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Newsbrief

The 27th National Training Day will be observed through various programmes in the country today. On the eve of the day, President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina issued separate messages yesterday. President Md. Abdul Hamid in his message said, along with institutional education, there is no alternative to profession based improvement and modern trainings to create skilled human resources. In her message, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said, her government has taken various development and reform programmes for the training sector. The government has attached priority to training as part of its public administration policy, she said, adding that foundation training for cadre officials has been increased to six months from four months.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said, the government will march Bangladesh towards a developed nation taking the women folk with it. The Prime Minister said this while a delegation of council of patrons of the Asian University of Women called on yesterday at her Sangsad Bhaban office. Chancellor of the University Cherie Blair led the team.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressed deep shock at the death of party's Barhatta upazila unit former president and valiant Freedom Fighter Insan Uddin Khan. In a condolence message, she prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family members yesterday.

The Presidential election will be held between January 23 and February 23, said Election Commission Secretary Md Jahangir Alam. He said this to newsmen after the 12th meeting of the Commission at Nirbachan Bhaban in Dhaka yesterday.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said, the country's people do not want to see the fall of the incumbent government rather, they want the fall of BNP's leadership. The Minister made the remarks replying to questions from journalists after attending a meeting of the governing council of Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority at Sarak Bhaban in Dhaka yesterday.

Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal reiterated his appeal to the development partners including the World Bank to continue their support to Bangladesh to attain its various development goals. The Minister was addressing a function marking the celebration of 50 years of partnership between Bangladesh and the World Bank, held at the Bangabandhu International Conference Center in Dhaka yesterday.

Foreign Minister Dr. AK Abdul Momen asked Russia to send ships to Bangladesh which remained beyond US sanctions saying, Dhaka doesn't want its ties with Washington to get affected. He told newsmen as approached for comments on the issue yesterday.

Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi called upon people not to buy extra foodstuff at once centering the upcoming holy month of Ramadan. The Minister said this while speaking at the inauguration ceremony of the 'Rangpur Industry and Trade Fair-2023' at Rangpur Cricket Garden, said a press release yesterday.

Visiting World Bank Managing Director Axel Van Trotsenburg lauded the excellent progress of Digital Bangladesh and said it would continue its support for Bangladesh's digital journey to flourish ICT sector. His assurance came at a function organized by ICT Division marking' Celebrating 50 years of Bangladesh Partnership' at the conference room of ICT Division, in Dhaka yesterday.

The second phase of the 56th Bishwa Ijtema, the second largest congregation of the Muslims, ended with Akheri Munajat. The congregation ended with 30 minutes long Akheri Munajat beginning around 12:15 pm at the Ijtema venue in Tongi here as Maulana Yusuf bin Saad Kandhalvi, eldest son of Maulana Saad Kandhalvi of Delhi, conducted the munajat yesterday.

A total of 8 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 11 coronavirus positive cases, a daily statement of the Directorate General of Health Services said yesterday.

DSEX, the prime index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange went down by 9.51 points or 0.15 percent to 6,255.93. Two other indices also ended sharply lower with the DSE 30 Index comprising blue chips, plunged 4.26 points to finish at 2,204.35 and the DSE Shariah Index DSE lost 7.06 points to close at 1,360.67.

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