of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, and Bangladesh and India are jointly working to make films under the leadership of his daughter Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Ministry of Information of Bangladesh with the support of Bangladesh Deputy High Commission in Kolkata organized the festival, in which a total of 32 Bangladeshi feature films will be screened.

Foreign Minister Dr. A K Abdul Momen in an exclusive interview with BSS said, Bangladesh is cautiously gauging Myanmar army's gesture towards remaining Rohingya population at their homeland in bordering Rakhine province as reports suggest the military apparently took overnight a reconciliatory approach towards the ethnic minority community. He said Dhaka decided to "approach directly" the new Myanmar government to resume talks over Rohingya repatriation as soon as it set in while China previously extended a mediatory hand under a tripartite negotiation.

The Postal Department yesterday issued a commemorative stamp and an opening envelope marking the historic Six-Point Demand Announcing Day. On February 5 in 1966, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman launched his historic six-point political and economic programme in Lahore, aiming at attaining greater autonomy for the then East Pakistan in the backdrop of exploitation and discrimination by the then Pakistani rulers. Posts and Telecommunications Minister Mustafa Jabbar unveiled the commemorative stamp worth Taka 10, an opening envelope worth Taka 10, and a data card worth Taka 5 from his official residence yesterday.

State Minister for Water Resources Zahid Farooq said, the ministry has received the project plan of building sustainable embankment at coastal areas. He said this while visiting the repairing works of damaged dam caused by Amphan at Koyra in Khulna yesterday. He informed, the Premier provided Taka 75 crore to Bangladesh Army to work at 12 points and they have completed the repairing works at most of the places.

Bangladesh Police Service Association, in a press release yesterday described the recent investigative report titled "All the Prime Minister's men" broadcast on the Qatar-based news channel Al Jazeera as fictitious, intentional, and false.

Bangladesh is on the threshold of registering its name under Guinness World Records by creating a large crop-field painting of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, considering it the largest work of art in the world history ahead of Bangabandhu's 100 years of birth to be celebration on March 17 this year. The information came from the Agricultural Journalists Forum meeting held at Krishibid Institution, Bangladesh-KIB in Dhaka yesterday.

Terming Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as the architect of independent Bangladesh, Nobel laureate Amartya Sen, in an article said, Bangalees have many things to learn from the ideology of him. The article was published in Indian Anandabazar Patrika yesterday on the occasion of the birth centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The Indian Bengalee economist said, Bangabandhu was not only "a friend of Bengal" but his role was more than that and incomparable.

With the death of 7 more people yesterday, the number of deaths from Covid-19 in Bangladesh rose to 8,182. At the same time recovery count rose to 4,82,424, DGHS disclosed this information in a press release yesterday. With the detection of 435 new cases, the total number of Covid-19 cases rose to 5,37,465.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, in a condolence message yesterday expressed deep sorrow at the death of former principal of Notre Dame College, Father Joseph S Peixotto, who died at his 87 in his residence in Dhaka February 4.



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