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News Brief

President Md. Abdul Hamid returned home last night wrapping up his eight-day official visit to Japan and Singapore. A regular aircraft of Singapore Airlines carrying the President and his entourage members landed at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport at about 11.30 pm.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina returned home last evening after wrapping up her four-day official visit to Azerbaijan for attending the 18th Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement in Baku. A special flight of Biman Bangladesh Airlines carrying the Premier and her entourage members landed at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport around 7.20 pm.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader has said, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has launched actions in a bid to uproot weeds and other bad elements from Awami League and all of its affiliated bodies to keep the party's image intact. The Minister said this while addressing representatives meeting of the six organising committees of Chattogram divisional Awami League in the Port City yesterday. The Minister said, Chattogram city will be brought under the metro rail network within a short possible time. Information Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud addressing the meeting alerted all concerned in Awami League to stop intrusion of pseudo-Awami Leaguers into the party.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal has urged the journalists to play a vital role in preventing rumours spread through social media. The Minister made the call while speaking at a discussion titled "The role of media in preventing rumours" at Teacher-Student Center Auditorium of Dhaka University yesterday.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Zahid Maleque has said, the Government will recruit 10,000 doctors. In the first phase the Health Ministry would recruit 4,500 this year and another 5,500 would be recruited next year, the Minister added. Zahid Maleque said this while inaugurating the newly constructed six storied building of Sheikh Hasina Medical College at Tangail yesterday.

Agriculture Minister Dr Abdur Razzaque has said, the government has allocated adequate fund for further recharging Genetically Modified Organism technology to produce more crops meeting the increased demand of food in the country. The Minister was addressing a seminar titled 'GMO Crops: Policy and Practices in South Asia' in the capital's Bashundhara residential area yesterday.

Education Minister Dipu Moni has warned educational institutions that the government will cancel monthly pay order facilities if they are caught using erroneous information for enlistment. The Minister gave the warning while exchanging views with journalists on the MPO affiliation of educational institutions at BANBEIS in Dhaka yesterday. On October 23, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina announced a list of 2,730 educational institutions bringing them under the MPO scheme.

A book with the title 'The Making of a Blue Revolution in Bangladesh: Enablers, Impacts, and the Path Ahead for Aquaculture' was launched in the capital yesterday. Planning Minister M A Mannan speaking on the occasion said, research on how sea resources can contribute to our prosperity is needed. The launching ceremony of the book published by International Food Policy Research Institute was also addressed by Prime Minister's Energy Adviser Dr Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury. The Speakers said, Bangladesh has made a revolutionary progress in fish aquaculture during the last several decades. But, still there is need for some policy reforms to tap full potentials of the sector.

Saudi Arabia forcibly sent back 373 Bangladeshi workers in 24 hours though the deportees claimed that they had all the legal documents. A flight carrying 200 deportees landed at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport around 11:30pm on Friday and another flight landed with 173 Bangladeshis on Saturday night. According to BRAC Migration Programme, about 18,000 Bangladeshi workers were deported from Saudi Arabia this year.

The High Court yesterday issued a rule asking the authorities concerned to explain as to why directives should not be given to set up breastfeeding and baby-care corners at workplaces, airports, bus stops, railway stations and shopping malls. It also wanted to know why the Women and Children Affairs Ministry should not be directed to formulate guidelines to establish breastfeeding corners in public places and private institutions.

An Environment Court in Chattogram yesterday fined the owner of Dosh-1 oil tanker Tk 3 crore for polluting the Karnafuli River as oil from the tanker spilled into the river following its collision with another vessel on 24 October.

Weeklong Income Tax Fair will begin across the country on November 14 aiming to extend tax related services and raise awareness on tax. In the capital, the fair will take place in the Officers' Club premises at Baily Road.


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