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News Brief

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said, her government has been working tirelessly to face the Covid-19 pandemic and keep running the country's economy. The Premier was addressing the meeting of the Awami League's executive body at Ganabhaban yesterday. She prayed for salvation of the departed souls as 522 AL leaders and activists including lawmakers and cabinet members have so far died from the Coronavirus. The Premier said, people have got the assistances from the government only for having the AL in power. No other political party made such a great sacrifice, she added. The Prime Minister, however, credited concerned ministries particularly the Health Ministry and the Directorate General of Health Services for bringing the coronavirus situation under control through synchronised efforts. During the meeting, AL formed divisional teams comprising central working committee members for eight divisions to gear up organizational activities.

Diplomats stationed in Dhaka in a webinar last night marking the birthday of the Premier Sheikh Hasina, extolled Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for her "able and prudent" leadership and tireless efforts in changing the course of national progress, braving a sea of challenges and setbacks along her way. They also reiterated their commitments to help Sheikh Hasina in fulfillment of Vision 2041. Acting Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Bishwadip Dey, referring to the message sent by Indian Prime Minister, said, Narendra Modi lauded the social economic transformation that Bangladesh has achieved indeed in recent years. Terming Sheikh Hasina as a champion of human security, Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Ito Naoki said, the Bangladesh Prime Minister has been trying to build a society free from hunger and poverty. EU Ambassador to Bangladesh Rensje Teerink, UN Resident Coordinator in Dhaka Mia Seppo, Turkish Ambassador to Bangladesh Mustafa O. Turan and Chargé d'affaires at the UAE Embassy in Dhaka Abdulla Ali Al-Hamoudi also spoke at the event. Foreign Minister Dr. Momen and State Minister for Foreign Affairs M Shahriar Alam also took part in the webinar.

Foreign Minister Dr. A K Abdul Momen leaves Dhaka this morning for Kuwait on a two-day visit carrying the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's congratulatory message to new Kuwait Emir Sheikh Nawaf al Ahmad al Sabah and condolences on the death of former Emir of Kuwait simultaneously. On Friday, the Foreign Minister while virtually attending a plenary session of the United Nations on the occasion of the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, called for building a world free of nuclear weapons for sustainable development. In another development, Dr. Liam Fox, a UK-backed candidate for the post of World Trade Organisation Director General, talked to the Foreign Minister over phone yesterday.

Biman Bangladesh Airlines got permission from the Saudi authorities to operate nine chartered flights to Dammam, Jeddah and Riyadh every week from Thursday carrying 3,000 migrant workers. In another development, Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh has allowed Saudia, to operate four more flights from Dhaka every week, totaling eight flights carrying 2,500 passengers a week. At least 55,000 Bangladeshi expatriates have been waiting to board Saudi Arabia-bound flights. Of the passengers, about 25,000 have return tickets of Biman and about 30,000 have return tickets of Saudi Arabian Airlines. Biman Bangladesh Airlines will prioritise the Saudi-bound workers with shorter visa validity for issuing air tickets to help the stranded expatriates return to their work in time, Biman officials said.

A research-oriented souvenir will be published marking the birth centenary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman under the initiative of Supreme Court judges' committee on the birth centenary celebration, a virtual meeting of the committee with Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain in the chair yesterday decided.

State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid said, the state-owned Bapex's failure to do its job properly prompted the government to award contracts to foreign companies, for gas exploration and production in the country. The State Minister was talking on the allegations that the government overlooked Bapex while awarding a contract to Russia's Gazprom to drill wells on the Bhola-North gas field.

State Minister for Information Dr. Md. Murad Hassan has said, the brave Bangalees created a non-communal Bangladesh in 1971 under the leadership of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by breaking the walls of two-nation theory. The State Minister was speaking at the holy Kathina Chibar Dan festival of Buddhists community at Kalachandpur in the capital yesterday.

The online classes for students of HSC 1st year would start today at government and private colleges in the country. Education Minister Dr. Dipu Moni will inaugurate the online class in a programme at Dhaka College this morning.

The government has decided to recruit for some 12,600 posts across technical colleges and polytechnics over three fiscals to promote job-oriented education in Bangladesh, media reported quoting official sources.

The country yesterday recorded 20 more fatalities from the COVID-19, which is the lowest in four months, raising the death toll from the pandemic to 5,325. At the same time recovery count rose to 2,80,069 after another 1,442 patients were discharged from the hospitals during the period. The country also saw further rise in coronavirus cases with the detection of 1,182 new cases taking the total number of cases to 3,67,565.

Bangladesh Ambassador to Austria Muhammad Abdul Muhith while presenting his credentials to the Federal President of Austria Alexander Van der Bellen in a ceremony held at the Hofburg Palace in Vienna recently, has expressed Bangladesh's readiness to engage deeply with Austria and the European Union.

Bangladesh Navy and Indian Navy yesterday started a three-day Coordinated Patrol-CORPAT and bilateral exercise "Bongosagar" in the Bay of Bengal aimed at curbing maritime crimes and smuggling.

The nationwide Vitamin A-plus Campaign Starts today and would continue till October 17 for feeding Vitamin A-plus capsules to 2.20 crore children aged between six and 59 months.

Bangladesh Football Federation's incumbent President Kazi Salauddin has been reelected the President of the country's national football organization for the fourth consecutive term in the polls held yesterday. Abdus Salam Murshedy also retained his senior Vice-president post.

A total of 164 Bangladeshi migrants returned home by a voluntary humanitarian flight from Libya yesterday. The flight also carried nine survivors of the tragic Mizdah incident in Libya.



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