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News Brief

The Planning Commission has approved a draft Taka 2,02,721 crore original Annual Development Programme outlay for the next fiscal year (FY20) giving highest priority on the transport sector. The draft ADP size was finalized at a meeting of the Planning Commission in Dhaka yesterday with Planning Minister M A Mannan in the chair.

Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal has said, the next budget for the fiscal 2019-20 would be more people-friendly as the government would try to fulfill the demand of all people touching all sectors. The Minister said this to the journalists after a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Government Purchase at the Cabinet Division in the capital yesterday.

Liberation War Affairs Minister A K M Mozammel Haq has said, the government is working to provide the Freedom Fighters with digital certificates and identity cards which would be helpful to provide their monthly honourarium through electronic method. The Minister said this while inaugurating the service week of the ministry in the capital yesterday.

President Md. Abdul Hamid has paid rich tributes to the memory of internationally reputed nuclear scientist Dr. MA Wazed Miah, husband of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, on the occasion of his 10th death anniversary which is being observed today. In a message on the eve of the day, the President recalled that Dr Wazed had made notable contributions to the field of atomic research during his lifetime.

Food Minister Sadhan Chandra Majumder has said, the relation between Bangladesh and India will be strengthened further as the two countries have ample opportunities for boosting economic development. The Minister said this at a function at the Bangladesh and India friendship female hostel on the premises of Shangshoil Adibasi School and College at Niamatpur upazila in Naogaon on Tuesday. Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Riva Ganguly Das also attended the function.

Red Sea Gateway Terminal, Saudi port operator and investment group, has expressed its interest to invest in Bangladesh's port and terminal sectors. Hassan Al Tahat, the Associate Director of the company placed the proposal as he met State Minister for Shipping Khalid Mahmud Chowdhury at his ministry in Dhaka yesterday.

The government of Bangladesh has signed a US\$165 million grant financing agreement with the World Bank to provide basic services and build disaster and social resilience for the Rohingyas now staying in Cox's Bazar. Economic Relations Division Secretary Monowar Ahmed and World Bank Country Director for Bangladesh Dandan Chen signed the agreement at the ERD in the capital yesterday.

Chinese Ambassador Zhang Zuo has said, his country is keen to play a constructive role in resolving Rohingya crisis through implementing the BCIM (Bangladesh, China, India, Myanmar) Economic Corridor. The Envoy said this at a press conference in the capital yesterday.

The by-polls to Bogura-6 constituency, the seat vacated by BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, will be held on June 24. The Election Commission announced the day of voting in the seat yesterday. The Election Commission also announced the schedule of election to a seat reserved for women. The EC said, as the BNP MPs took oath, election to one reserved seat for BNP will be held on June 16.

A Biman Bangladesh Airlines Dash-8 aircraft skidded off runway at Yangon International Airport in Myanmar yesterday evening for rough weather, wounding at least 19 out of 33 passengers and crews. The injured were admitted to hospital.

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