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News Brief

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is scheduled to virtually inaugurate the newly-constructed Bangladesh Chancery Complex in Ankara today. Foreign Minister Dr. A K Abdul Momen will join his Turkish counterpart Mevlut Cavusoglu at the inaugural ceremony. Dr. Momen left for Turkey yesterday on a four-day visit. The Foreign Minister will hold bilateral talks with his Turkish counterpart tomorrow.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader has said, the Bangladesh-India friendly relations are now smoother, warmer and more futuristic than any time in the past. With her diplomatic efficiency, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has built a relation of trust between the two neighboring countries to cooperate with each other to take ahead the mutual development, he said. The Minister was addressing a review meeting on the progress of the under-implementation projects in Bangladesh under the Indian Lines of Credit through videoconferencing from his official residence yesterday. Outgoing High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh Riva Ganguly Das also joined it. About BNP's allegation that the government has dropped the names of 82,000 patients from the statistics of Covid-19 patients, the Minister termed it as strange and imaginary information adding that BNP's traditional political culture is to make falsehood as the party's politics is dependent on conspiracy, carrying out killings and terrorism.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Anisul Huq has said, lawyers would be given long-term loans at low interest through the Bangladesh Bar Council to cope with the financial crisis caused by the long general holiday to stop the transmission of coronavirus. He was addressing a virtual function to inaugurate newly-constructed eight-storied Faridpur Chief Judicial Magistrate Court Building yesterday.

Fisheries and Livestock Minister S M Rezaul Karim said, the government is working to disseminate findings of research across the country with a view to boosting livestock to meet people's protein demand. He was inaugurating an international laboratory at Bangladesh Livestock Research Institute in Savar yesterday.

Railways Minister Md. Nurul Islam Sujon while visiting Cumilla Rail Station yesterday said, rail would run in double lines on Dhaka-Chattogram route in 2022. The Cumilla Rail Station would be rebuilt to make it befitting with the double line, the Minister added.

Bangladesh yesterday recorded 31 more fatalities from the novel coronavirus in a daily count, raising the death toll from the pandemic to 4,733. At the same time recovery count rose to 2,40,643 after another 2,372 patients were discharged from the hospitals during the period. The country also saw further rise in coronavirus cases with the detection of 1,476 new cases taking the total number of cases to 3,37,520. A total of 12,999 samples were tested at 94 authorised laboratories across the country during the time.

The natural gas supply through the newly built pipeline for the first time reached Khulna region yesterday. The gas initially is being supplied to the 225 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant of the Khalishpur industrial area.

All non-mechanical vehicles, including battery-run rickshaws and vans that were mechanized by adding motor-battery-engines, have been banned from the roads of the Dhaka South City Corporation area from yesterday, DSCC Mayor Barrister Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh said this while addressing a programme at Nagar Bhaban yesterday.

Bangladesh High Commissioner to the UK Saida Muna Tasneem while giving a briefing on Bangladesh's Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) and the Vulnerable Twenty (V20) Group of Finance Ministers Presidency at the Commonwealth Board of Governors extraordinary meeting in London mentioned the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, especially in building climate resilience post-Covid strategies for the Commonwealth Climate Vulnerable Countries. She also proposed for a CVF-Commonwealth leaders high-level meeting at the upcoming Kigali Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Rwanda in June 2021, said the Bangladesh High Commission today.

Bangladesh Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Dr. Mohammad Javed Patwary met Saudi Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Adel bin Ahmed Al-Jubeir recently and discussed various issues of mutual interest. The Saudi State Minister assured the Ambassador of extending cooperation during his tenure as Ambassador.

Bangladesh has strongly protested a suspicious movement of Myanmar troops along the border amid protracted Rohingya crisis summoning the country's Ambassador in Dhaka Aung Kyaw Moeand. He was called to the Myanmar cell Director General's office at the Foreign ministry yesterday.

The 50th round of DG Level Talks between BGB and BSF, which was scheduled for yesterday, had been postponed as the BSF delegation could not reach Dhaka due to technical glitch in BSF aircraft. The meeting is likely to be held later this month, officials said.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday stayed a High Court order that had directed Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Company Limited to give Taka 5 lakh as initial compensation to each of the victims of the blast in the Narayanganj mosque, allowing a plea of Titas Gas against the interim order of the High Court. Still, 5 critically injured in the blast are undergoing treatment at ICU of Sheikh Hasina National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery.

The injured father of Ghoraghat UNO Wahida Khanam was shifted to the National Institute of Neurosciences in the capital from Rangpur Medical College Hospital yesterday for better treatment. Physicians said, he is paralysed from the waist down. However, he can eat and talk.

A fast-track court yesterday sentenced six persons to death in a case lodged over murder of retired Tangail school teacher Anil Kumar Das and his wife Kalpana Rani Das in 2017.

As part of the tree plantation programme announced on the occasion of the birth centenary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Awami League, its associate and like-minded organizations have planted more than one crore trees across the country. AL Forests and Environment Committee informed this yesterday.

TCB started selling onion at Tk 30 per kg and some other essential items, including sugar, lentil pulses and soybean oil yesterday at different points in the capital and elsewhere in the country which would continue till October 31.

The admission process for Class XI began yesterday which will continue till September 17, Dhaka Education Board sources said.

The US Embassy in Dhaka is now accepting applications to renew certain classifications of nonimmigrant visas through online beginning on Sunday.



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