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## Newsbrief

Bangabhaban, the Presidential Palace, will remain open to visitors in a limited scale. Various development activities are being implemented there. President Md. Abdul Hamid said to the journalists after inaugurating the renovated Air Raid Shelter and Bangabhaban Toshakhana Museum at Bangabhaban in Dhaka yesterday.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina paid rich tributes to the memory of Michael Madhusudan Dutt marking the 199th birth anniversary of the legendary Bengali poet and father of Bengali sonnet to be observed today. In a message, PM said, Madhusudan is a bright star in Bengali literature. On this day in 1824, Madhusudan Dutt was born to landlord Raj Narayan Dutt and Janhabi Devi at Sagardari village under Keshabpur upazila in Jashore district.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today asked the Deputy Commissioners to take only necessary projects alongside implementing 25 directives including putting emphasis on increasing food production and taking measures for saving electricity and energy. The PM said, this while opening the three-day annual DC Conference-2023 at the Shapla Hall of her office in Dhaka yesterday.

Chief Election Commissioner Kazi Habibul Awal said, the schedule for the Presidential Election will be announced today. He said this while talking to the journalists at Nirbachan Bhaban in the city's Agargaon area after a meeting with Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury at JS Bhaban yesterday.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said, BNP has not been able to wage a mass movement in the country let alone mass uprising. The Minister made the remarks while talking to journalists after paying tributes to martyr Matiur Rahman Mallick at the premises of Bakshibazar Nabakumar Institution and Dr Shahidullah College, Dhaka yesterday.

The Universal Pension Management Bill 2023 was passed in the Jatiya Sangsad aiming to include citizens aged between 18 and 50 in a pension scheme. Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal moved the Bill in the house which was unanimously passed by voice votes with Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury in the chair yesterday.

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md. Shahriar Alam said, Bangladesh's principal foreign policy – friendship to all, malice towards none will remain intact whatever the global order is shifting towards. The State Minister was speaking at a seminar titled organized by Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies at its auditorium in Dhaka yesterday.

State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid said, electricity supply will be ensured with priority basis during the irrigation season. He told this at an inter-ministerial meeting on uninterrupted power supply during the irrigation season at Bidyut Bhaban in Dhaka yesterday.

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Md. Mahbub Ali said, government introduced several policies and made regulatory reforms for civil aviation growth targeting to double the number of air passengers by 2030. The Minister was addressing at the inaugural session of 30th Steering Committee Meeting of the Cooperative Development of Operational Safety and Continuing Airworthiness Programme, South Asia at a local hotel in Dhaka yesterday.

A total of 14 dengue patients were admitted with no death to different hospitals across the country during the past 24 hours till 8 am yesterday while Bangladesh recorded zero death with 13 coronavirus positive cases, a daily statement of the Directorate General of Health Services said yesterday.

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