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Newsbrief

President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressed deep shock and sorrows at the deaths of people in a boat capsized in the Korotoa River in Panchagarh. In a message of condolence, they prayed for eternal peace of the departed souls and conveyed profound sympathy to the bereaved families. Twenty four people were killed so far after a boat carrying over 100 passengers sank in the Korotoa River in Boda upazila of Panchagarh yesterday.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina called upon Bangladeshi expatriates to give a befitting reply to the propaganda against Bangladesh and its government. She said this while addressing a reception accorded by the Bangladeshi expatriates in the USA, joining virtually from her palace of residence in New York yesterday.

Later, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina arrived in Washington DC from New York wrapping up her official visit to attend the 77th United Nations General Assembly session at the UN Headquarters and high voltage side events. Prime Minister's Deputy Press Secretary KM Shakhawat Moon told the Media yesterday.

Justice Md. Nuruzzaman will act as Chief Justice from September 25 to October 10, during the Singapore visit of Chief Justice Hasan Foez Siddique, said a press release of the Supreme Court yesterday.

Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Haque inaugurated the newly constructed 'Satkhira Sadar Upazila Muktiyoddha Complex' at a function in the town, said a press release yesterday.

Drawing attention of the BNP leaders, Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said, there is no scope of changing government without holding elections. He said this while addressing a press conference at his office in the secretariat in Dhaka yesterday.

Agriculture Minister Dr. Md. Abdur Razzaque called upon the agricultural scientists, extension workers and officials concerned to increase rice production to meet the growing demand of the country. The Minister said this while addressing a review meeting of Annual Development Programme at the Ministry conference room in Dhaka yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud said, the communal evil forces should be resisted to strengthen the non-communal spirit of Bangladesh based on which it was established. He said this while addressing the inaugural function of Shuvo Mahalaya at Banani Puja Mandap in the capital yesterday. Later, the Minister expressed profound shock and sorrow at the death of Md. Abdul Mannan Sheikh, father of BTV Chattogram centre General Manager Mahfuza Akther. In a message of condolence, Hasan prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed deep sympathy to the bereaved family.

Environment, Forests and Climate Change Minister Md. Shahab Uddin said, the government led by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will take all necessary measures to celebrate the greatest festival of the Hindu community Sharadiya Durga Puja smoothly. He said this while addressing a view exchanging meeting on maintaining law and order with all concerned in Barlekha upazila in Moulvibazar district on the occasion of upcoming Durga Puja. He virtually joined the meeting from his official residence in the capital yesterday.

Fisheries and Livestock Minister SM Rezaul Karim stressed the need for taking concerted efforts to conserve native fish species and snails. He told a workshop held at Krishibid Institution Bangladesh in the capital yesterday. Native fish species are on verge of extinction and fish sanctuaries have been affected, he added.

Social Welfare Minister Nuruzzaman Ahmed said, the next general elections will be held at the right time according to the constitution. He said this while talking to the reporters after inaugurating a five-storied buildings of Sheikh Kamal Hostel for male students and Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Hostel for female students at Rangpur Carmichael College as chief guest yesterday.

Health Minister Zahid Maleque asked the developed countries to help Bangladesh in its efforts to produce Covid-19 vaccines locally. He said this in an interview with the news agency at Lotte New York Palace Hotel in New York yesterday.

Railways Minister Nurul Islam Sujan yesterday expressed profound shock and sorrow at the deaths of 24 people in a boat capsized in the Korotoa River in Panchagarh. In a condolence message, the Minister prayed for eternal peace of the departed souls and conveyed deep sympathy to the bereaved families.

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Md. Mahbub Ali said, visa on arrival should be simplified to advance the country's tourism industry. He said this while replying to a query of a journalist at a press conference organised at a hotel in the capital yesterday ahead of the three-day long 9th Asian Tourism Fair, which will begin on Thursday at International Convention City, Bashundhara.

State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid said, the power sector should introduce an integrated call centre for solving all complaints related to electricity. He said this while addressing an agreement signing as chief guest at Biduyt Bhaban in the capital yesterday.

A court in Chattogram awarded seven-year imprisonment to a Chinese citizen in a case for gold smuggling three years back, issued a notification yesterday.

Petrobangla Chairman Nazmul Ahsan said, World's leading LNG producer Qatargas will supply additional liquefied natural gas amounting to around a million tonne per year to cater Bangladesh's growing gas demand. He said the reporters at his office yesterday.

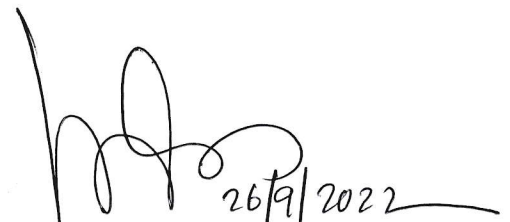
Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Li Jiming yesterday said, China has arranged six chartered flights to take back the Bangladeshi students studying at different universities in China but had to come back due to Covid-19 pandemic. The first of these flights will take off today, he added.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Bangladesh-China Chamber of Commerce & Industry and the Chinese Enterprises Association in Bangladesh for forging closer working cooperation for enhancing trade and economic relations between the two countries. The MoU signed at Bangabandhu Bangladesh-China Friendship Exhibition Centre in Dhaka, said a press release yesterday.

As many as 440 dengue patients were admitted to different hospitals across the country during the past 24 hours, a press release of the Directorate General of Health Services said.

Bangladesh yesterday reported two Covid-19 deaths while it recorded 572 coronavirus positive cases during the same period, a daily statement of the Directorate General of Health Services said.

The key index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange finally ended the day 48.83 points or 0.74 per cent lower at 6,515, after gaining 12 points in the previous trading session.



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