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## Newsbrief

President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina issued separate messages yesterday on the occasion of the '32nd Asia Pacific Regional and 11th National Scout Jamboree' to be held at the National Scout Training Center, Mouchak, Gazipur within January 19-27. President Abdul Hamid in his message said, Scouting has been contributing worldwide in building happy and peaceful society through making good citizens for more than a century. In her message, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina hoped that every member of Bangladesh Scouts will perform their duty with patriotism and devotion to build the Golden Bangladesh as dreamt by the Father of the Nation.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said, Bangladesh is not taking loan from the International Monetary Fund on any condition. She said this while responding to a question from the Jatiya Party lawmaker Md Mujibul Haque of Kishoreganj-3 yesterday.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said, her government is working to ensure worldclass healthcare service for all. She said this while opening 45 more community vision centres at the Upazila Health Complexes in 13 districts across the country. PM virtually joined the inaugural programme held at National Institute of Ophthalmology and Hospital in Dhaka from her officie Ganabhaban in Dhaka yesterday.

Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury said, the spirit of the War of Liberation in 1971 is reflected in the Constitution of Bangladesh. She was addressing the opening ceremony of a journalist training workshop titled 'Investigative Journalism on Parliament Affairs' at the LD Hall of JS Secretariat as the chief guest, a press release said yesterday.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said, the wild clutch of the patrons of militancy is becoming visible in the country and they must be resisted at any cost. He told the opening ceremony of a month-long folk and craft fair and folk festival at Sonargaon in Narayanganj yesterday.

International Monetary Fund Deputy Managing Director Antoinette Monsio Sayeh expressed her happiness for Padma Bridge during a three-hour visit to the project site, said a IMF spokesperson after visiting the bridge. She visited the bridge, saw river training works and resentment areas yesterday.

Law, Justice, and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Anisul Huq said, the US did not impose any further sanction on Rapid Action Battalion as their activities and human rights situation in Bangladesh have improved significantly. The Minister said while speaking to journalists after a meeting with Malaysian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Haznah Md Hashim in his Ministry at Bangladesh Secretariat Dhaka yesterday.

A total of two dengue patients died of dengue disease while 14 dengue patients were admitted 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.

DSEX, the prime index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange went down by 23.57 points or 0.37 percent to 6,258.17. Two other indices also ended sharply lower with the DSE 30 Index.

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