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News Brief

President Md. Abdul Hamid has said, extensive campaign is needed to instill Bangabandhu's philosophy and ideals so that it could inspire the future generation to materialize the dream of Bangabandhu's 'Sonar Bangla'. The President was addressing the special session of the Jatiya Sangsad convened to mark Mujib year, the birth centenary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. He said, there is no scope to look at Bangabandhu and Bangladesh separately. One has to know about Bangabandhu in order to know Bangladesh, the struggle for freedom of the Bangalees and the Liberation War. The President said, an invisible Bangabandhu is much more powerful than a living Bangabandhu. The President expressed his optimism that country's topmost politicians, historians, academicians, researchers and journalists would play a pivotal role to disseminate the life, works and ideology of Bangabandhu throughout the world. At the session, Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury presented a number of books on Bangabandhu's life and politics to the President.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina while placing a resolution in the House to pay solemn tribute to Bangabandhu in the house yesterday said, none could erase the name of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman from the history anymore despite attempts to this end were made at different times. Bangabandhu wanted to bring a smile on the face of the countrymen by changing their lots since his childhood, she said, adding, "We are committed to build a prosperous and developed Bangladesh free from hunger and poverty envisioned by Father of the Nation."

Later, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina paid a courtesy call on the President Md. Abdul Hamid in his Jatiya Sangsad office room yesterday. During the meeting, the Prime Minister thanked the President for delivering the commemorative speech on Bangabandhu in the special session of the House. The Prime Minister and the President discussed the overall situation of the country, including the Covid-19 pandemic. The President appreciated the initiatives taken by the government to address the coronavirus situation and hoped that Bangladesh would continue to move forward on the path of development and progress by tackling the pandemic.

The Cabinet has approved a proposal of online land registration and mutation process aiming to complete mutation automatically online within eight days of land registration using an interoperability software that will bridge the offices. The approval was given at a cabinet meeting virtually chaired by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday. Cabinet Secretary Khandaker Anwarul Islam at a briefing following the meeting said, through the online service, case logging related to land will also decrease by almost 50 per cent. During the meeting, the Prime Minister directed the authorities concerned to pay special attention so that the transgender people are not deprived of the rights to the inherited property during recording, the Cabinet Secretary added.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader while addressing an online press conference yesterday said, AL does not believe in 'minus' or 'plus' formula and that is why it extended the suspension of BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia's punishment showing generosity and political liberalism. BNP's political culture is to hatch conspiracy against common people and make falsehood and search for alleyways to grasp state power in undemocratic way, he added. Mentioning that the government wants strong opposition, the Minister said, AL did not come to power using gun barrel rather it attained people's mandate to form the government by winning the hearts of people and waging movements and enduring imprisonment and repression.

Foreign Minister Dr. A K Abdul Momen has expressed optimism over the resumption of talks on Rohingya repatriation using a tripartite mechanism after the formation of a new government in Myanmar. He was talking to reporters indicating that the tripartite talks will begin soon. The Minister said, there is a trust deficit among Rohingyas that needs to be addressed by the Myanmar side.

The UK wants the new government in Myanmar to take steps towards safe, voluntary and dignified return of the Rohingyas to their place of origin in Rakhine State, Lord Tariq Ahmad, Minister for South Asia and the Commonwealth at the Foreign Office said while talking to media. The UK Minister reminded that the solution lies in Myanmar, and the UK is working tirelessly for accountability and justice.

Shaheed Noor Hossain Day is being observed in the country today. President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina issued separate messages on the eve of the day. A discussion in memory of Noor Hossain was held at Jatiya Press Club in the capital yesterday. State Minister for Information Dr. Md. Murad Hassan speaking at the function said, BNP Secretary General has been making irrelevant and provocative remarks repeatedly to spoil the government's success when the country is going ahead on development highway under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

The number of deaths from Covid-19 in Bangladesh rose to 6,092 yesterday with the death of 25 more people. At the same time recovery count rose to 3,39,768. With the detection of 1,683 new cases the total number of Covid-19 cases rose to 4,21,921. Pfizer Inc yesterday said its experimental vaccine was more than 90 per cent effective in preventing COVID-19 based on initial data from a large study.

The Commerce Ministry has asked all the commercial organizations, chambers, associations, foundations, groups, and forums to ensure the use of a mask to tackle the second wave of Covid-19. The Islamic Foundation yesterday also urged Muslims to wear masks before coming to mosques to offer prayers. The local administration in Khulna conducted separate drives in different parts of the city yesterday and arrested 50 people for not wearing mask and fined eight people Taka 6,500.

Biman Bangladesh Airlines has suspended Dhaka-Kolkata flight from November 12 until further notice. The airline, however, will continue its flight on Dhaka-Delhi route.

Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority-BEZA entered into land lease agreement with three local companies paving way for investment of over Taka 87 crore in Jamalpur Economic Zone at BEZA office yesterday.

Suspended SI Akbar Hossain Bhuiyan, prime suspect of custodial killing of Rayhan in Sylhet, was detained from a border area of Kanaighat upazila in Sylhet yesterday. Another report says, six senior officers of Bangladesh Police have been promoted to the rank of Additional Inspector General of Police; the Public Security Division of the Home Ministry issued a notification in this regard yesterday.

Former Barishal City Corporation Mayor Ahsan Habib Kamal has been sentenced to seven years in prison along with four others, in a graft case. And the court fined Kamal, also BNP leader, and Zakir Hossain, a contractor, Taka 1 crore each.


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