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### Newsbrief

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday greeted all the followers of Sanatan religion on the occasion of the 'International Hindu Conference' beginning today. On the eve of the conference, the Premier issued a message wishing success of all the programmes of the event. She said, the greatest Bangalee of all time, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman ensured the freedom of people of all religions and communities to practice their respective religions in Bangladesh after the liberation of the country.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina urged the university authorities to raise funds through their respective alumni associations for development and welfare activities. She was quoted as saying at a meeting of the standing committee members of the Bangladesh University Council at her office Ganabhaban in Dhaka yesterday.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressed deep shock at the death of party's Chattogram South district unit advisory council member and former joint-general secretary Shamsul Haque. In a condolence message yesterday, she prayed for eternal peace for the departed soul and conveyed deep sympathy to the bereaved family.

A seminar on Bangladesh Development Agenda and challenges was held at the Prime Minister's Office organized by the Governance Innovation Unit. The seminar was arranged as a part of the Memorandum of Understanding, signed between the ASH Centre for Democratic Governance and Innovation of Harvard Kennedy School and the Governance Innovation Unit, PMO for the Capacity Development of Bangladesh Civil Service, according to the Prime Minister's Press Wing yesterday.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said, the talks of democracy do not match the leaders of BNP. He told a press conference after attending the board meeting of Bangladesh Bridge Authority at Setu Bhaban, Banani in Dhaka yesterday.

Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Haque said, the Ministry of Liberation War Affairs is preserving the heroic works of all the living valiant freedom fighters (FFs). He told this at the book unveiling ceremony of 'Swadhinota '71- Muktijuddey Janajoddha', written by valiant freedom fighter Lt. Colonel (retd) Abdur Rauf, Bir Bikram, at a city hotel in the Dhaka, a press release said yesterday.

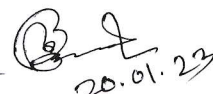
Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal said, the recent report provided by the Human Rights Watch on Armed Police Battalion is baseless. He told Newsmen after a function of Ekattorer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee on its founding anniversary at Bangla Academy auditorium in Dhaka yesterday.

Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi said, there is enough manpower at mid-level in the RMG sector from the country and thus foreign manpower at the mid-level in the RMG sector is not required anymore. He said this while addressing the orientation and certificate award ceremony of the BUFT-EPB PGD Programme for Mid-Level Management to create skilled managers in the RMG sector, organized by the BGMEA Institute of Fashion and Technology in Dhaka yesterday.

Bangladesh Bank has released commemorative silver coin of Tk 100 for keeping memorable the 'Padma Bridge-Symbol of Nation's Glory' inauguration. The coin will be available from January 22 at the central bank headquarters and later it will be available from other branches across the country, said a press release yesterday.

A total of 16 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 9 coronavirus positive cases a daily statement of the Directorate General of Health Services said yesterday.

Dhaka Stock Exchange, went up by 7.27 points or 0.12 per cent to settle at 6,265.44. The DSE Shariah Index closed the day 0.35 point up at 1,367.73. However, the DSE 30 Index, comprising blue chips, closed the day 1.81 points down at 2,208.61.

  
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