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News Brief

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader has said, the time-tested leaders and workers of the party must be evaluated and priority should be given to them in forming committees in the coming days. The Minister was virtually addressing a review meeting on progress of Western Bangladesh Bridge Improvement Project yesterday. He added that some people are saying that drives against corruption and irregularities have been stopped but it is not true as the drives are still going on. Later, the Minister planted two saplings on the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban premises as part of the programme of planting one crore saplings announced by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on the occasion of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's birth centenary.

Agriculture Minister Dr. Md. Abdur Razzaque while unveiling the foundation stone of the Cotton Development Board building 'Tula Bhaban' on Khamarbari Road in the capital yesterday said, the government is strengthening the Cotton Development Board so that the production of cotton can be accelerated by inventing new varieties suitable for the climate of Bangladesh.

Expatriate Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Imran Ahmed has said, the government is planning to train and certify the workers, who have returned from abroad, to make them skilled manpower. He was speaking at a views-exchange meeting with the principals of the Institute of Marine Technology and Technical Training Centers yesterday.

The four-day border conference between BGB-BSF ended yesterday with BSF's assurance of using lethal weapons as "last resort" to check criminal activities on frontiers. At a joint press conference at BGB's Pikhana headquarters in Dhaka, BSF Chief Rakesh Asthana said that their policy is to bring down border killing to a 'zero level' while BGB DG Major General M Shafeenul Islam told the same. The joint statement said, during the meeting both sides mutually agreed not to undertake any development work within 150 yards of the border without prior information. They agreed to share real time information to each other regarding smuggling of drugs and narcotics and human trafficking.

The Indian government yesterday allowed the onion-laden trucks into Bangladesh carrying 25,000 tons of onion, L/C for which were settled before September 14. The trucks carrying onions, stranded on the Indian ports opposite to Hili Land Port in Dinajpur and Sonamasjid Land port in Chapainawabganj resumed entering Bangladesh. Meanwhile, 30 metric tons of onions have arrived from Myanmar through the Teknaf land port in Cox's Bazar.

Bangladesh yesterday recorded 32 more fatalities from the novel coronavirus raising the death toll from the pandemic to 4,913. At the same time recovery count rose to 2,54,386 after another 2,051 patients were discharged from the hospitals during the period. The country also saw further rise in coronavirus cases with the detection of 1,567 new cases taking the total number of cases to 3,47,372. A total of 13,170 samples were tested across the country during the time. Meanwhile, Sher-e-Bangla Medical College in Barishal received four high flow nasal cannulas as a gift of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for treatment of its patients suffering from COVID-19. State Minister for Water Resources Zahid Faruk handed over the cannulas to the hospital authorities yesterday. Attorney General Mahbubey Alam, who is infected with COVID-19, showed signs of improvement at the Combined Military Hospital in the capital yesterday, his wife confirmed. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is enquiring about his health all the time.

Hefazat-e-Islam Amir Allema Shah Ahmad Shafi, also former Director General of Hathazari Darul Uloom Moinul Islam Madrasa in Chattogram, was buried at the madrasa compound following namaj-e-janaza after Zohar prayers yesterday. Allama Shafi breathed his last at a hospital in the capital on Friday evening at the age of 104. President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in separate condolence messages expressed profound shock and sorrow at the death of Allema Shafi.

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State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam has said, the Rohingya problem is not between Bangladesh and Myanmar but with “Myanmar and its people.” He made the remarks at an international webinar organized by the University of Swinburne in Australia yesterday. Foreign Secretary Masud bin Momen also spoke on the occasion.

Bangladesh’s Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Rabab Fatima has said, the Rohingya crisis requires a political solution, which lies in the return of the Rohingyas to Myanmar by addressing root causes, creating right conditions and holding the wrongdoers accountable. She made the remarks while speaking at a virtual discussion organised jointly by the Permanent Missions of Bangladesh, Canada, Saudi Arabia and Turkey on Wednesday.

The UK’s Export Credit Agency, UK Export Finance-UKEF, has recently more than doubled its capacity for Bangladesh to £2.5 billion, said the British High Commission in Dhaka on Friday. British High Commissioner to Bangladesh Robert Chatterton Dickson has welcomed the UKEF announcement saying more than double increase of UKEF’s capacity for Bangladesh is a great opportunity to expand and diversify the UK-Bangladesh trade and economic relationship.

CID arrested eight suspended officers and workers of Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Company Limited on basis of evidence of negligence over the mosque blast in Narayanganj on September 4. Later, a Narayanganj court placed the officials each on a two-day remand in the case. Meanwhile, two more victims of the mosque blast died at Sheikh Hasina National Burn and Plastic Surgery Institute last afternoon taking the death toll to 33. Three more blast victims are undergoing treatment at the hospital.

The exam schedule of HSC and equivalent examinations postponed for coronavirus pandemic will be known this week, confirmed official sources yesterday saying the Inter-Education Coordinating Board will meet on September 24 to decide the exam schedule.

The 29th 10-day book fair titled ‘New York Bangla Boi Mela 2020’ organized by Muktohdara Foundation began online yesterday marking the birth centenary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Anyone can visit the online book fair by visiting website: nyboimela.org.

The government has attached injured Ghoraghat UNO Wahida Khanam to the Public Administration Ministry as OSD. Wahida’s husband, Pirganj UNO Md. Mejbaul Hossain has been transferred to the Health Services Division as Senior Assistant Secretary.

Dhaka South City Corporation in a press release yesterday requested the city dwellers to refrain from publishing photos of stray dog removal from the city street as they are fake and distorted.

A team of scientists from Noakhali Science and Technology University and North South University has claimed to make the first and successful attempt to detect SARS-CoV-2 viruses’ genetic material in the sewage water.

Water levels in most of the rivers and tributaries in Ganges basin recorded a rising trend for the second consecutive day yesterday in the wake of onrushing of floodwater from the upstream hilly catchment areas. Of the 30 river points, monitored in the Ganges basin, water levels increased at 21 points while receded at nine points, according to the Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre.



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