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### News Brief

President Md. Abdul Hamid has said, corrupt elements will be brought to justice, no matter which party they belong to. The President said this while delivering speech at a dinner programme on the occasion of the Police Week 2020 at Bangabhaban in Dhaka yesterday. Praising the role of Bangladesh Police in combating terrorism in recent years, the President also called upon police personnel to take comprehensive measures to prevent any rise to militancy by engaging concerted efforts together with people through creating public awareness against militancy.

President Md. Abdul Hamid has asked universities to design curriculum keeping in mind job market demands alongside providing quality education for enhanced competitiveness of their students. The President said this while addressing at the convocation of Bangladesh University of Professionals in Dhaka yesterday. He said, pragmatic steps were needed to develop skilled youth forces generally equipped with adequate knowledge in ICT and scientific affairs. A total of 1,778 students were conferred with graduation degree while seven researchers got PhD degree at the ceremony. National Professor Dr Anissuzzaman delivered as the convocation speaker.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has urged the police force to develop a more people-friendly image, appreciating its achievement in the recent past in earning people's confidence and trust to a great extent as the country's main law enforcement agency. The Premier made the call while addressing at the senior police officers conference as part of the Police Week-2020 celebrations at her office in Dhaka yesterday. The Premier appreciated the selection of the theme Mujib Borsher Ongikar, Police Hobe Janatar, calling it a very important commitment in the in the present day context.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has expressed hope that the banks will implement the single digit interest rate from April for the sake of the speedy industrialization and investment. The Premier came up with the hope while a delegation of Bangladesh Association of Banks (BAB) led by its President Nazrul Islam Mazumder, met her at Ganabhaban in Dhaka yeasterday. The BAB leaders handed over cheques for Taka 225 crore to the Prime Minister as donation to the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Memorial Trust marking the birth centenary celebration of Bangabandhu. Prime Minister inaugurated a "Mujib Corner" at the head office of the BAB by unveiling its plaque from Ganabhaban and informed that a book on Bangabandhu's visit to China will be published soon.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will address the nation today evening on the occasion of the completion of one year of the present government. Sheikh Hasina was sworn-in as the Prime Minister for the fourth time, third in a row, on January 7, 2019.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has provided financial assistance to an organisation and 23 individuals. The Premier handed over a cheque to the officials of the "Ganahatya-Nirjaton Archive and Jadughar" of Khulna at Ganabhaban in Dhaka yesterday. Twenty-three individuals who received donation from the Premier included ailing freedom fighters, families of a number of Awami League leaders and workers killed and injured by the BNP-Jamaat terrorists, sports organizers, and three national athletes who won gold medals in the recent South Asian Games.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader has said, the government wants to change the fate of the countrymen through its activities. He made the remarks while speaking at the distribution ceremony of warm clothes, dry and infant foods among the cold-

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hit people at Upazila Chattar in Savar in Dhaka yesterday. He said, the government has already distributed 4 million blankets, Tk 2 crore cash, warm clothes and dry food countrywide. State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Enamur Rahman was also present there.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal has said, the offenders involved in violating a Dhaka University student would be brought to justice soon. He came up with the assurance while talking to reporters at Razarbagh Police Lines ground in Dhaka yesterday. A DU second-year student was allegedly tortured and raped by unidentified persons in the capital's Kurmitola area on Sunday night. A case was filed with Cantonment Police Station in Dhaka yesterday in connection with the rape incident.

Foreign Minister Dr A K Abdul Momen has expressed deep shock by sending a condolence message to his Australian counterpart Marise Payne at the loss of lives due to multiple devastating bushfires in New South Wales and Victoria in Australia, according to Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Dhaka yesterday.

Food Minister Shadhan Chandra Majumder has said, the country's national food grain stocks will be increased to 27 lakh metric tons by 2021 from its existing highest storage of 19.6 lakh tonnes. He came up with this information while talking to media in Dhaka yesterday.

Bangladesh and Canada have agreed to form a joint working group (JWG) to boost bilateral trade and investment. Canadian Ambassador in Dhaka Benoit Prefontaine gave the assurance while met Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi at his ministry in Dhaka yesterday. Benoit said there are enormous opportunities of development in Bangladesh's private sector and Canada wants to avail this scope. Commerce Minister said bilateral trade and investment would be expedited after JWG formation, which would also create a platform for business-to-business negotiation.

American business magazine Forbes has stated through an analysis that Bangladesh will gain the highest economic growth in Asia during 2020, media reports. According to Forbes, Bangladesh will have a GDP growth of 8% or above in 2020 by means of foreign investments, low labor cost, RMG and some other industries.

The Sustainable and Renewable Energy Development Authority (Sreda) has finalised a draft policy guideline for purchasing idle electricity from solar power plants now being used for running irrigation pumps. Sreda officials said the organisation, responsible for preparing policy matters related to renewable energy, recently finalised the guidelines accommodating opinions and experiences of different stakeholders. It is now preparing to place the guideline to the Power Division for approval.

The High Court yesterday directed the authorities concerned to ban single-use plastic products in coastal areas, hotels, motels and restaurants across the country in one year as they are health and environmental hazards.

Around 3.15-kilomtere stretch of the Padma Bridge has become visible with installation of the 21st span in Munshiganj, according to Padma Bridge Project sources yesterday.

  
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