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### News Brief

The Jatiya Sangsad yesterday unanimously adopted obituary references on the deaths of former Minister Mohammad Nasim and State Minister for religious affairs Advocate Sheikh Md. Abdullah. Speaking on the motion, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said, we have lost two veterans -Mohammed Nasim and Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah who played significant roles in each of the democratic movements and struggles. The Premier said, these two leaders continued to work till their death for the betterment of the country and the people by upholding the ideology of the Father of the Nation. The Prime Minister mentioned that the entire world is now going through a crisis due to the invisible virus which none witnessed earlier. The Leader of the House said, her government would put the worst hit areas by COVID-19 under lockdown to stop further spread of the lethal virus alongside taking effective measures to run the wheels of economy as none could die from starvation.

Awami League Presidium member Mohammad Nasim was laid to eternal rest with state honour at Banani graveyard after separate namaz-e-janaza at Sobhanbagh Jam-e-Mosque and Banani Jam-e-Mosque yesterday morning. On behalf of President Md. Abdul Hamid, his Military Secretary and the Military Secretary to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, on behalf of the Premier, showed respect to the veteran politician. AL leaders and activists and representatives from different social, political and cultural organizations also paid final tributes to Mohammad Nasim. Meanwhile, State Minister for Religious Affairs Advocate Sheikh Md. Abdullah was laid to rest with state honour at his family graveyard at Kekania vilage under Gopalganj Sadar Upazila after Asr prayers yesterday.

Information Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud has said, veteran Awami League leader Mohammad Nasim had played a unique role in consolidating and strengthening the Awami League-led 14-party alliance. The Minister was talking to reporters after offering feteha and placing floral wreath on the grave of Mohammad Nasim at Banani graveyard yesterday.

Bangladesh yesterday reported 32 more fatalities from the novel coronavirus in a daily count, raising the death toll from the pandemic to 1,171. The country also saw further rise in coronavirus cases with the detection of 3,141 new cases during the same period, taking the total number of cases to 87,520. Directorate General of Health Services-DGHS came up with the disclosure at its daily health bulletin. DGHS also informed that across the country 903 more patients made recovery while 18,730 people have recovered so far from the disease. A total of 14,505 samples were tested at 60 authorised labs across the country during that time, it added.

Some areas of the two city corporations in Dhaka, Chattogram, Narayanganj, Narshingdi and Gazipur district have been marked as 'Red zones' to contain the spread of coronavirus. A total of 17 areas under Dhaka North City Corporation-DNCC, 28 areas under Dhaka South City Corporation-DSCC, 11 areas in Chattogram, Sadar, Rupganj and Araihaazar upazilas of Narayanganj, Narsingdi Model and Madhabdi thanas, Palash upazila in Narsingdi district and all upazilas of Gazipur district will be declared as Red zones. The areas were identified at a meeting of the Central Technical Committee at the DGHS on Saturday. On this issue, State Minister for Public Administration Farhad Hossain has said, "The areas where infection rate is high will be declared as 'Red Zone' and general holidays will be announced in those areas but countrywide general holidays will not be declared anymore."

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Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader turning down the BNP's allegation that the government is concealing information over coronavirus pandemic said, it is completely false. "Awami League never believes in politic of hiding information," he said in a statement yesterday. Referring to BNP's seven-point demand, the Minister said, the government has already taken more integrated steps than the BNP's demand to tackle the ongoing coronavirus crisis. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has announced 19 incentive packages involving Taka 1,03,117 crore for the worst-hit economic sectors, he added.

Dhaka has urged Madrid to recruit agri-laborers from Bangladesh for Spanish agriculture industry considering their skills in farming as the country is the fourth paddy and fifth vegetable producing county in the world. Foreign Minister Dr. A K Abdul Momen made the urge during a recent telephone conversation with his Spanish counterpart Arancha Gonzalez Laya. Dr. Momen urged Spain to take steps to refrain the global brands from cancelling their orders of Bangladesh's RMG sector in this unprecedented crisis situation. Dr. Momen sought cooperation from his counterpart in arranging a chartered flight to take back over 300 expatriate Bangladeshi workers, who are employed in Spain but got stuck in Bangladesh as they had come here in their vacation before outbreak of the pandemic. In reply, Laya assured cooperation in all the issues.

Badar Uddin Ahmed Kamran, the first elected Mayor of Sylhet City Corporation died from COVID-19 in the CMH in Dhaka around 3 in the morning today. He was 69. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina condoled the death of Badar Uddin Ahmed Kamran.

President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina have expressed deep shock and sorrow at the death of Health Services Division Secretary Abdul Mannan's wife Kamrunnahar who died of Covid-19 at the CMH in Dhaka yesterday. Information Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud, State Minister for Information Dr. Md. Murad Hasan and Information Secretary Kamrun Nahar also expressed deep shock at her death.

Prime Minister's former Principal Secretary Abul Kalam Azad has been appointed as the special envoy for the United Nations Climate Vulnerable Forum-CBF Presidency. Ex-UN Secretary General and Chair of the Board, Global Centre on Adaptation Managing Partner, CVF, Ban Ki-moon and Chair of the CVF and Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina have jointly given this appointment.

  
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