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News Brief

President M Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed profound shock and sorrow at the death of former director general of Bangla Academy and poet Manzoor Mawla. The President said in a condolence message, the death of Manzoor Mawla is an irreparable loss to the country's literary arena, and he prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed deep sympathy to the bereaved family. The Prime Minister in her condolence message said Manzoor Mawla will be remembered for his literary work and creativity.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina reaffirmed that the country's armed forces will be provided with more modern equipment and technologies as ensuring top quality modernised force is very important. The Premier said, a process is underway to procure more modern and high-capacity warplanes and other equipment to modernize the Air Force further and implement the Forces Goal-2030. The Prime Minister yesterday said this while addressing the President's Parade of Bangladesh Air Force virtually from Ganobhaban.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed profound shock and sorrow at the death of advisory council member of Manikganj district Awami League and former lawmaker Shamsuddin Ahmed. In a condolence message, the Premier prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed profound sympathy to the bereaved family.

Jatiya Sangsad Speaker Dr Shirin Sharmin Chowdhury has urged country's young generation to take preparation to build a developed and prosperous country holding the ideology of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The Speaker said, the young generation, the lion's share of total population, would open a new horizon of possibilities and take Bangladesh forward by embracing the ideology of Bangabandhu. She was addressing a virtual discussion titled 'Bangladesh at Fifty: A Journey Towards Prosperity' organized by Dhaka University Alumni Association, UK, yesterday.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said, BNP is gradually becoming isolated from people for keeping secret ties with anti-liberation forces. The Minister told a press conference on contemporary issues at his secretariat office yesterday, BNP has been turned into the spokesperson of anti-liberation forces. Though BNP always talks about democracy, the party is entirely an undemocratic one, he added.

Agriculture Minister Dr Muhammad Abdur Razzaque said, Bangladesh will become a developing country despite the challenges unfolded by the Covid-19 crisis. He said this on Saturday while addressing the online discussion "8th Five Year Plan: Agriculture, Forest, Water Resources, Safe Food and Nutrition Security," organised by Bangladesh Krishi Orthonitibid Samity. To implement the 8th Five Year Plan, closer attention will have to be given to commercialisation, mechanisation, diversification of the agriculture sector and agricultural export promotion, Dr Razzaque added.

Information Minister Dr Hasan Mahmud said, BNP drafted the statement of 42 persons over the Election Commission (EC). Forty-two personalities of the country who gave a statement about the Election Commission are known as pro-BNP, and some of them are advisors to the BNP chairperson, the Minister added. He made the comments while addressing a discussion meeting at an auditorium of Jatiya Press Club (JPC) in the capital yesterday.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Anisul Huq urged the law officers to encourage the litigants and other concerned to follow the ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution) system to get rid of pending cases. The Minister also said, about 90 percent of cases in the modern world are being settled outside the ordinary courts and the government has introduced the ADR system through which it is possible to reduce the cases. The law minister was virtually speaking yesterday at the inaugural function of the 22nd online special training course for GPs (Government Counselors) and PPs (Public Prosecutors) at the Judicial Administration Training Institute.

Textile and Jute Minister Golam Dastagir Gazi said yesterday, the government is working to ensure the best use of the jute. The Minister also said, Bangladesh traditionally produces the best quality jute in the world, while exchanging views with the leaders of the Bangladesh Jute Association (BJA) at the secretariat.

Expatriate Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Imran Ahmed yesterday urged all government and non-government organisations to work together to overcome the COVID-19 situation and develop the immigration sector in Bangladesh. To address the on going crisis in the immigration sector, all concerned need to work together under one umbrella, he added. He made the call at a meeting titled ‘National Level Stakeholder Consultation on Safe Migration and Sustainable Reintegration in the Context of the COVID-19 Crisis’ organized by the Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training (BMET).

Chief of the Army Staff General Aziz Ahmed on Sunday said a vested quarter is conspiring at home and abroad to break the unity within the army. “The unity within the army is now stronger than any time in the past. So, no gains will be achieved through any conspiracy,” he said. The army chief revealed the information while addressing a flag-hoisting ceremony of the newly-formed Military Dental Centre, Dhaka of Bangladesh Army.

Bangladesh recorded 38 novel corona virus (COVID-19) deaths and 1,153 fresh cases in the last 24 hours. The recovery count rose to 4,37,527 after another 1,926 patients were discharged from the hospitals during the period. With this, the total death toll rose to 7,280 from the pandemic in the country.


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