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News Brief

President Md. Abdul Hamid has urged political leaders, freedom fighters, professionals, government officials and women leaders to work jointly with honesty and sincerity to ensure overall progress of the country. The President made the urge while exchanging views with a cross section of people's representatives in Kishoreganj yesterday on the first day of his three-day visit to the district.

President Md. Abdul Hamid has given consent to seven bills which were passed in the 22nd session of the Jatiya Sangsad. The bills assented by the President are: Digital Security Bill-2018, Road Transport Bill-2018, Dawra-e-Hadith (Taqmil) from Qawmi Madrasas as equivalent to certificate of master's degree (Islamic Studies and Arabic) under Al Haiatul Ulaya Lil-Jamiatul Kawmiya Bangladesh Bill-2018, National Sports Council Bill-2018, The State-Owned Manufacturing Industries Workers (Conditions of Service) Bill- 2018, Bangladesh Freedom Fighters Welfare Trust Bill-2018 and Community Clinic Health Assistance Trust Bill-2018.

The cabinet has approved the draft of new Narcotics Control Act-2018 keeping a provision of awarding capital punishment for carrying, taking, selling or smuggling over 5 grams of yaba. The approval came from the weekly cabinet meeting with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair at her office yesterday. The cabinet also gave final approval to the drafts of Bangladesh Labour (amendment) Act -2018 and Bangladesh Technical Education Board Act-2018.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said, the second nuclear power plant would be constructed in the southern part of the country. The Premier said this while inaugurating the Golden Jubilee programme of Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College through video-conference from Ganabhaban yesterday. The Padma Bridge along with rail line would play an important role in socio-economic development of Barisal, she said adding that the rail line on the Padma Bridge would go up to the Paira Port via Barisal.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said, her government is committed to ensure shelter for the homeless. The PM said this while inaugurating newly built flats for the cleaners through a video conference from Ganabhaban in Dhaka yesterday. Dhaka South City Corporation constructed four multistoried buildings comprising 345 flats for the cleaners at Doyagonj and Dhalpur in the city.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has given financial assistance of Taka 50 lakh for the medical treatment of Director General of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Directorate Professor Mahbubur Rahman. The PM handed over the cheque of the amount to the spouse of Professor Mahbubur Rahman at Ganabhaban in Dhaka yesterday.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader has said, the Digital Security Act was enacted mainly to punish evil persons and save the innocents. The Minister said this at a discussion arranged by a sub-committee of Awami League at Krishibid Institution in Dhaka yesterday.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid has said, information on education has been made available in online as part of the massive digitization campaign of the government. The Minister said this while inaugurating newly expanded library and the Bangabandhu and War of Liberation Corner at BANBEIS in Dhaka yesterday.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan has said, the law enforcement agencies have been asked to check anarchy ahead of the verdict in the August 21, 2004 grenade attack to be delivered on October 10. The Minister said this while talking to the media yesterday.

DSEX, the key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, advanced by 0.55 per cent, or 30.13 points, to close at 5,440.94 points yesterday.

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