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News Brief

The ECNEC yesterday approved a total of seven projects involving an overall estimated cost of Taka 10,702.23 crore, including Jhenidah-Jashore Highway Development project with an estimated cost of Taka 4,187.70 crore in a bid to upgrade 48.50 Km highway to six lanes. Chaired by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina virtually, the ECNEC also approved rural connectivity infrastructure improvement Project with Taka 2,180.98 crore, the Identification System for Enhancing Access to Services (IDEA), Phase 2 project with Taka 1805.09 crore to provide all citizens, aged above 14, with smart national identity cards. The Expansion of cultivation of high-quality grass and transfer of suitable technology for development of livestock nutrition with Taka 116.73 crore and the “Khurushkul Special Ashrayan” project with Taka 1.333.61 crore were also approved in the meeting. The two other projects approved in the meeting are development of necessary infrastructures and facilities for conducting the operations of Payra Port, 2nd revised with an additional cost of Taka 1,023.96 crore and establishment of Sheikh Hasina Tatpalli, phase-1, 1st revised with an additional cost of Taka 54.15 crore. The Prime Minister during the meeting directed the officials concerned to make preparations for stockpiling, supply and proper distribution of coronavirus vaccine before the second wave.

Jamalpur-2 seat Lawmaker Faridul Haque Khan took oath as the State Minister last evening. President Md. Abdul Hamid administered the oath while Cabinet Secretary Khandker Anwarul Islam conducted the oath-taking ceremony. Meanwhile, newly elected Member of Parliament from Dhaka-18 constituency Mohammad Habib Hasan was sworn in by Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury yesterday.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader while briefing newsmen at his ministry yesterday said, if the coronavirus situation worsens, a decision for tougher preventive measures would be taken considering all aspects. The Minister added, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina gave directives to the Anti-Corruption Commission to look into the incident of money laundering in ‘Begum Para’ in Canada by Bangladeshis. Actions will be taken against those found guilty, he said.

Foreign Minister Dr. A K Abdul Momen has said, Bangladesh would initiate a fund mobilisation campaign to support Gambia's legal battle against Myanmar at the International Court of Justice over the Rohingya crisis during the 47th session of the 57-member OIC's Council of Foreign Ministers in which he is scheduled to join in person in Niger from Nov 27-28.

Meanwhile, three new Ambassadors to Bangladesh, Ambassador of Sweden Alexandra Berg Von Linde, Ambassador of Spain Francisco de Asís BENÍTEZ SALAS and Ambassador of Norway Espen Rikter-Svendsen met Foreign Minister Dr. Momen at the State Guest House Padma in the capital yesterday. During the meeting, the Minister stressed that the international community needs to take urgent steps to resolve Rohingya crisis.

Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi has put forward a five-point proposal including creation of a Commonwealth B2B connectivity hub and a digital market place as well as virtual training and capacity building programs for supporting Commonwealth private sectors. The Minister made the proposal as he chaired a high-level Commonwealth B2B connectivity dialogue organised by Bangladesh High Commission London on Monday, marking the birth centenary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Moderated by Bangladesh High Commissioner to

the UK Saida Muna Tasneem, Prime Minister's Adviser for Private Industry and Investment Salman F Rahman and State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam MP also spoke at the Dialogue.

The number of deaths from Covid-19 in Bangladesh rose to 6,448 yesterday with the death of 32 more people and detection of 2,230 new cases. Acting Editor of the daily Sangbad and noted columnist Khandaker Muniruzzaman died last morning while undergoing treatment for coronavirus at Mugda Medical College Hospital at the age of 72. President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in separate condolence messages expressed profound shock and sorrow at his death. Information Minister Dr Hasan Mahmud also condoled the death of the veteran journalist. Meanwhile, a total of 19 more dengue patients were hospitalised across the country in the last 24 hours until last morning.

India would invest in Bangladesh's hi-tech parks and develop and flourish the IT sector of the country. Indian High Commissioner Vikram Kumar Doraiswami said this during a meeting with State Minister for ICT Zunaid Ahmed Palak in Dhaka yesterday.

State Minister for Public Administration Farhad Hossain has said, under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the present government is working to make Bangladesh a developed country by 2041. The State Minister made the remarks while presenting a keynote paper in a virtual symposium organized by the United Nations yesterday. Former UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon also addressed the symposium.

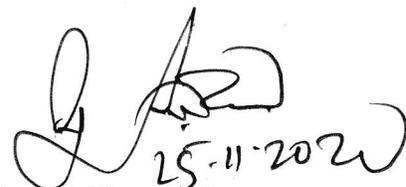
State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Fazilatunnesa Indira while addressing a function in Dhaka yesterday said, the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs donated Taka 11 crore to three thousand five hundred voluntary women's organizations for empowerment of womenfolk in the country. At present there are 19,753 voluntary organisations under the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, she said.

Md. Abu Zafar, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Bangladesh to the UAE has presented letter of credence to Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai at Qasr Al Watan Palace in Abu Dhabi. The Vice President accepted the credentials on behalf of Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE.

A four-member bench of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday headed by Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain upheld a High Court verdict that cleared the way for a lower court to resume the trial proceedings of a case filed over the attack on motorcade of the then opposition leader and now Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in Satkhira on August 30, 2002. Miscreants hurled bombs on the convoy and even shot at her as her motorcade reached in front of Kolaroa upazila BNP office.

The national flag carrier's new Dash 8-Q400 model aircraft 'Dhruvatarā', purchased on a G2G basis between the governments of Bangladesh and Canada landed at the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka yesterday.

Fifteen Bangladeshis have been repatriated from Singapore for social media postings in the wake of recent developments in France.



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