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News Brief

Leader of the Opposition and Head of the Labour Party of United Kingdom (UK) Sir Keir Starmer said, Bangladesh and the UK are bound by excellent ties and further reinforced by the British-Bangladesh Diaspora. He made this observation during his meeting with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her place of residence in London. Sir Starmer thanked the Prime Minister for her tributes in memory of the Queen. They also recalled Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's meeting and personal rapport with the former Prime Minister Sir Harold Wilson.

Later, in a telephone call from the Buckingham Palace yesterday, Britain's King Charles III expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for personally attending his mother's funeral to be held yesterday. The King thanked the President and the Prime Minister as well as the people of Bangladesh for their sincere condolences and sympathies to the Royal family following the death of Queen Elizabeth II. The Prime Minister informed the King, in Bangladesh her government observed three days of state mourning as a mark of respect to the late Queen while special prayers were offered for her eternal peace.

Road Transports and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said, BNP has become an isolated party due to corruption. On the other hand, Awami League (AL) is a well-organized and strong political party under the leadership of Sheikh Hasina, he said in a statement from his residence in the capital yesterday. AL is a symbol of unity, so all leaders and workers should work for the next elections as a united force, he added.

Later, Road Transports and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said, the BNP wants to obstruct the country's development progress. He said this while virtually addressing the triennial council of Narsingdi district Awami League at Mosleh Uddin Bhuiyan Stadium in Narsingdi from his residence in capital yesterday. Bangladesh is witnessing tremendous development as democracy has been established in the country under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, he added.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud said, BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir has proved that they are the agents of Pakistan. Dr. Hasan said these while addressing the triennial conference of Rangunia Upazila Krishok League, held at Rangunia Municipal Auditorium in Chattagram yesterday. The farmers as well as the people of the country are also doing well, the country is moving forward but a few people are upset because of this advancement, he added.

Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi said, the government has a target of attaining manufacturing goods exports worth \$80 billion by 2024 and \$100.0 billion by 2026. The Minister said this while speaking at the "Meet the Overseas Correspondents Association of Bangladesh" at Jatiya Press Club yesterday. The issue of free transit was discussed and India agreed to allow Bangladesh to do business with Nepal and Bhutan through using its territory, Tipu added.

Health Minister Zahid Maleque said, first and second dose of coronavirus or Covid-19 vaccine will not be administered after October 3. People who did not receive these two doses will not get vaccine after the scheduled date. Some vaccines are out of stock while some are expired, he said. The Minister came up with this information at a program titled 'National Advocacy Workshop on Covid-19 Vaccination Program for Children 5-11 Years' held at a local hotel in the capital yesterday.

Reiterating Bangladesh's stand to solve issues with Myanmar peacefully, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal said, Myanmar will realize their mistake and refrain from doing anything in future that impedes bilateral relations. He told journalists after attending a programme at Dhaka Ahsania Mission in the city. The government has strongly protested regarding the mortershall, landed on Bangladesh territory from Myanmar side, he added.

Railways Minister Md. Nurul Islam Sujon said, the present government under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has turned every village into town by ensuring balanced development everywhere. The Minister said this while inaugurating the construction work of Rural Water Supply Scheme under the safe water supply project throughout the country at Maydandigi in Panchagarh on Friday as the chief guest. Hundred percent electricity has been ensured in the country while the government has taken plan to supply safe drinking water to the villagers, he added.

Deputy Commissioner of Banderban district Yasmin Parveen Tibriji said, law enforcers were kept alert on Bangladesh border near Myanmar as the government is giving utmost importance to the safety of the people. She told journalists at her office yesterday. The local administration has changed the SSC examination center in Ghumdhum last night as the safety of the students as well as the local public is important, she added.

Secretary of Industries Ministry Zakia Sultana said, Bangladesh's sugar industry will be turned around soon as the government is trying to increase production and reduce imports as per instructions of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. She said this while talking to reporters after visiting the manifestation field at Mubarakganj Sugar Mill in Jhenaidah District and the field of Carew & Co Limited at Darshana in Chuadanga District under Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industry Corporation yesterday.

Project Director of Northern Electric Supply Company Limited (NESCO) Engineer Hamidur Rahman told, NESCO will install 3,448.5 kilometers more power supply lines aimed at improving socio-economic conditions of the public in general through developing and strengthening the power distribution system. He said this newsmen at his office in Rajshahi yesterday.

Outgoing Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Vikram Kumar Doraiswami yesterday said, India always stands beside Bangladesh and its people as New Delhi wants to see Bangladeshi people to be happy. He told reporters after paying tributes to the martyrs of Bangladesh's Great Liberation War through placing wreaths at the National Martyrs' Memorial in Savar yesterday.

Detective Branch of Gulshan Division under Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) arrested four members of a fraud gang who used account information of master card and visa card holders. Additional Commissioner of DMP Mohammad Harun-or Rasheed disclosed details about the arrest and the gang at his office compound yesterday.

Chairman of Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) Professor Shibli Rubaiyat-ul Islam said, sophisticated software and technologically knowledgeable manpower are required to check share market manipulation. He said this at a roundtable on "Bangladesh Capital Markets' Present and Future", held in a Dhaka hotel yesterday. BSEC is working to install efficient software so that unethical practices in share trading can be flagged immediately, he said.

The World Bank issued a cautious note on its funding to Bangladesh as some slow-moving projects with repeated time-and cost-overrun dissatisfied the global lender, officials said yesterday.

Two dengue patients died while 381 patients were admitted to different hospitals across the country during the past 24 hours, a press release of the Directorate General of Health Services said.

Bangladesh yesterday reported zero Covid-19 death while it recorded 141 coronavirus positive cases during the same period, a daily statement of the Directorate General of Health Services said.



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