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Newsbrief

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina showed her last respect to the Queen Elizabeth II and signed a book of condolence at Lancaster House in London yesterday. Sheikh Hasina observed one-minute silence there as the mark of respect to the late Queen at the Westminster Hall of the Palace of Westminster where the body of the Queen was kept lying-in-state.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in an exclusive interview with the BBC during her stay in the United Kingdom (UK) told, she herself struggled for establishing the democratic process and free fair election in Bangladesh and it was only held during the Awami League regime. She said this while replying to a question by BBC journalist Laura Kunessberg in London yesterday regarding her government's commitment to make the next election free and fair.

Later, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina departs London for New York today after attending the state funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. She leaves the capital of England to attend the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly. Prior to departure from the UK, the Premier is scheduled to attend the reception of King Charles III hosted for the Presidents, Prime Ministers and Monarchs from around the world at Buckingham Palace in London.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in a message yesterday said, the steps taken by the Anti-Terrorism Unit (ATU), a specialized body of Bangladesh Police, in countering militancy and violent extremism, have already gained public confidence. She said this on the occasion of the 5th founding anniversary of the ATU to be celebrated in the country today.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's four-day visit in New Delhi earlier this month was the focus of the political arena in both countries while mainstream Indian media carried several opinionated analyses largely describing it as an event signalling deepened bilateral ties. The visit yielded seven Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) mainly on water resources management and connectivity.

Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Haque called upon all who believe in the spirit of Liberation War spirit to be united in realising the international recognition of genocide, carried out in 1971 Liberation War on unarmed Bangalees. He made the call in a press conference at Jatiya Press Club yesterday. International recognition of genocide of 1971 could not be realised in the long 51 years after independence. But Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's government declared March 25 as the National Genocide Day, he added.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said, seeking help from embassies of different countries and lodging complains with foreigners is a sign of BNP's spineless politics. He said this while addressing a press briefing at his secretariat office in the capital yesterday. Awami League has no instance of bowing down in running the state but the BNP has, he added.

Agriculture Minister Dr. Md. Abdur Razzaque said, the government is implementing action plan to meet at least 40 percent demand of edible oil locally as local oil production now hovers only 2 lakh tonnes against 20 lakh tonnes of our annual demand. The Minister came up with the expectation while addressing a seminar in the capital yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud said, there is no alternative to sports in flourishing the talents of youths. He said this while addressing a prize distribution function among the winners of Kabaddi competition of Bangabandhu Inter-University Sports Championship organised by Ministry of Youth and Sports at American International University Bangladesh ground in the capital yesterday.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan said, Border Guard Bangladesh is strong enough on Myanmar border as they are equipped with modern equipment. He made the remarks in response to a query from a journalist in the conference room of the Ministry at the Secretariat yesterday.

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Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Md. Shahab Uddin said, if the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) is implemented, it will be easier to implement long-term coordinated climate adaptation programmes. He said this while speaking at the final validation workshop on NAP, organised by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the capital yesterday.

Fisheries and Livestock Minister S M Rezaul Karim said, policies will be formulated to expand insurance facility to the livestock sector within a short period of time. A joint working committee will be formed to sort out the obstacles and opportunities. He said these while speaking at a seminar "Role of the Fourth Industrial Revolution in the Enhancement of Livestock Insurance: Our Position and Planning" organised by the Adarsha Pranisheba Ltd at a city hotel yesterday.

Textiles and Jute Minister Golam Dastagir Gazi said, the government will ensure constant monitoring of raw jute prices to facilitate its supply to the mills for increased production of jute goods to augment export growth. He said this while speaking at a meeting with the Bangladesh Jute Mills Association and the Bangladesh Jute Spinners Association at Bangladesh Secretariat in the capital yesterday.

The Foreign Ministry yesterday summoned Myanmar Ambassador in Dhaka Aung Kyaw Moe and handed over a strong protest note regarding recent casualty along Bangladesh's Bandarban border. Acting Foreign Secretary Md. Khurshed Alam told reporters at the Foreign Ministry in Dhaka yesterday. This is the fourth time, the Myanmar Ambassador has been summoned by the Ministry since mid-August for violation of land and airspace by Myanmar on the border in Bandarban's Naikhongchhari while mortar shells have been landed in Bangladesh territory from the neighboring country in several incidents, he added

The National Technical Advisory Committee on COVID-19 recommended to wear mask and use hand sanitizer properly in all places. The meeting held on Zoom platform with committee Chairman Professor Mohammad Shahidullah in the chair yesterday.

Hong Kong-Sri Lanka-Switzerland owned company Ms. Gava Private Limited is going to establish a garments manufacturing industry in Dhaka EPZ. This fully foreign owned company will invest US\$ 25.62 million where 3086 Bangladeshi nationals will get employment opportunities, said a press release yesterday.

Secondary School Certificate (SSC), Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSC) and all equivalent examinations will be held in all subjects in the next year. Bangladesh intra-education board coordination committee disclosed this information in a press release yesterday.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court stayed the bail of Md. Bayezid Talha till October 31, in a case lodged over unscrewing nuts and bolts of Padma Bridge's railing. Justice Md. Enayetur Rahim passed the order yesterday.

The National Board of Revenue relaxed the mandatory provision of tax return submission for obtaining loans and credit cards, issued a notification in this regard yesterday.

Bangladesh yesterday reported zero Covid-19 death while it recorded 527 coronavirus positive cases during the same period, a daily statement of the Directorate General of Health Services said.

Meanwhile, one dengue patient died while 399 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.

The benchmark DSEX index settled the day 20.12 points or 0.31 per cent higher at 6,535. DSEX added 48 points in the past two trading days.



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