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### News Brief

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said, the history virtually repeated the Karbala tragedy in Bangladesh on August 15, 1975 with Ziaur Rahman being the key shadow man behind the carnage plot. Unlike the Karbala incident, the assassins did not spare the women and children, she added. The Premier was addressing a National Mourning Day discussion through a videoconference from Ganabhaban yesterday jointly organized by Awami League's Dhaka north and south city units. The Prime Minister said, the Father of the Nation's killers in their words and in media interviews confessed that they drew Ziaur Rahman's blessings and all kinds of support in carrying out the carnage. As long as Khandaker Moshtaque was in Bangabhaban, Zia frequently visited there and maintained contact and held meetings with the killers of Bangabandhu . . . the involvement of Zia in Bangabandhu's killing is now clear before the people with these evidence, she said . The Prime Minister asked her party leaders not to allow the infiltrators into Bangladesh AL saying that the party's image will be tarnished due to their misdeeds.

The holy Ashura, commemorating the martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA), was observed in the country yesterday with due religious fervor and solemnity. President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina issued separate messages on the eve of the day. Different religious organisations, including Islamic Foundation, took various programmes to observe the day. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Shia Muslims brought out a brief procession, known as Tajia procession, from Hosene Dalan of Old Dhaka in the morning but it remained inside the Hosene Dalan premises.

Bangladesh Awami League has nominated Md. Nuruzzaman Biswas as the party candidate to contest the Jatiya Sangsad Pabna-4 by-election slated for September 26. The nomination was finalised at a meeting of the AL Parliamentary Board yesterday at Ganabhaban, with AL President and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

Information Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud castigating BNP's destructive activities and killing the common people said, they should seek apology from the masses for their ill politics. The Minister was addressing a discussion at Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday organized by 'Bangabandhu o Jatiya Char Neta Parishad' marking the National Mourning Day. He further said, Ziaur Rahman and his family members were the most beneficiaries of the assassination of Bangabandhu. He also said, Zia rehabilitated all razakars in the country's politics after the 1975 changeover and brought back Golam Azam to the country. Zia gave terrorism an institutional shape while Begum Zia continued the same trend.

Bangladesh Foreign Secretary Masud Bin Momen is likely to visit New Delhi in middle of September. It will be a return visit as Indian foreign secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla during his August 18-19 Dhaka tour invited his counterpart to visit India at his earliest convenience, officials at Bangladesh High Commission in New Delhi informed media yesterday. The officials said, Bin Momen's visit is also expected to prepare grounds for the 6th foreign ministers level joint consultative committee meeting this year.

Bangladesh yesterday recorded 42 more fatalities from the novel coronavirus in a daily count, raising the death toll from the pandemic to 4,248. At the same time recovery count rose to 2,01,907 after another 3,044 patients were discharged from the hospitals during the period. The country also saw further rise in coronavirus cases with the detection of 1,897 new cases taking the total number of cases to 3,10,925. A total of 11,934 samples were tested across the country during the time.



Director General of the World Health Organization Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus has lauded the ongoing activities and various initiatives taken by the government of Bangladesh to control COVID-19. He praised Bangladesh, in particular, for its effective role in controlling the spread of coronavirus in populated Rohingya camps, when Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UN Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva and Ambassador of Bangladesh to Switzerland M. Shameem Ahsan had a farewell meeting with him recently.

Bangladesh has sought a post-Covid extension of the UK's GSP facility to Bangladeshi products until 2030 to boost trade and also its greater support for a faster post-pandemic SDGs recovery, Bangladesh High Commissioner to UK Saida Muna Tasneem said. She also sought higher climate financing by the UK for moving towards Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's low-carbon climate-resilient development strategies while addressing the UK parliament's All-Party Parliamentary Group on SDGs on Wednesday. She also spelled out the necessity of access to COVID-19 vaccine.

Chattogram Port secured the 58th position among the 100 busiest container handling ports of the world in 2020 advancing six steps in terms of annual handling of containers in this year's Lloyd's List, world's oldest journal on port and shipping. As per Lloyd's List of 2019, the Chattogram port handled 30 lakh 88,187 TEUs of containers and that was 29 lakh 3,996 TEUs of containers in 2018. The growth rate was annual 6.3 per cent container handling.

The body of Chitta Ranjan Dutta, Bir Uttam, widely known as CR Dutta, Commander of sector number four during the Liberation War, is scheduled to reach Dhaka this morning from the USA where he passed away on August 25 at the age of 93. Preparations are being taken to hold his last rituals with full state and military honor.


Overall flood situation in the Ganges basin improved further yesterday as the water level is declining constantly in most of the rivers for the last couple of days due to dwindling of the onrush of water from the upstream hilly catchment areas. Of the 30 river points monitored in the Ganges basin, water levels receded at 28 points, while increased at one point and remained steady at one point, according to Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre.

Dhaka North City Corporation would start a combing operation from September 1 to increase the coverage of revenue in the city, Mayor Atiqul Islam yesterday at a press briefing said. Action would be taken against the hanging wires in the city from October 1, he added.

Awami League's Science and Technology Affairs sub-committee will hold a seminar titled 'Bangabandhu and Bangabandhu's daughter Jananetri Sheikh Hasina's far-sighted plan in sustainable flood management: perspective 2020' at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh in the capital this morning. The Information and Research Sub Committee will also hold a special webinar titled 'Jatir Pitar Hottya Bichar : Jatir Prottasha Abong Rastro er Koronio' today at 9 pm. Both would be aired live on AL's official facebook page and youtube channel.

Canada-based Chartered Professional Accountants has given recognition to Office of the Controller of Certifying Authorities under ICT Division of the government of Bangladesh in issuing three digital certificates—website trust seal, BR-SSL and EV-SSL.

The helpless and poor litigants of the country are getting free legal aid at home through the 'BD Legal Aid' app, which is available on Google Play Store. Besides, the government has introduced a helpline service program to ensure legal aids with a toll-free number:16430, said a National Legal Aid Services Organization circular.

  
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