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News Brief

President Md. Abdul Hamid has called upon the Bench adjudicates and Bar advocates to work in a coordinated way to fulfill people's expectation from the judiciary, urging all concerned to stay alert against any untoward incidents on court premises. The President urged the lawyers to uphold the tradition and honour of the legal profession while addressing a meeting with judges of the Supreme Court, divisional and district courts at the Durbar Hall of Bangabhaban in Dhaka yesterday. The Head of the State asked the three state organs-executive, legislature and judiciary to maintain mutual balance amongst those, laying priority to the welfare of the country and its people.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has stressed on proper coordination and good relations among three state organs to run a state smoothly. The Premier made the emphasis while inaugurating the 'National Judicial Conference-2019' with Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain in the chair at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka yesterday. The Premier extended her thanks to the judiciary for delivering the judgment in scraping the indemnity law paving the way of holding trial of the assassination of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. In this context, the PM said, they have been denied for justice for a long time as she was not even allowed to file a case to seek justice of the murder. The Premier also expressed her gratitude to the judiciary as they termed illegal the grabbing of state power by the military dictators after the assassination of Bangabandhu. The PM asked the authorities concerned to take prompt measures to establish the first ever law university in the country. The PM urged the judges to deliver the verdicts of lawsuits in Bangla alongside English taking into consideration the poor knowledge of most of the litigants in the foreign language.

National Film Awards-2017 and 2018 will be distributed among the winners at a ceremony at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre at 4pm today. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to attend the ceremony as the chief guest with Information Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud presiding over.

The inauguration ceremony of the special edition of the Akash-DTH Bangabandhu-Bangladesh Premier League Twenty20 Tournament-2019 to celebrate the centenary birth anniversary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman is scheduled to be held at the Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium in Mirpur today. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to inaugurate the event.

Dhaka University is all prepared to hold its 52nd convocation with the participation of 20,796 graduates at the central playground on its campus tomorrow. President Md. Abdul Hamid, also the Chancellor of the university, will preside over the event.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader has said, devoted persons who remained with the party in its well and woe will be made the party leaders. The Minister said this while addressing AL Chattogram District North unit's triennial conference at the Laldighi Maidan in Chattogram yesterday. Information Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud at his speech at the function said, those dishonored the Chief Justice and other judges in the courtroom should be given exemplary punishment to uphold the dignity of judiciary.

Agriculture Minister Dr. Md. Abdur Razzaque has said, keeping in mind the interest of farmers and development of agriculture, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has lowered price of fertilizer for the fifth time to reduce the cost of agro production and make the sector profitable. The Minister said this while addressing the annual conference of Bangladesh Agronomy Society at Krishibid Institution in Dhaka yesterday. The Minister also said, by cultivating only 8.75 million hectares of land, Bangladesh has attained self-sufficiency in food and earned the status of a food surplus country. State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Md. Ashraf Ali Khan Khasru addressing a function at Rajshahi University

yesterday said, Bangladesh has attained self-sufficiency in fish production as the country's per capita fish consumption has increased to 62.58 grams per day against the demand of 60 grams.

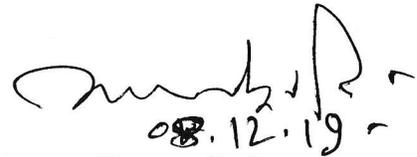
UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres has praised Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's leadership in addressing the issue of climate change in the international arena. The UN Chief made the appreciation when Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations Rabab Fatima presented her credentials to the UN Secretary General at the UN Headquarters in Newyork on Friday. The UN Chief mentioned Bangladesh's remarkable contribution to peace operations as well as the reputation and professionalism of Bangladeshi peacekeepers.

State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid has underscored the need for utilizing USA's experience in electric vehicle, smart grid, IOT device and thus framing a practical policy in this regard. The State Minister came up with the views when he met Assistant Secretary at the Department of Energy Resources of USA Francis R Fannon at Washington DC on December 5.

Canadian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Benoit Prefontaine has said, Canada fully agrees that the causes and solutions to the Rohingya crisis lie in Myanmar and this is why the country is using all tools at its disposal to help find a solution to the crisis. The High Commissioner said this while addressing at a function in Dhaka yesterday.

The construction work of the metro rail is progressing fast as an 8.04-kilometre viaduct from Uttara to Agargaon has become visible. Managing Director of Dhaka Mass Transit Company Ltd M A N Siddique said this to the media yesterday. He said, 8.04 kilometres of viaduct out of 11.73-kilometres and nine metro stations from Uttara to Agargaon under 3rd and 4th packages have been constructed.

Bangladeshi athletes earned three more gold medals- two in weightlifting and one in fencing- on the 7th day of the 13th Asian Games in Nepal yesterday. Mabia Akhter Simanta and Jiarul Islam bagged two gold medals in weightlifting events while Fatema Mujib clinched the first-ever gold medal for Bangladesh in women's fencing. With this, Bangladeshi competitors have so far bagged seven gold medals in the games. Bangladesh till yesterday earned a total of 83 medals in the ongoing SA games with 22 silver and 54 bronze medals.



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