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**News Brief**

President Md. Abdul Hamid has urged the students to give priority to the interest of the country and never compromise with falsehood or misdeed. The President made the call while addressing the convocation of the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh in Dhaka yesterday. The President, in his address, advised the students to lay importance on moral education alongside academic excellence.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said, Myanmar is not working as per its commitment with Bangladesh on the repatriation of the Rohingya nationals to their homeland. The Premier said this when Dr. Paul Connet and Ellen Connet, the recipients of “Friends of Bangladesh’s Liberation War Honour”, paid a courtesy call on her at her Jatiya Sangsad Office in Dhaka yesterday.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader has said, the overall work progress of the much-sought 20-kilometer metro-rail service from Uttara to Motijheel stood at 21 percent now and the total work of the project will be done by December 2020. The Minister said this while inaugurating ‘steel screw pile driving work’ under 5th package of MRT Line-6 of the project at Farmgate yesterday.

Industries Minister Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun has said, his ministry has taken a decision to prepare a zone within six months for relocating the chemical factories and warehouses from Chawkbazar area. The Minister said this while presiding over a meeting at his ministry yesterday.

The one-day state mourning was observed in the country yesterday in memory of the victims of the devastating Chawkbazar fire. All government, semi-government, autonomous and private institutions and establishments and Bangladesh Missions abroad kept national flag hoisting half-mast.

The nation yesterday observed with a heavy heart the 10th anniversary of the Peelkhana Carnage, in which 74 people including 57 army officers were killed. On the occasion, representatives of the President and the Prime Minister, Home Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Khan, Chiefs of the three services, Secretary of Public Security Division of the Home Ministry and Border Guard Bangladesh Director General laid floral wreaths on the graves of the martyrs at the Military Graveyard in Banani.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Zahid Maleque has said, the Bangladesh government led by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has attached importance to use of digital services in health sector to ensure health care for all citizens, especially who are living in remote areas. The Minister said this while addressing the 4th Global Digital Health Partnership Summit in New Delhi yesterday.

State Minister for Water Resources Zahid Faruque has said, Delta Plan-2100 taken by the government would play an important role to check the saline intrusion in the coastal region. The State Minister informed this at the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday. Under Delta Plan-2100, the State Minister said, the government will implement projects which would help check the infiltration of the salinity, storm and tidal waves in the coastal region.

State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Ashraf Ali Khan Khosru has said, the country has created a tremendous scope of increasing the hilsha production as the country has already developed the genome sequence of the fish. The State Minister said this while responding to a question in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday.

State Minister for Shipping Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury has said, the eviction drive against illegally occupied riverbanks would continue to restore the aesthetic beauty of rivers following the court order. The Minister told this at a views-exchange meeting with the members of Shipping Reporters' Forum at his ministry yesterday.

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