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**News Brief**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the Biman Bangladesh Airlines' new Dash 8-400 aircraft today. The Premier will formally inaugurate the aircraft named 'Dhurbatara', named by the Premier herself, through a video conferencing from her official Ganabhaban residence, said a Biman's press release yesterday. The opening function of the new aircraft will be held at the VVIP terminal of the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport (HSIA).

President M Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed deep shock and sorrow at the death of renowned and popular actor Abdul Kader. In a condolence message, the head of the state prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed profound sympathy to the bereaved family while the Premier said, Abdul Kader will live in the hearts of people for his spontaneous acting. She also prayed for the eternal salvation of the departed soul and expressed sympathy to the bereaved family. Popular actor Kader died at Evercare Hospital in the capital after losing battle with cancer and COVID-19 yesterday at the age of 69.

The influential United States news media Bloomberg report entitled "Covid Resilience Ranking" has said, Bangladesh has topped the ranking in managing coronavirus in South Asia. According to the report, Bangladesh is placed in the top 20 countries in the world, while India and Pakistan have been placed at the bottom line of the ranking.

Awami League General Secretary and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader called upon the party men to eliminate corrupt persons and wrongdoers from the party and give scopes to dedicated and honest workers in doing politics. The Minister said, there should not be any compromise with corrupt people, while addressing a memorial meeting on footballer Badal Roy through a video conferencing yesterday.

Agriculture Minister Md Abdur Razzak laid yesterday emphasis on creating awareness among all, particularly youths to ensure nutrition security. The Minister said while addressing the inaugural function of 'Nutrition Olympiad 2020' virtually, as youths make up a large portion of the entire population, they need to be educated on food values to maintain their nutritional status. The day-long 'Nutrition Olympiad 2020' is being held under the theme 'Building a Nutritious Digital Bangladesh under the Leadership of Youth'.

Information Minister Dr Hasan Mahmud said, those having sacrificing attitudes will be in every level of leadership in Awami League (AL), and not the opportunist and intruders. The Minister also said, the workers who were beside the party and our leader will come in leadership and the intruders must be expelled after identifying them. He said this while addressing the triennial conference of Dupchanchia upazila AL unit of Bogura through online from his official residence yesterday.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Anisul Huq said, the government under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is working to incorporate Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) provisions in existing laws to make commercial dispute resolution process easier. The Minister also said, judiciary has already started conducting court proceedings via video conferencing. In view of the backlog of court cases with over 3.6 million cases pending, ADR is now imperative to take forward towards our goal of economic development amid the pandemic, he added. The minister was speaking as chief guest at the webinar: 'Celebrating the First Nine Years: Impact of BIAC on Institutional ADR in Bangladesh', organised by Bangladesh International Arbitration Centre (BIAC) marking its 9th founding anniversary yesterday.

Environment, Forests and Climate Change Minister Shahab Uddin said, the use of harmful polythene bags must stop to protect environment. Polythene bags are not degraded after hundred years of use. Poly bags dangerously pollute water and soil and cause deadly diseases like cancer in human body, the Minister added. He came up with the call while addressing as chief guest at the inaugural function of bridge on Juri River in West Juri Union in Moulvibazar district yesterday.

Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Vikram K Doraiswami laid emphasis on increased collaboration between Bangladeshi and Indian young artists to put together new ideas of art and reach out to more people through art. The High Commissioner said highly appreciating the artworks of Bangladeshi artists, I think through art, we hope to be able to reach out to much more people. Vikram Doraiswami made the remarks while visiting the ongoing two-month long group art exhibition titled "Sheikh Hasina: On the Right Side of History" featuring 21 artists at Cosmos Centre yesterday.

Bangladesh recorded 30 novel coronavirus deaths and 834 fresh cases in the last 24 hours. The recovery count rose to 4,50,488 after another 1,685 patients were discharged from the hospitals during the period. With this, the total death toll rose to 7,428 from the pandemic in the country.



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