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News Brief

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina gave utmost importance on dialogue to resolve crises and disputes, urging the world community to stop arms race, war and sanctions for building a peaceful world. With enhanced cooperation and solidarity, shared prosperity and collective actions, Sheikh Hasina said, "We share one planet, and we owe it to our future generations to leave it in a better shape." The Premier made this call while delivering her speech at the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) at the UN headquarters yesterday.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina called upon the United Nations (UN) and the global leaders to take effective measures for sustainable repatriation of the Rohingyas, voicing a warning that if the problem persists further, it may affect stability and security in the region and beyond. The Premier said this in her 77th UN General Assembly (UNGA) address yesterday.

Bangladesh and Cambodia are expected to sign Free Trade Agreement (FTA) as the Prime Ministers of both the countries have agreed to do it for further expanding the area of trade cooperation. During a bilateral meeting between Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen on Thursday night, they agreed to do it,

Later, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina invited US investors to come to Bangladesh to tap into its liberal investment policy and invest in renewable energy, shipbuilding, automobile, pharmaceuticals, heavy machineries, chemical fertilisers, ICT, marine resources, medical equipment, and Covid-19 vaccine manufacturing in Bangladesh. The PM made the call while delivering her speech at a high-level policy roundtable arranged by the US-Bangladesh Business Council at Lotte New York Palace hotel in New York yesterday.

Foreign Minister Dr. AK Abdul Momen attended a dinner hosted by Indian External Affairs Minister Dr S. Jaishankar in New York on Thursday night. Foreign Ministers from Vietnam, Indonesia, South Africa, Singapore, Egypt, Saint Lucia, Maldives, Morocco, Nigeria, Kenya, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, Ghana, Jamaica, Uganda and Uzbekistan were among the invitees. The Indian Minister said, they discussed pressing global challenges and the need for more effective collective response, said the press release of Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday.

Planning Minister MA Mannan said, Bangladesh is going through a change and it is now known all over the world. Poverty is decreasing as well as we have achieved enough in every field of communication system, electricity, health care, agriculture in Bangladesh and still there is a long way to go. The Minister said this while speaking as the chief guest at Apex Bangladesh's 'Service Month Inauguration and Club Service Directors' Conference' at Flim Archive Auditorium in Agargaon yesterday.

Chattogram Hill Tracts (CHT) Peace Accord Implementation and Monitoring Committee Convener (Minister) Abul Hasanat Abdullah said, Father of Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman had involved the youth society in rebuilding the war-torn Bangladesh. He urged the youth to work on the ideals of Bangabandhu. He said this while exchanging views with the leaders and activists of local youth organizations at Seral of Agailjhara upazila in Barishal district yesterday.

State Minister for Information and Communication Technology Junaid Ahmed Palak said, there are currently 13 crore internet users in the country while the number of internet users in the country was 5.6 lakh when Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the digital center at Char Kukri-Mukri in Bhola district on November 11, 2010, He said this as the chief guest in a program of 'New Recruitment and Achievement Reception 2022' organized by Dhaka University Natore District Student Welfare Association in Dhaka University yesterday.

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Bangladesh Army will felicitate the undefeated champions of the SAAF women's football team on September 27. A reward of one crore taka will be given at the same time, said a notification of ISPR yesterday.

More than \$170 million, \$93 million through the State Department and \$77 million through USAID, humanitarian assistance for Rohingya inside and outside Myanmar, as well as for host communities in Bangladesh, the United States announced yesterday.

Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) to Bangladesh Essa bin Yousef Al Duhailan said, Saudi companies have expressed their eagerness to invest in Bangladesh in various sectors because of peace, political stability, rules-regulations and good incentives. The Saudi-Bangladesh relations witnessed more strength after the visit of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to the Kingdom in 2016 and meeting with the King of Saudi Arabia Salman Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, as well as frequent high-level visits by a number of Bangladeshi high officials to Saudi Arabia and vice-versa, said the ambassador in a message marking the 92nd Saudi National Day on September 23.

Bangladesh Food Safety Authority (BFSA) directed to stop selling food in printed paper, terming it harmful to human health which is a punishable offense under the Food Safety Act, 2013. BFSA has directed to sell food in safe food-grade container, according to a BFSA notification, issued yesterday

As part of the anti-drug drive in the capital, members of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) arrested a total of 45 people on charges of selling and consuming drugs during last 24 hours till 6am yesterday, said a press release of DMP.

Meena Day will be celebrated across the country today with the theme 'Quality education amid safe and pleasant environment'. Like the previous year, the government has taken various programmes this year to celebrate the day at national level, an official handout of Primary and Mass Education said.

According to the daily statement of the DGHS, two dengue patients died while 125 patients were admitted to different hospitals across the country during the past 24 hours (till 8am yesterday),.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh today reported one Covid-19 death while it recorded 620 coronavirus positive cases during the same period, a daily statement of the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) said.


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