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News Brief

President Md. Abdul Hamid has urged members of Bangladesh Judicial Service Commission to ensure transparency and accountability in every step of examination so that meritorious and capable candidates can join the judicial service. The President made the call when a delegation of Bangladesh Judicial Service Commission led by its Chairman Justice Hasan Foez Siddique submitted its annual report for 2018 to him at Bangabhaban yesterday.

President Md. Abdul Hamid yesterday gave his assent to three bills adopted in the second session of the 11th Jatiya Sangsad. The bills are - the Plant Variety Protection Bill-2019, the Bangladesh National Social Welfare Council Bill-2019 and the Insurance Corporations Bill-2019.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has reaffirmed her determination to build Bangladesh as a middle income country by 2021 and hunger and poverty-free developed and prosperous one by 2041. The Premier expressed the vow while addressing a views-exchange meeting organised by the UK chapter of Bangladesh Awami League and its associate bodies at Taj Hotel in London yesterday. The Prime Minister said, her government framed the Delta Plan-2100 to present a beautiful future to the next generation.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will return home tomorrow morning wrapping up her 10-day official visit to the United Kingdom. A VVIP flight of Biman Bangladesh Airlines carrying the Prime Minister and her entourage members will depart Heathrow International Airport in London for Dhaka at 6pm (local time) today.

Information Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud has said, the government has been working to ensure freedom of press and professional security for the journalists. The Information Minister said this while addressing an iftar programme arranged by Chattogram Division Journalists' Forum at the Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday.

Finance Minister A H M Mustafa Kamal quoting a recent analysis of US-based Bloomberg has said, Bangladesh would be among the top 20 growing economies of the world by 2024. The Finance Minister said this when a delegation of the World Bank led by its Acting Country Director Dandan Chen met him at his ERD office in Dhaka yesterday.

Planning Minister M A Mannan has expressed his hope that the global community would find out a solution to Rohingya problem so that the forcibly displaced Rohingyas could return to their own land in Myanmar. The Planning Minister expressed the hope as he was addressing a seminar on Rohingya issue organised by the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies at Gulshan in Dhaka yesterday.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Zahid Maleque has said, Bangladesh will be a rabies-free country by 2022 as the government has launched vaccination campaign for dogs to prevent the disease. The Minister came up with the remarks while inaugurating the vaccination programme at Krishibid Institution at Farmgate in Dhaka yesterday.

The country has suffered a loss of around Tk. 550 crore due to damage of houses, roads, croplands, and infrastructure and flood protection embankments following the severe cyclonic storm Fani that struck Bangladesh on May 3 to 4. The State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Dr. Enamur Rahman disclosed this while presiding over a inter-ministerial meeting of disaster management coordination committee at his ministry in Dhaka yesterday.

The Election Commission has announced the schedule of fifth phase of fifth upazila election, fixing the voting date on June 18. EC Secretariat secretary Helaluddin Ahmad announced the polls schedule at Nirbachan Bhaban in the capital yesterday.