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News Brief

The cabinet has approved in principle the draft of 'The Company (amendment) Law, 2018' incorporating a provision allowing formation of a 'one-man company'. The approval came after the regular cabinet meeting at Bangladesh Secretariat with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair yesterday. Meanwhile, the cabinet also gave a nod to a proposal for celebrating December 12 as the 'Digital Bangladesh Day' instead of the 'National Information & Communication Technology Day'.

Chief Election Commissioner K M Nurul Huda has asked the executive magistrates to perform their duties properly. The CEC gave the directive while briefing the executive magistrates at Nirbachan Bhaban in Dhaka yesterday.

The Election Commission has asked the authorities concerned to monitor the social media, including facebook and twitter, centering the upcoming elections to foil false propaganda. EC Secretary Helaluddin Ahmed said this to the media at Nirbachan Bhaban in Dhaka yesterday. Mobile operators, BTRC, NTMC and cyber crime unit of police will work round the clock in this regard.

The Electronic Voting Machines will be used in six constituencies in the 11th parliamentary elections. The constituencies are Dhaka-6 and 13, Chattogram-9, Rangpur-3, Khulna-2 and Satkhira-2. The commission chose the six parliamentary seats out of 48 through an open lottery in presence of the media yesterday.

Shaheed Dr. Milon Day is being observed across the country today commemorating the 28th martyrdom anniversary of Dr. Shamsul Alam Khan Milon. On the eve of the day, President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina issued separate messages recalling the supreme sacrifice of Dr. Milon for the cause of restoration of democracy.

The cover unveiling ceremony of the graphic novel 'Mujib' was held at the Bangladesh Embassy in Tokyo yesterday. Graphic novel 'Mujib' based on autobiography of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman has been published in Japanese language with a view to portraying the life and works of Bangabandhu.

Finance Minister A M A Muhith has said, taxpayers increased by around three times in the country over the last three years riding on the responses of people, especially young generation, aimed at participating in the development activities. The Minister said this to the media while submitting his tax return through online at the Finance Ministry in Dhaka yesterday.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister and Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader has said, the decision of publishing the list of grand alliance candidates has been changed for a strategic reason. The Minister said this to the media at the party President's Dhanmondi political office in Dhaka yesterday.

State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid has said, the present government has achieved tremendous success in the enhancement of power generation capacity to make the country self-reliant in electricity supply and help reach power to every house. The State Minister said this to the media in Dhaka yesterday. He called upon all for sincerely using power to save the national resource of electricity.

A two-member election expert mission comprising David Noel Ward and Eirini- Maria Gounari representing the European Union arrives today to monitor the situations before and after the national election scheduled to be held on December 30.

DSEX, the key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, added 0.05 per cent, or 3.01 points, to close at 5,279.25 points yesterday.

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