



PRESS INFORMATION DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH
DHAKA



Most Urgent
For: Bangladdoot, All Missions
MSG: 174/2020-21
Date: Wednesday, 24 February 2021

From: PIO, PID, Dhaka
Fax: 9540553/9540026
E-mail: piddhaka@gmail.com
Web: www.pressinform.gov.bd

News Brief

President Md. Abdul Hamid said, there is a bright prospect for expansion of trade and investment between Bangladesh and Greece as the newly appointed non-resident Ambassador of Greece to Bangladesh Dinoysios Kyvetos presented his credential to the President at Bangabhaban yesterday. The Greek Envoy said, the government of Greece is interested to set up its resident mission office in Bangladesh and the necessary work is underway to this end. The Head of the State expressed the hope that the international community, including Greece, would make all possible effort to resolve the Rohingya issue.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has expressed a desire to build fighter jets in Bangladesh, to protect its sovereignty. The Premier was addressing the “national standard” handing over ceremony of 11 and 21 Squadrons of Bangladesh Air Force at Bir Sreshtho Matiur Rahman Air Base in Jashore, joining virtually from Ganabhaban yesterday. The Prime Minister also mentioned that the government has started work of establishment of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Aviation and Aerospace University and Aeronautical Centre where research regarding fighter jets would be done effectively. The Premier further added, it is the sacred duty of all members of the armed forces to protect the dignity of the flag attained with the blood of millions of martyrs, saying that the flag is the symbol of our independence, honor and dignity.

The Asian Development Bank-ADB highly praised Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina’s dynamic leadership in managing the COVID-19 pandemic and rolling out a nationwide vaccination program successfully. Paying a courtesy call on the Premier at Ganabhaban yesterday, ADB Country Director for Bangladesh Manmohan Parkash also said that the ADB is working with the government for providing Bangladesh with US\$ 940 million as assistance to purchase Covid-19 vaccines. During the meeting, the Prime Minister informed Manmohan Parkash that her government has been attaching priority to constructing Dhaka-Barishal-Patuakhali-Payra rail lines.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader emphasized on taking lessons from the integrity of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman intending to steer the country ahead by facing future challenge. The Minister came up with the advice while joining a discussion organized by Roads and Highways Department marking ‘Bangabandhu’s birth centenary through video conferencing yesterday. Later, joining with Chatmohor Upazila Awami League conference, he said, to cover up their failure, BNP is allegedly trying to jeopardize the peace of the people in the name of planned movement.

Agriculture Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdur Razzaque called upon the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research-CGIAR to increase cooperation in sustainable agricultural development of Bangladesh through innovation of relevant technologies and ideas. The Minister was speaking at the 7th meeting of the CGIAR Advisory Committee at the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council auditorium in the capital yesterday.

Information Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud referring to some media in Bangladesh and India publishing wrong and untrue news over COVID-19 issue, urged journalists to be more careful while publishing news over Bangladesh-India relations so that that news do not affect the relations by wrong and inaccurate information. The Minister was addressing a seminar ‘Bangabandhu: Bangladesh-India Relations’ organized by Indian Media Correspondents Association, Bangladesh at Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday. The contributions of India, its people and sacrifice of Indian army to the Liberation War of Bangladesh will be inscribed with golden letters till the existence of Bangladesh, he said. Indian High Commissioner Vikram Kumar Doraiswami spoke at the seminar.

The 8th Five Year Plan will take forward the country’s development trend through the implementation of different projects and generation of more employment opportunities, Planning Minister M A Mannan stated this while addressing a meeting at the NEC conference room in the city yesterday.

As per WHO guideline, the second dose of COVID-19 vaccine has to be administered after eight weeks of the first dose, that is why the second dose of COVID-19 vaccine is set to begin on April 7, Health and Family Welfare Minister Zahid Maleque said this at a meeting in his ministry yesterday.

February 23, a red-letter day for the Bangalee nation as 52 years back in 1969, the people of Bangladesh bestowed Bangabandhu title upon Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, one day after he was freed from jail in the Agartala conspiracy case on February 22, 1969. To Mark the 52nd anniversary of the conferment of the Bangabandhu title, Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology Minister Mostafa Jabbar released a commemorative stamp and a first-day cover of Taka 10 and a data card of Taka 5 at his ministry yesterday.

President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in separate condolence messages, expressed profound shock and sorrow at the death of noted columnist, researcher and writer Syed Abul Maksud, who died at a city hospital yesterday at the age of 74.

Australia has decided to lift its ban on air cargo from Bangladesh considering the country's progress in airport security. Australian High Commissioner to Bangladesh H E Jeremy Bruer disclosed this at a meeting with Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh-CAAB Chairman Air Vice Marshal M Mafidur Rahman at the latter's office yesterday. Australia banned air cargo from Bangladesh as a preventive security measure in 2016.

Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Vikram Kumar Doraiswami said, Bangladesh can export edible oil to India with 20 per cent value addition to the product. India wants to establish a unique mechanism to allow Bangladesh's BSTI certification, especially for food products as well as other products, including steel, in a reciprocal manner, he said during a courtesy visit to Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry yesterday where he had a bilateral trade talk with DCCI President Rizwan Rahman. He also called for infrastructure development and technological advancement in transport sectors, land ports, railways, river ports in Bangladesh to expedite faster export and import process.

Japan will have a stronger cooperation with Bangladesh, especially for enhancing regional stability and connectivity in the region, Senior Regional Coordinator at Southwest Asia Division of the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hitomi Sato said in an interview recently. Highlighting different areas of cooperation between the two countries, she added, Japan continues encouraging the government of Myanmar to take necessary and concrete efforts in order to start the Rohingya repatriation process at the earliest.


Three garment factories- Kwun Tong Apparels Limited of Adamjee EPZ, Lenny Fashions Limited and Lenny Apparels Limited of Dhaka EPZ that had shut down due to Covid-19 pandemic, have paid dues to their workers through the effort of Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority-BEPZA, a press release said.

A total of 24 Bangladeshi nationals who were imprisoned in Myanmar jail returned home yesterday through the Teknaf border in Cox's Bazar, following a flag meeting between BGB and BGP.

Meanwhile, with the death of 18 more people yesterday, the number of deaths from Covid-19 in Bangladesh rose to 8,374. At the same time recovery count rose to 4,92,887, DGHS disclosed this information in a press release yesterday. With the detection of 399 new cases, the total number of Covid-19 cases rose to 5,44,116. As many as 36,46,970 people got registered till 2.30pm yesterday to take COVID-19 vaccines, DGHS said. A total of 1,82,896 people were administered COVID-19 vaccines across the country yesterday giving rise to the total number of vaccine receivers to 24,91,053.

Government recently signed a loan agreement with Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank-AIIB Development Project for US\$200 million to ensure safe water in arsenic and iron prone areas.

A team of RAB with the help the National Security Intelligence arrested a fugitive convict in the August 21 grenade attack case from city's Diabari area yesterday. Besides, a special tribunal in Dhaka yesterday set March 10 for submitting the report of further investigation into a case lodged under Digital Security Act against 11 people, including Zulkarnain Shayer Khan alias Sami, who appeared in an allegedly false and politically motivated report, aired by Al Jazeera recently, as investigation agency Counter Terrorism and Transnational Crimes unit failed to submit the report.


24.02.2021
Surath Kumar Sarker
Principal Information Officer