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News Brief

The 75th birthday of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is being celebrated across the country today. The ruling AL and its affiliated and likeminded bodies have drawn up various program to celebrate the day. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is now in the USA as she went there to join the 76th United Nations General Assembly-UNGA. This year the UN-sponsored Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) has conferred Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina with "SDG Progress Award" for Bangladesh's steady course in responding to the universal call to take action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure peace and prosperity for all. The event's moderator introduced PM Sheikh Hasina as the "Jewel in the crown of the day" while appreciating her leadership in spearheading the SDG campaign even during the global COVID-19 pandemic. During her long illustrious journey, the Premier has been conferred with number of honorary degrees, accolades and awards in recognition of her leadership excellence and intellectual flair including 'Vaccine Hero', 'Champion of Skill Development for Youth', 'Champions of the Earth', 'Agent of Change Award' and 'Planet 50-50 Champion'.

Marking the Premier's birthday, the nationwide mass vaccination campaign began today with a target to inoculate 80 lac people aged above 25. DGHS Director General Professor Dr. A B M Khurshid Alam said, only those who have already registered will be administered the first dose of the vaccine, while the second dose will be given next month on the same date.

An e-poster, titled, "Father has given the independent homeland, Daughter has given the light" has been published at the initiative of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's Birth Centenary Celebration National Implementation Committee marking the Prime Minister's 75th birthday.

President Md. Abdul Hamid in a message on the eve of the Premier's 75th birthday wished her long life, sound health, peace-progress and continued wellbeing. The President said, Sheikh Hasina is a leader of masses as like as her father. With her political wisdom, prudence, dynamic leadership, humanitarian values, she established herself as one of the best statesmen not only in the country but also in the world, he said. He further said, under her leadership, Bangalee nation is moving ahead to build a happy and prosperous Sonar Bangla as dreamt by Bangabandhu. Under her dynamic leadership, Bangladesh today graduated to the status of developing nation from the list of LDCs, he said. Highlighting the Premier's success stories in the country's development, the President said, though the world economy faced negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, Bangladesh has been able to keep up the economic growth because of the time-befitting and courageous steps of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

President Md. Abdul Hamid has asked the university authorities of the country to ensure proper health guidelines in classrooms, dormitories, campuses, offices and other places for imparting physical education as a delegation of Dhaka University, led by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Md. Akhtaruzzaman, paid a courtesy call on him at Bangabhaban yesterday. The President, also the University Chancellor, suggested the university administration to take steps to oversee the immunization for all students within the shortest possible time. During the meeting, the President also directed the authority concerned to take effective measures with arranging extra classes to compensate students for their losses of classes due to the pandemic.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said, there is no alternative to Sheikh Hasina in the country's politics, adding that if the BNP selects a convicted fugitive staying on the bank of Thames River in London as its leader, the country's people will not accept him. The Minister was addressing a meeting yesterday arranged by AL Agriculture and Cooperatives Affairs sub-committee at the party's Bangabandhu Avenue central office, marking the Premier's 75th birthday. The Minister called upon the AL leaders and workers to take lessons from the life of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, saying that Bangabandhu's family is a unique example of the honest politics. He said, after 1975, Sheikh Hasina joined politics putting her life at risk and conspiracy is still being hatched against her. But, Bangabandhu's daughter Sheikh Hasina is moving forward fearlessly to build Sonar Bangla dreamt by her father, he added.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, daughter of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, is the name of a struggle's anecdote and a living legend, Information and Broadcasting Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud stated this at a photo album unveiling ceremony arranged by the Press Information Department-PID, at its conference room at the Secretariat yesterday, marking the 75th birthday of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The country has experienced a phenomenal change under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the Minister said adding, nowadays it is hard to find people with barefoot and torn cloths on the street. No one in the country now stays hungry, poverty rate has come down to 20 per cent from 40 per cent and the country has changed due to the Premier's magical leadership, the Minister said.

Secretary of the ministry Md. Mokbul Hossain also addressed the function with Principal Information Officer Shahinoor Miah in the chair.

