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News Brief

The ECNEC has approved a Taka 20,525.69 crore project to set up some 329 technical school & colleges at upazila level in a bid to build skilled Human Resources in the country. The approval came from a meeting of the ECNEC held at the NEC Conference Room in Dhaka yesterday with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair. A total of eight projects were approved involving an overall estimated cost of Taka 22,945.84 crore to be entirely borne from the state exchequer.

Ismat Ara Sadique, an Awami League lawmaker from Jashore-6 and a former State Minister of Public Administration died yesterday while undergoing treatment in hospital at her 78. President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina paid tributes to Ismat Ara Sadique by placing wreaths separately on her coffin at the South Plaza of Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday. Earlier, a namaz-e-janaza of Ismat Ara Sadique was held there. The Jatiya Sangsad unanimously adopted an obituary reference on Awami League lawmaker Ismat Ara Sadique. Prime Minister and Leader of the House Sheikh Hasina while participating in a discussion on a condolence motion on Ismat Ara Sadique said, she worked very smoothly and made her ministry dynamic.

Newly appointed Ambassador of Republic of Kosovo Funer Ureya paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Ganabhaban in Dhaka yesterday. Welcoming the new Kosovo Ambassador, Sheikh Hasina put emphasis on exploring various avenues of cooperation between the two countries. The Kosovo Envoy praised Bangladesh's economic growth and tremendous development in the ICT sector.

The government is set to launch the electronic passport today aiming to enhance acceptability of Bangladeshi passports abroad and make immigration process easier. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to inaugurate the e-passport programme at Bangabandhu International Conference Center in Dhaka this morning.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to pay a four-day visit to Italy from February 4 at the invitation of her Italian Counterparty Giuseppe Conte to seek fresh investments. Dhaka is considering the visit as highly important as it also involves the search for export of more items to Italy as well as seeking areas to export skilled manpower and several deals are expected to be inked.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader has said, Bangladesh Nationalist Party has become a failed political party and they will never come back. He came up with the remarks while addressing a rally in Cox's Bazar yesterday. He said, the whole world is praising Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's role on Rohingya issue as she gave them shelter on humanitarian ground.

Information Minister Dr Hasan Mahmud has said, BNP is enjoying an extra advantage in the campaign for the upcoming mayoral polls in the capital as law does not bar their top leaders to seek votes unlike those of the ruling Awami League. He said this while speaking at press briefing after attending a views-exchange meeting with newly elected executive committee members of Bangladesh Film Producers and Distributors Association at his ministry in Dhaka yesterday.

Law Minister Anisul Huq expressing his reaction to the verdicts in the CPB rally bomb blast and 1988 Laldighi Massacre cases said, it has been proved with the judgments that no criminal is above the law, no matter how powerful they are. He said this while talking to reporters at the Secretariat in Dhaka yesterday. Replying to a query about BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia's bail, he said the court jailed her for embezzling orphans' money.

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Expatriates Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Imran Ahmad informed the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday that a total of 66 lacs 33 thousand 254 trained workers got employments abroad in the last one decade from 2009 to 2019 and they sent around \$153.13 billion remittance. He also said, training is being imparted in five languages including Arabic, Korean, English, Chinese and Japanese.

Newly appointed Bangladesh High Commissioner in New Delhi Muhammad Imran presented his credentials to Indian President Ram Nath Kovind in New Delhi yesterday. Welcoming the new Envoy, Kovind said he looks forward to stronger and deeper cooperation between India and Bangladesh in all aspects, especially in security, connectivity and people-to-people contact.

Industries Minister Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun at a press conference in Dhaka yesterday said, his ministry is going to introduce industry award, titled Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Industry Award marking the celebration of the birth centenary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. He said, the award will be given in seven categories – large, medium, small, cottage, micro, handicrafts and hi-tech industry.

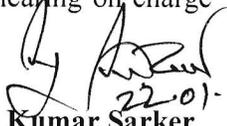
Minister for Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs Bir Bahadur Ushwe Sing at a meeting at his ministry yesterday informed that the historic 7th March speech of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman will be translated into Chakma, Marma and Tripura languages on the occasion of 'Mujib Year'.

Press Information Department introduced a new section named 'Mujib Year' on its website as a part of the celebration of the birth centenary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Rare photographs, information and features on Bangabandhu have been saved at the section.

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University will conduct the country's first-ever cadaveric kidney transplant during the 'Mujib Borsho' marking the birth centenary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Vice-chancellor of the varsity Dr Kanak Kanti Barua at a press conference informed this yesterday.

The government has stepped up its efforts to detect and prevent the new strain of corona virus which causes a type of pneumonia and has spread across China recently killing six people and infecting about 300 people. The government deployed health officers in two major airports — Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka and Shah Amanat International Airport in Chattogram.

A court in Dhaka yesterday took the charges into cognisance against 25 in the case over the murder of BUET student Abrar Fahad and fixed January 30 for hearing on charge framing.


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