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## News Brief

Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain and the Judges Committee yesterday visited the old jail at city's Umesh Dutta Road to pay homage to the memory of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, marking his birth centenary. They placed a wreath at the portrait of Bangabandhu and visited all the rooms where Bangabandhu was imprisoned. Later, they visited the Bangabandhu Museum situated in the old jail. The committee members also paid tribute to the four National Leaders by laying wreaths at their portraits.

The government is extending all-out support to the Election Commission in holding the municipality polls as in a participatory and peaceful manner, Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said this while addressing a press conference yesterday. Turning to politics, he said, BNP is creating obstacles on the path of the country's democratic advancement. The anti-liberation forces under the leadership of BNP had distorted the country's history, he stated. But now the new generation has got the opportunity to know the true history of the country, including the Liberation War, as the AL government remains in power, he added.

The 4<sup>th</sup> phase polls to 55 municipalities are being held today across the country.

A project worth Taka 3000 crore has been undertaken to mechanize the agriculture, Agriculture Minister Dr. Md. Abdur Razzaque stated adding that a total of 284 new posts for agriculture engineer have been created to the same purpose. He was addressing a discussion on Krishibid Dibosh-21 at Bangladesh Agricultural University in Mymensingh yesterday. He also urged agriculturists to innovate newer technologies to mitigate future food demand as the population of the country is rising.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal addressing a discussion marking the 46th founding anniversary of Dhaka Metropolitan Police at Razarbag Police Lines auditorium yesterday, asked the police to continue their relentless efforts to uphold its image and ensure more service to the people.

The role Bangladesh Betar played during the country's independence movement is written in golden letters, Information Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud said this at a discussion marking World Radio Day with the theme "New World New Radio" at Bangladesh Betar in the capital's Agargaon area yesterday. The Minister said, M A Hannan, the then President of Chattogram Awami League, read out the declaration of independence given by Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman from Kalurghat Betar Kendra on March 26, 1971. When Major Ziaur Rahman was given the task of reading the proclamation later, he read out the declaration wrongly. Later, he did it correctly on behalf of Bangabandhu, he said, adding that it is needed to let the new generation know the real history. State Minister for Information Dr. Md. Murad Hasan and Information Secretary Khaja Mia, among others, addressed the discussion with Betar Director General Ahmed Kamruzzaman in the chair.

Local Government Minister Md. Tajul Islam said, initiatives have been taken to transform Dhaka into a livable modern and scenic city by launching water transport from Hatirjheel to Banani. He made the remarks while speaking at a dialogue on 'Dhaka Drainage Management and Canal Modernization' at the CIRDAP auditorium yesterday. Dhaka city would be built like Venice or Santosa as per the dream of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, he said.



Planning Minister M A Mannan has assured the stakeholders of the local construction industry that the government wants to help them as well as to stand beside them. While addressing Energy and Power talks virtually yesterday, he also said, the government often had to wait for long for getting the nod of the lenders in order to get loan or funding which often delays the project formulation process. But, the government eventually held responsible for the delay, he noted.

Bangladesh received COVID-19 vaccine earlier than many other countries in the world and all people of the country will get COVID-19 vaccine gradually, Health and Family Welfare Minister Zahid Maleque said this at a views-exchange meeting at Manikganj Municipality auditorium yesterday. The government is considering an on-the-spot registration provision for senior citizens for Covid-19 vaccination, Secretary to the Health Services Division Abdul Mannan said this yesterday when he was visiting the BSMMU vaccination center.

Environment, Forests and Climate Change Minister M Shahab Uddin said, no one will remain homeless and social security would be ensured by providing assistance to the helpless and poor people through various allowances. The government has relentlessly been working to bring smiles on the faces of the underprivileged people, he said while addressing a function organized by Juri Upazila Parishad in Moulvibazar district yesterday.

Bangladesh Coast Guard is celebrating its 26th founding anniversary today. President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in separate messages on the eve of the "Coast Guard Day-2021" hoped that the members of the Coast Guard would work with sincerity and honesty to ensure foolproof security of the country's maritime and coastal regions.

Bangladesh Press Council Day is being observed in the country today in a befitting manner. President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina issued separate messages on the occasion.

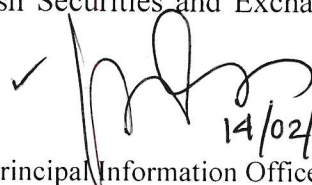
Meanwhile, with the death of 13 more people yesterday, the number of deaths from Covid-19 in Bangladesh rose to 8,266. At the same time recovery count rose to 4,86,767, DGHS disclosed this information in a press release yesterday. With the detection of 291 new cases, the total number of Covid-19 cases rose to 5,40,266. A total of 1,94,371 people were administered COVID-19 vaccines across the country yesterday-DGHS said. As of yesterday, the number of vaccine receivers is 7,36,680.

State Minister for ICT Zunaid Ahmed Palak said, students are getting benefits of digitization. Though the educational institutions remained closed due to Corona virus pandemic, studies are being continued in country, he added. He was addressing a blankets distribution program at Ratal Bazar in Singra upazila in Natore yesterday.

President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in separate condolence messages expressed profound shock and sorrow at the death of a noted journalist and son of martyred journalist Sirajuddin Hossain, Shaheen Reza Noor, who breathed his last at a hospital in Canada's Vancouver after losing the battle with cancer, at the age of 66.

At least five Bangladeshi migrant workers were killed in a road accident in Oman yesterday. Five other people were injured in the incident that took place in Duqm, a port township on the Arabian Sea, according to Bangladesh Embassy in Muscat.

Bangladesh's economic growth is set to bounce back in the fiscal year 2021 and rebound sharply in the fiscal year 2022, aided by strong global growth, said Standard Chartered economists during their presentation at an investor road-show titled "The Rise of Bengal Tiger: Potentials of Bangladesh Capital Markets", organized by Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission-BSEC in Dubai recently.

  
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