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### News Brief

The national budget of the country for the 2020-2021 fiscal year would be placed at 3pm today in the Jatiya Sangsad (JS) by Finance Minister A H M Mustafa Kamal. The budget documents will be available on the website of the Finance Division – [www.mof.gov.bd](http://www.mof.gov.bd) once Finance Minister places it in the Parliament. Anyone from home and abroad will be able to read and download the budget documents and also can give suggestions after filling up the feedback form. Official sources said, the budget size would be Taka 5.68 lakh crore while the previous fiscal's budget was around Taka 5.23 lakh crore. The Finance Division has estimated an overall possible revenue collection target of Taka 3,78,003 crore for the next fiscal. Of the amount, National Board of Revenue (NBR) sets a target of mobilizing Taka 3,30,000 crore as revenue in the next fiscal expanding tax nets. Beyond the NBR target, Taka 15,000 crore is expected to be drawn from the taxable sector and Taka 33,003 crore from the non-taxable sector. The government hopes to get Taka 4,013 crore as foreign grant.

Meanwhile, the JS started the budget session last afternoon maintaining the health guidelines and social distancing in view of the COVID-19 situation in the country. Prime Minister and Leader of the House Sheikh Hasina speaking at the house said, "We'll combat the coronavirus in the way we tackled the super cyclone 'Amphan'. Alongside we'll continue to do whatever necessary so that the life and livelihood of the people go on and they don't suffer due to the coronavirus," the Premier added. The House took an obituary reference on distinguished persons who died since the 7th session of the Jatiya Sangsad including Awami League lawmaker and valiant freedom fighter Habibur Rahman Mollah and other noted personalities. The House also expressed deep shock at the death of Emeritus Professor Dr. Anisuzzaman and National Professor Dr. Zamilur Reza Chowdhury. Earlier, Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury nominated a five-member Panel Chairman for the budget session. The Panel Chairman members are: Muhammad Faruk Khan, AB Tajul Islam, Mohibur Rahman Manik, Kazi Firoz Rashid and Meher Afroze

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina was released from the special sub-jail set up on the premises of the Jatiya Sangsad Building on this day( 11 June) in 2008 after remaining captive there for nearly 11 months. The Awami League President was arrested from her Sudha Sadan residence at Dhanmondi on July 16 in 2007 during the military-backed caretaker government, which assumed power in the political changeover of 1/11 in 2007. As Sheikh Hasina fell sick during her captivity, demands were raised then from different quarters including the Awami League and its associate bodies to send her abroad for better medical treatment after releasing her from jail. Conceding to the people's spontaneous and repeated demands and pressure from different quarters, the then caretaker government was compelled to release Sheikh Hasina from jail.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader has said, pro-people and welfare-oriented budget will be presented in the Jatiya Sangsad by giving the highest priority to the lives and livelihoods of the people. The Minister said this while joining an agreement signing ceremony of northern metro-rail route-5 between Dhaka Mass Rapid Transit Company Ltd and Japanese Nippon Koei Co. Ltd through video conferencing from his official residence yesterday. Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Naoki Ito also joined the video conference. Turning down a statement made by BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir that the government took no advice before budget preparation, the Minister said that it is absolutely wrong as experts' opinions, economists' experiences, research and party manifesto also have been taken into account before giving the budget.

Information Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud turning down the BNP's allegation on the lockdown issue said, they (BNP) want prolonged lockdown as they don't think of the wellbeing of crores of toiling masses. The Minister was talking to reporters at his Ministry yesterday. The Information Minister urged the BNP leaders to look into the other countries' activities across the world saying many countries have started economic activities as no country can afford lockdown for long. Many developed states like European countries have started their economical activities, he added.

Bangladesh yesterday reported 37 more fatalities from the novel coronavirus in a daily count, raising the death toll from the pandemic to 1012. The country also saw further rise in coronavirus cases with the detection of 3,190 new cases during the same period, taking the total number of cases to 74,865. Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) came up with the disclosure at its daily health bulletin. DGHS also informed that across the country 563 more patients made recovery while 15,899 people have recovered so far from the disease. A total of 15,965 samples, the highest in a single day, were tested at 55 authorized labs across the country during that time, it added.


Foreign Minister Dr. A K Abdul Momen has urged the United Arab Emirates to take necessary steps so that Bangladeshi expatriate workers in the oil-rich nation would not be forced to return home due to job cut amid COVID-19 pandemic. The Minister made the urge while talking to UAE's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Ahmed Ali Al Sayegh over telephone yesterday. During the conversation, the Foreign Minister also urged the UAE government to take measures so that Bangladeshi workers in the UAE can get at least six-month salary and other facilities in case of losing their jobs due to the pandemic.

The Cabinet Division has formed a quick response team consisting of five-members to assist coronavirus infected officials and staff. It issued a notification in this regard yesterday. Meanwhile, DGHS following a directive yesterday informed the High Court that there are a total of 733 intensive care unit (ICU) beds at government hospitals across the country. Among them, 235 ICU beds have been set up at 17 government hospitals and the government is trying to increase the number.

Land Ministry has won the 'United Nations Public Service Award-2020' in recognition of introduction of e-mutation process in country's land services. Land Minister Saifuzzaman Chowdhury Javed revealed it yesterday at a virtual press conference. State Minister for Information and Communication Technology Zunaid Ahmed Palak speaking at the online press conference said, work has been undertaken to provide fixed broadband connectivity to nearly 3,616 land offices in the country.

Bangladesh has called the international community in the United Nations to put utmost importance on principle of burden and responsibility sharing in their activities while addressing humanitarian situations. Bangladesh PR to the UN Ambassador Rabab Fatima made the call as she was speaking at the UN high-level panel discussion on 'Addressing the increasing complexity of health challenges in humanitarian context in the 2020 ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment (HAS)' in New York on Tuesday. Sharing Bangladesh's experience, Rabab Fatima stated that Bangladesh's hosting of the 1.1 million Rohingyas from Myanmar demonstrated its commitment to humanity and human rights. Rabab Fatima also mentioned that the Rohingyas had been included in Bangladesh's national COVID response and recovery plans. The UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres addressed the HAS.

The 31st span of the multipurpose Padma Bridge was installed yesterday as the last span on the Jajira side and with the installation of this, over 4.5 kilometers of the bridge is visible now.

  
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