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News Brief

President Md. Abdul Hamid has said, the Bangladesh-China relationship developing rapidly has covered cooperation in key areas and it will continue to deepen in the future. The President made the remarks in an exchange of congratulatory messages with Chinese President Xi Jinping as the two countries celebrated the 45th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties yesterday. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina also exchanged messages of felicitation with her Chinese counterpart Li Keqiang on the occasion saying that the strategic partnership of cooperation between Bangladesh and China has been developed from the two countries' time-tested friendship and cooperation. Foreign Minister Dr. A K Abdul Momen in his message to his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi on the occasion urged China to take "proactive initiatives" so that Myanmar starts the process of repatriation of over 1.1 million Rohingyas displaced from the country.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in a letter has wished early recovery of US President Donald Trump and his wife Melania Trump from the Covid-19. Sheikh Hasina in her letter deeply appreciated Trump's dynamic leadership and extreme self-confidence for taking all-out initiatives and elaborated programs to protect the people of the United States from the devastation and death from the coronavirus.

Foreign Minister Dr. A K Abdul Momen left Dhaka yesterday for Kuwait on a two-day visit carrying congratulatory messages of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to new Emir Sheikh Nawaf al Ahmad al Sabah and condolences at the death of former Emir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury virtually inaugurated the renovated Member of Parliament Building-1 yesterday. The Speaker on the occasion mentioned that the remaining MP buildings will also be renovated in phases.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader, about BNP's announcement of taking to streets to wage a movement within two months, said, if any evil force makes ill attempts to destroy the country's prevailing peace in the name of democratic movement, the AL along with the people will resist those. The Minister was addressing the distribution ceremony of coronavirus protective equipment under the initiative of the AL's sub-committee on relief and social welfare at the AL President's Dhanmondi political office yesterday joining through videoconferencing.

Agriculture Minister Dr. Md. Abdur Razzaque while virtually inaugurating a cashew processing industry at Nilphamari yesterday said, the country has a huge scope to produce crops with high economic value like cashews and coffee and the government will provide all out cooperation to growers and entrepreneurs in this regard.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal presiding over a virtual meeting yesterday on the occasion of the upcoming Durga Puja said, considering the COVID-19, no procession will be allowed at the time of immersion of the idols this year. The meeting issued some health guidelines amid COVID-19 including social distancing, using hand sanitizer and wearing mask. The meeting requested all concerned to limit the number of puja mandaps as much as possible.

Information Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud castigating BNP's way of doing politics said, their human chain programme is nothing but a part of ill attempts to hide the misdeeds of Ziaur Rahman. He was talking to newsmen at his ministry yesterday. The Minister said, Awami League is the pro-liberation force while BNP destroys the spirit of the Liberation War. The Information Minister said, the AL leaders and activists have been in the field for the welfare of common people during the prevailing Coronavirus situation as per the directives of Awami League President and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. About 550 AL leaders and workers died due to the virus and hundreds were infected, he said, adding, even, cabinet members and central AL leaders also died due to the virus. Earlier, while exchanging views with a delegation of Bangladesh Cinema and Television

Institute, the Minister said, a decision has already been taken to set up a loan fund of Taka one thousand crore to reopen the cinema halls which were shut down, renovate the halls and construct new cinema halls.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Zahid Maleque has said, Bangladesh is now largely safe from the Covid-19 pandemic due to the right directions from Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and the relentless efforts of the country's health workers. He added that Bangladesh is among the countries where the Covid-19 death rate is the lowest in the world. He said this while launching National Vitamin A plus Campaign 2020 at Dhaka Shishu Hospital in the city yesterday.

The country yesterday recorded 23 more fatalities from the COVID-19, in a daily count, raising the death toll from the pandemic to 5,348. At the same time recovery count rose to 2,81,656 after another 1,587 patients were discharged from the hospitals during the period. The country also saw further rise in coronavirus cases with the detection of 1,125 new cases taking the total number of cases to 3,68,690. Meanwhile, China's private Sinovac Biotech Ltd has sought Bangladesh's co-financing for phase-3 clinical trial of its prospective anti-COVID-19 vaccine.

Colleges have begun conducting online lessons for new class XI students as the coronavirus pandemic continues to keep schools and other educational institutions across the country shut. Education Minister Dr. Dipu Moni virtually inaugurated the online sessions during a program at Dhaka College yesterday.

State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Fazilatun Nesa Indira yesterday at a press conference at Press Information Department on the occasion of the World Children's Day thanked Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for pledging to increase the participation of women in the workplace to 50 per cent by 2041 at the UN High Level Conference. The State Minister at the briefing also informed that the Prime Minister would virtually inaugurate the World Children's Day and Child Rights Week 2020 at Bangladesh Shishu Academy this morning.

Biman Bangladesh Airlines has resumed direct flights to London from Sylhet after nine years. A flight carrying 238 passengers took off from Sylhet Osmani International Airport yesterday. Meanwhile, Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh yesterday lifted coronavirus-induced restrictions for Biman Bangladesh Airlines and Saudi Arabian Airlines so that they are able to carry passengers on every seat when operating flights to different destinations in Saudi Arabia. This decision will remain valid till October 24. In another development, Saudi Arabia has lifted coronavirus restrictions on performing Umrah yesterday. The Saudi government started allowing a maximum of 6,000 pilgrims a day to enter the Grand Mosque in Makkah.

Foreign Affairs Ministry's Secretary of Maritime Affairs Unit Rear Admiral (Retd) Md. Khurshed Alam has been elected as the President of the 26th Session of the International Seabed Authority-ISA Council in the election held on Thursday. Shameem Ahsan, newly appointed member of the Bangladesh Public Service Commission was sworn in yesterday by Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain at the Supreme Court Judges' Lounge.

The CID will issue a red alert on Interpol by this week to catch Bangladeshi human traffickers based in Libya, who were responsible for the massacre that happened back in May, it was informed at a press briefing at the CID headquarters in the city yesterday. A Dhaka tribunal yesterday sentenced two domestic aides to death in a case filed against them for killing former Principal of Eden Mohila College Mahfuza Chowdhury Parvin in February last year.

Former National Cricket Team Captain Mushfiqur Rahim has been named as UNICEF's newest National Ambassador in Bangladesh to promote children's rights throughout the country.

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