

**PRESS INFORMATION DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH
DHAKA**

MOST URGENT
FOR: BANGLADOOT, ALL MISSIONS
MSG: 60/2017
Date: Wednesday, 22 March 2017

FROM: PIO, PID, DHAKA
Fax: 9540553/9540026
E-mail: piddhaka@gmail.com
piddhaka@yahoo.com
Web: www.pressinform.portal.gov.bd

News brief

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) yesterday approved Tk 1.15 lakh crore 4th Health, Population and Nutrition Sector Program, aiming to improve equity, quality and efficiency for gradually moving towards Universal Health Coverage and achieving health-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The approval came at a meeting of the ECNEC held at the NEC Conference Room in the city with ECNEC Chairperson and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair. A total of nine projects were approved yesterday involving an estimated cost of Tk 1, 230.34 lakh crore.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged the guardians and professionals to look into their children activities so that they cannot take the path of militancy, violence and drug abuse. The Prime Minister said the government will take every measure for those, who want to return from the destructive path. The Premier said this while addressing a mammoth public meeting at Freedom Fighter Asaduzzaman Stadium in Magura. Listing her government's development activities, the Prime Minister said every person would get electricity facilities. Earlier, the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of 28 development projects involving over Tk 327 crore in Magura.

The LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Engineer Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain said the government has taken multiple steps to redesign and redevelop the water resources across Bangladesh and hoped that the country would see a positive picture of all polluted rivers within next six years. The Minister said this at a seminar in the city yesterday.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday called upon teachers and guardians to keep a close watch on students so that they cannot get involved in militancy. The Minister said this while speaking at the 6th convocation of Southeast University at Banghabandhu International Conference Center in the city.

Disaster Management and Relief Minister Mofazzel Hossain Chowdhury Maya yesterday said a disaster response committee will be formed at every ward of 11 city corporations by May 31 next aiming to cope with any disaster aftermath. The Minister said this while addressing the inaugural session of a three-day workshop organised by the ministry at Bangladesh Institute of Management (BIM) in the capital. The Minister said as innovation, solar panels will be set up on boats of 1,000 *bede* (gypsies) people.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shahriar Alam told in Chittagong yesterday that Bangladesh has intensified its diplomatic efforts to get UN recognition for March 25 as Mass Killing Day commemorating the atrocities and mass killing committed by Pakistani occupation forces in 1971. He said Bangladesh will have to approach each country separately to get support and it will first knock on the doors of those countries which stood beside us during 1971 Liberation War.

State Minister for Power and Energy Nasrul Hamid has said the government is likely to sign a credit deal involving \$1.6 billion with Indian Exim Bank in the first week of April for the 1320MW Rampal power plant. Last Sunday, the Legislative & Parliamentary Affairs Division of the law ministry gave the go-ahead for the signing of the facility agreement for construction of Rampal power plant.

State minister for labour and employment Mujibul Haque Chunnu yesterday said effective steps are underway to fix up national standard for proper compensating for the on duty injured or dead laborers'. The Minister said this at a view-exchange meeting at CIRDAP auditorium in the city.

State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Meher Afroze Chumki said Bangladesh is regarded as the role model for the empowerment of women in the world as the country has achieved remarkable success in advancing women under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. She made this remark while speaking at the ongoing sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) which is being held from 13-24 March at UN Headquarters in New York.

DSEX, the prime index of the DSE, settled yesterday at 5724.86 points.

Mohammad Ishtaque Hossain
Addl. Principal Information Officer
Ph-02-9545096