Foreign Minister Dr. A K Abdul Momen has called upon the international community including the UK to take concrete actions for creation of a conducive environment in Myanmar for sustainable return of Rohingyas to their homeland in Rakhine State. Lord Ahmad, the British State Minister for Foreign Affairs for South Asia, UN and the Commonwealth met the Foreign Minister at the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh in New York recently and discussed various issues. In the meeting, Dr. Momen suggested that Bangladesh as the President of the CVF and the UK as the President of COP26 might jointly hold an event on the sidelines of COP26 in Glasgow. He also invited private sector investment of the UK in different environment-friendly projects in Bangladesh. Dr. Momen recently handed over his new book titled "Sheikh Hasina: PM's speech to the nation" to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in New York. The book is a compilation of 32 original speeches of the PM with his analysis of socio-economic and political contexts. Prime Minister's ICT Affairs Advisor Sajeeb Wazed Joy was present there.

Bangladesh would highlight its various achievements in different fields including trade, commerce and the overall economy of the country in the last 50 years at the six-month long "Dubai Expo-2020", one of the largest expositions of the world, beginning from October 1 at Dubai, UAE, Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi said this while addressing a press conference at his ministry yesterday. The products related to Bangladeshi culture and heritage would also be projected at the Expo, he said adding, marking the birth centenary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the ideology, spirit as well as the contributions of Bangabandhu during the War of Liberation would be highlighted at the Expo side by side the pioneering role of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in women's empowerment would also be projected.

A new direct rail line from Bogura to Sirajganj in Bangladesh will be developed under a government of India Line of Credit-LoC. As a first step towards this an agreement between Bangladesh Railway and a joint venture company of India was signed yesterday, in the presence of the Railway Minister Md. Nurul Islam Sujan and High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh Vikram Doraiswami at Rail Bhawan in Dhaka.

State Minister for Information and Broadcasting Dr. Md. Murad Hassan has said, the present government's relentless work for the last twelve years turned the country into a middle income one. He made this comment while addressing a public gathering organized by Quebec city unit of Bangladesh AL, in Canada on Sunday. He added, there is no history of development and achievement of Bangladesh other than Bangabandhu and his daughter incumbent Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Bangabandhu's political philosophy is acknowledged in all over the world as he not only thought about Bangladesh, but also about the whole world, he said. The State Minister urged all to take initiative to let know the young generation about Bangabandhu.

Japanese companies are looking at Bangladesh as a new frontier of investment in Asia, ITO Naoki, Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh said this at a digital seminar on Banking Support for Bangladesh-Japan Trade and Business Growth jointly organized by Eastern Bank Limited and Japan External Trade Organization-JETRO yesterday. Attended by representatives of top Japanese companies operating in Bangladesh, the seminar was arranged to discuss and understand banking services and products requirements for Japanese investment in the country.

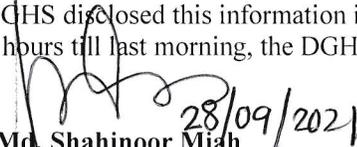
Newly appointed Thai Ambassador to Bangladesh Makawadee Sumitmore has called for a free trade agreement-FTA between Bangladesh and Thailand to create more business opportunities between the two countries. She made the call while paying a courtesy call on the board of directors of the Bangladesh Thai Chamber of Commerce & Industry-BTCCI at the Royal Thai Embassy in Dhaka on Sunday. The Thai envoy also assured the business leaders of working on all the proposals of BTCCI.

The examinations of the SSC and HSC will start from November 14 and December 2 respectively, the Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Division announced the exam schedule yesterday. The Madrasa Education Board had previously announced that the Dakhil exams, equivalent to the SSC, would be held on Nov 14.

The government has allocated a total of 11,119 tons of VGF rice for fishermen during the upcoming Hilsa fishing ban from October 4 to 25. The food aid is being provided under the government's Humanitarian Food Assistance Program, a handout said.

Meanwhile, twenty-five lac more doses of Pfizer vaccine, gifted by the USA under COVAX facility, arrived in Dhaka. Earlier, Bangladesh received over 1 lac doses of Pfizer vaccine in the first phase and 10.03 lac doses in the second phase from the USA.

The country yesterday recorded 25 fatalities from COVID-19, taking the total death toll to 27,439. With 1,212 fresh cases, the number of infections surged to 15,52,563. The positivity rate stood at 4.36 per cent, as 27,787 samples were tested during the time. At the same time, the recovery count rose to 15,12,681, DGHS disclosed this information in a press release yesterday. Besides, 214 dengue patients got hospitalized in the last 24 hours till last morning, the DGHS informed.


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