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News Brief

President Md. Abdul Hamid while addressing a function to distribute the Public Administration Medal-2019 on the occasion of National Public Service Day at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka yesterday asked the public servants to ensure transparency and accountability at all stages to make the ongoing development sustainable. The President also asked the employees of the republic to develop a relation of trust between the public servants and the people and to perform their duties with the attitude of serving the people. Besides, on the occasion of the day, Post and Telecommunication Minister Mustafa Jabbar at GPO in the city yesterday inaugurated a programme of the postal department to facilitate people to open 'Nagad' account free of cost.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, now on an official visit to the UK to attend Bangladeshi envoys' conference and other programmes, underwent a surgery in her left eye at a London hospital on Monday. The PM is also monitoring the country's flood situation round the clock and giving necessary directives to the ministers and officials concerned.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader at an urgent meeting at his ministry yesterday asked the authorities concerned to finish repairing roads and highways in the flood affected areas a week before the upcoming Eid-ul-Adha. Bangladesh Railway will start selling advance train tickets from July 29 on the occasion of Eid-ul-Adha. Half of the tickets will be sold at ticket counters while the rest online, Railways Minister Md. Nurul Islam Sujon said at a briefing at the Rail Bhaban in Dhaka yesterday.

Bangladesh Foreign Minister Dr. A K Abdul Momen and Malta Foreign and Trade Promotion Minister Carmelo Abela held a official bilateral talks in Maltese capital Valetta on Monday. During the talks, Bangladesh and Malta agreed to invigorate bilateral relations between the two countries especially in areas of maritime and blue economy. After the talks, the two Foreign Ministers signed two MoUs on regular holding of political consultations and cooperation between diplomatic training academies of the two countries. Bangladesh Foreign Minister, who is on a two-day official visit to Malta, also separately called on Maltese President Dr. George Vella and Prime Minister Josef Muscat. Besides, an MoU was signed in Dhaka yesterday between the Construction Management Association of South Korea and the Ministry of Housing and Public Works for the development of the country's construction industry.

The flood situation in the country has improved as water level of most of the rivers declined except the Surma and the Kushiara, according to the Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre (FFWC). Deputy Minister for Water Resources A K M Enamul Hoque Shameem while talking to the media yesterday said that his ministry has been working to minimize the damage of flood by building flood protection embankments at rivers. The World Food Programme is working with the government of Bangladesh to help more than 2,75,000 people affected by flooding in the country's northwest area, said a spokesperson of the UN Secretary General in a briefing at UN headquarters in New York yesterday. Some 5,000 households, or 25,000 of the most vulnerable people, have received money through mobile transfers as part of the project. The government during the last 23 days allocated Taka 3.91 crore, 24,450 metric tonnes of rice and other relief materials for the flood victims.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal while talking at a press conference at his ministry in Dhaka yesterday warned that stern action would be taken against rumour-led lynching or mass beating.

The Shipping Ministry has decided to introduce 'Bangabandhu Nadi Padak' for individuals and organizations for their contributions for keeping the rivers clean, protecting the riverbanks from illegal occupation and preventing pollution. The award will be given in September of every year or on the 'World Maritime Day'.

A 30-member trade delegation of DCCI attended a two-day CWBTA Eastern India Trade Summit 2019 held in Kolkata on July 15-16 to help explore new trade opportunities and build closer partnership with neighboring countries. Entrepreneurs from India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal and Thailand took part in the summit.

A four-day photo exhibition titled 'Discover Bangladesh' began at Yongsan-gu Office in Seoul of South Korea on Monday. Bangladesh Embassy in Seoul and the Korean Culture Association jointly organized the exhibition.

Bangladesh Bank unveiled the Agriculture Policy yesterday setting higher target in the agriculture credit for the current fiscal with the disbursement of Taka 24,124 crore.


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