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Newsbrief

President Md. Abdul Hamid called for discarding the unnecessary alien degenerate culture which has infiltrated the country through the sky culture. He said this in a function at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy marking the distribution of 'Shilpakala Padak 2019 & 2020'. Virtually joining the function from the Bangabhaban's Gallery Hall yesterday, the President said, initiatives should be taken at the grassroots level to develop non-communal culture imbued with the spirit of the War of Liberation war.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina called upon the US investors to make investments in various sectors that includes renewable energy, shipbuilding, automobile and pharmaceuticals in Bangladesh saying that Bangladesh is pleased to offer a special economic zone for them. While delivering her address at the high-level Policy Roundtable organised by the US-Bangladesh Business Council at her palace of residence in USA yesterday, she said, Bangladesh has liberal investment policy, which includes foreign investment protection, tax holiday, remittances of royalty; unrestricted exit policy; full repatriation of dividends and capital on exit.

Earlier, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina joined a reception program hosted by the US President Joe Biden at American Museum of Natural History in New York on Wednesday. The program was throun in honour of heads of the state and heads of the government who came in New York to attend the 77th UN General Debate.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said, sustainable political will and action are needed to prevent the anti-microbial resistance (AMR) to turn from a big crisis. So, there is no alternative to creating mass awareness about AMR, she added. The Premier made this remark at the outset of breakfast meeting on Anti-Microbial Resistance (AMR) at Lexington Hotel in Newyork yesterday.

Later, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina called upon the international community to take five actions to resolve the prolonged Rohingya crisis, including political and financial support to them. She made the call at a high-level side event on the Rohingya crisis held at Lotte Palace New York Hotel yesterday. Focusing on the second action, Sheikh Hasina asked the world community to intervene in the proceedings before the International Court of Justice, International Criminal Court and National courts, including supporting the Gambia in the ICJ, in order to enforce international law and to strengthen the fight against human rights violations in Myanmar.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will gift prize money to all the players of Bangladesh Women Football Team who clinched the title of SAFF Women's Championship. The Premier will also gift houses to those players who need abodes as she has already ordered the authorities concerned to collect information about the conditions of players' houses. The PM, who is now in New York to attend the 77th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), will provide the prize money and houses after returning home, PM's Press Secretary said yesterday.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said, BNP is day dreaming of the caretaker government but it will never be materialized. Quader accused BNP of creating controversy over the elections and said, the next elections will take place in proper time as per the Constitution, adding that the government will perform routine assignment during the polls. The Minister made this comment replying to a query made by the journalists after visiting the Kalna bridge that has been constructed on the Modhumoti river under Kashiani upazila of Gopalganj district yesterday.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud said, the isolated BNP has taken the path of creating chaos and anarchies in the country as it did in 2013, 2014 and 2015. The Minister stated this while replying to a query from reporters after addressing the orientation function of new students of Fall Semester of North South University at Bashundhara in the capital yesterday.

Foreign Minister Dr. AK Abdul Momen said, Bangladesh is working for getting recognition of March 25 as the International Genocide Day by all the countries in the world. The Foreign Minister made the remark through a video message at a seminar titled 'Remember and Recognize: The Case of Bangladesh Genocide of 1971', held at the Human Rights Museum, Winipeg in Canada on Wednesday, said a press release yesterday.

Expatriates Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Imran Ahmad said, the foreign exchange reserve in Bangladesh Bank did not decrease due to the inflow of remittance. Remittance amounting to 2 billion US dollars came in the country in July this year while another two billion dollars in August and one billion dollars in 15 days in September, he added. The Minister said this while inaugurating a technical training center in Melandah Upazila of Jamalpur district as chief guest yesterday.

Newly appointed Indian High Commissioner-designate to Bangladesh Pranay Kumar Verma arrived Dhaka Wednesday. The newly appointed envoy will formally assume his new assignment after submitting his credentials to President Md. Abdul Hamid.

Additional Inspector General of Police M Khurshid Hossain has been appointed as the new Director General of the Rapid Action Battalion (RAB), the elite force of Bangladesh Police. A gazette notification of the Public Security Division of the Ministry of Home Affairs was issued yesterday.

The government has extended the age limit by 39 (3years 3 months) months for job seekers of direct recruitment to government jobs except Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) examination due to the Covid-19 situation. The Ministry of Public Administration issued a gazette notification yesterday.

The postponed examinations of ongoing Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination under the Dinajpur Education Board will be held between October 10 and October 15. The information was published in a board notification yesterday.

The government reduced the price of palm oil by Taka 12 per litre to be sold at Taka 133 while the price of sugar by Taka 6 per KG at Taka 89, said a press release of the Ministry of Commerce yesterday.

According to the daily statement of the DGHS, two dengue patients died while 437 patients were admitted to different hospitals across the country during the past 24 hours (till 8am yesterday).

Meanwhile, Bangladesh yesterday reported one Covid-19 death while it recorded 678 coronavirus positive cases during the same period, a daily statement of the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) said.

The benchmark index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), went up by 12.55 points or 0.19 per cent to settle at 6,564 yesterday.

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