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Newsbrief

President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed profound shock and sorrow at the death of Ekushey Padak winner noted journalist and editor of the Dainik Bangla Toab Khan. In separate messages of condolence, they recalled the outstanding contribution of Toab Khan in the field of journalism arena. Toab Khan, former press secretary to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, played the role of 'swabdo sainik' in the Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra during the War of Liberation, they added. They also prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed deep sympathy to the bereaved family.

The National Productivity Day is being observed today across the country aiming to create mass awareness to boost productivity in all fields, including industry, agriculture and service sectors. President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina gave separate messages on the eve of the day, urging all to increase productivity for sustainable development and growth yesterday. President and Prime Minister said, the government is determined to achieve Vision 2041 and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030 to make Bangladesh a developed and prosperous country.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said, efforts continue to repatriate war criminals and death row fugitive convict Rashed Chowdhury in Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman killing case from the United States to expose to punishment. The Prime Minister said this in a view exchange meeting with the leaders and activists of the US chapter of Awami League and its front and associate bodies and Bangladeshi expatriates at a hotel in Washington DC yesterday.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said, BNP will have to face fiery resistance of the commoners if the party creates chaos in the country in the name of resisting election. He said this while addressing a rally protesting against the BNP-Jamaat's fire terrorism and anarchy being carried out across the country yesterday.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal yesterday said, those who will try to create trouble during the Durga Puja like last year will have to face severe punishment. He told in a programme at the Dhakeshwari Temple marking the five-day-long Sharadiya Durga Puja began in the country.

Rejecting the comments of BNP leaders, Information and Broadcasting Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud said their statement over 30 seats (in parliament) is applicable to them. The Minister said this while replying to a query of reporters at University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh in city's Mohammadpur.

Meanwhile, Information and Broadcasting Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud yesterday expressed profound shock and sorrow at the death of eminent journalist and editor of the Dainik Bangla Toab Khan. The Minister prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed deep sympathy to the bereaved family.

Foreign Minister AK Abdul Momen urged the United Nations to appoint senior Military and Civilian officers at the leading level in its peacekeeping missions especially 'force commanders'. He made the urge while holding a meeting with the United Nations Department of Peace Operations Under Secretary General Jean-Pierre Lacroix in New York on Friday, according to a press release received in Dhaka yesterday. Bangladesh is ready to provide quick reaction force, base defence contingent, infantry contingent and police contingent in the future, he added.

Education Minister Dr. Dipu Moni said, no question paper of the SSC and its equivalent examinations was leaked this year. She told the journalists in a rally held at Sadar upazila auditorium in Chandpur yesterday. Regarding distribution of wrong question paper in some centres, Dipu Moni said wrong question papers were given in one/two places, basically, the mistake occurred when the question papers were packed in BG press.

Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi said, the demand of readymade garments workers for salary hike is logical in view of the rising commodity prices amid the current global economic situation. The Minister said this while speaking as the chief guest at the 16th bi-annual conference of the National Garment Workers Federation-2022 at the media complex auditorium of the National Press Club in the city on Friday.

Food Minister Sadhan Chandra Majumder yesterday said, 5 metric tons of rice is wasted for polishing every 100 metric tons of rice, all of which is nutritional part of the grain. The Minister said this while addressing the inaugural function of the 'International Nutrition Olympiad 2022' at Student-Teacher Center auditorium of Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University in the city yesterday.

Bangladesh and Mexico signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Cultural Cooperation between the two friendly nations. The State Minister for Cultural Affairs K M Khalid and Mexican Secretary of Culture Alejandra Frausto Guerrero inked the deal on behalf of their respective sides at Los Pinos in Mexico City on Friday, according to a press release received in Dhaka yesterday.

Chief Whip Noor-E-Alam Chowdhury said, BNP destroyed the caretaker government system. The Chief Whip said this while addressing a memorial meeting of Shaheed Moyezuddin at Dewpara Shaheed Moyezuddin Ferryghat Eidgah ground in Gazipur yesterday.

Around 650 women were given shari on the occasion of Durga Puja to make sure they celebrate their festival with enthusiasm and festivity. Rajshahi Dharmasava organized the shari distribution ceremony at its premises in the city yesterday. Mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation AHM Khairuzzaman Liton attended the ceremony and distributed the female wears as chief guest.


Newly appointed Inspector General of Bangladesh Police (IGP) Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun paid rich tributes to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by placing wreaths at his mausoleum at Tungipara in Gopalganj yesterday. The IGP stood in solemn silence for some time as a mark of profound respect to the memory of the Father of the Nation. He offered doa seeking eternal peace of the departed souls of Bangabandhu and other martyrs who had to embrace martyrdom on the fateful August 15, 1975.

The biggest religious festival of the Bangalee Hindu community and few minority ethnic groups Durga Puja begins today with Maha Shasthi puja at temples across the country amid festivity and religious fervour. The five-day annual celebration started with unveiling of the face of the deity and Kalparambho on Maha Shasthi and it will end on October 5 with the immersion of the idols on the day of Bijaya Dashami, said a press release yesterday.

Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) President Md. Jashim Uddin urged the industry owners to invest in ensuring decent workplaces. The FBCCI president made the remarks while inaugurating a two-day long training workshop titled "Basic OSH and OSH Management System" at the FBCCI premises in Dhaka yesterday.

Bangladesh yesterday reported five Covid-19 deaths while it recorded 480 coronavirus positive cases during the same period, a daily statement of the Directorate General of Health Services said.

One dengue patient died while 635 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.



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