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News Brief

President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Jatiya Sangsad Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, Ministers and State Ministers expressed profound shock and sorrow at the death of veteran journalist, columnist, poet and writer Abdul Gaffar Chowdhury. Chowdhury breathed his last at the age of 88 at a local hospital in hospital yesterday morning. The noted writer won hearts of Bangalees by writing the celebrated Ekushey song "Amar Bhaier Rokte Rangano Ekushey February".

The Cabinet yesterday directed the Ministries of Finance and Commerce along with Bangladesh Bank (BB) to prepare a report within three days on the present situation of the prices of essentials for the next course of action to tackle the challenges to emerge as the outcome of Russia-Ukraine war and COVID-19 pandemic. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina chaired the cabinet meeting that took place at the Prime Minister's Office. The Cabinet approved three draft laws - 'Haat and Bazar (Establish and Management) Act, 2022', 'Land Development Tax Act, 2022' and 'Land Reform Act, 2022'.

Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Haque has been re-elected as the president of the newly formed committee of the Gazipur district unit of Awami League. Agriculture Minister Dr. Abdur Razzaque yesterday declared his names in the triennial council of Gazipur district unit of AL held on the historic Rajbari ground in Gazipur city.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday hoped that his party will become victorious in the next general elections by defying all conspiracies against Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The Minister expressed his optimism while speaking virtually the triennial council of Gazipur district unit of Awami League from his residence yesterday. He urged all party leaders and workers to be united by resolving all internal disputes ahead of the next general elections and council. Lauding the Premier's contribution to the country, he said the Padma Bridge is being built with domestic funds, defying all conspiracies and threats.

The trailer of 'Mujib: The Making of a Nation', Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's biopic, was launched at the Cannes Festival yesterday. Information and Broadcasting Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud and Indian Information and Broadcasting and Youths Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Sing Thakur jointly inaugurated the trailer on the third day of 75th Cannes Festival in France. Dr. Hasan, in his speech, said the life of Bangabandhu, victory from his struggle and his sacrifice have been portrayed in the movie. For this, the Minister extended his gratitude to Bangabandhu's elder daughter Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, his (Bangabandhu) younger daughter Sheikh Rehana, the Indian government, producer of the film, director, artistes and others.

Our image has been brightened as the Covid-19 situation is under control in the country and the World Bank has asked a written statement from us, everyone wants to know the experience of Bangladesh. Health Minister Zahid Maleque came up with the remark while speaking at the inaugural function of the 49th Annual National Conference organized by the Bangladesh Ophthalmologists Association at the auditorium of Khamarbari Krishibid Institute in the capital. However, in control of Coronavirus, Bangladesh is ahead of the United States in vaccination, the Minister added. No one has died of Coronavirus in the last one month, he further added.

Bangladesh called for enhanced global solidarity to address gaps in migrants' rights and their protection. State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shahriar Alam made the call at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on Wednesday. The State Minister stressed the need for improving cooperation among governments, humanitarian actors, consulates, and UN agencies to save lives and reduce risks and vulnerabilities for migrants during their journeys, including those caught up in situations of crisis. Highlighting the contributions of migrants to the socio-economic progress of their host countries as well as their countries of origin, the State Minister urged to step up efforts from all stakeholders and UN Network on migration to ensure synergistic implementation of the Global Compact on Migration and 2030 Agenda on the ground.

United States (US) Senator Ted Cruz (Republican-Texas) and Congressman Steve Chabot (Republican-Ohio) have expressed their willingness to facilitate further strengthening Washington-Dhaka relations. They said this while having meetings with a four-member delegation from the Standing Committee on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh National Parliament led by its Chairman Muhammad Faruk Khan on Wednesday in Washington DC.

The International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) yesterday sentenced three criminals to death for crimes against humanity in Moulavibazar district during the Liberation War in 1971. The three convicted war criminals are - Abdul Aziz alias Habul, Abdul Mannan and Abdul Matin of Moulvibazar district.

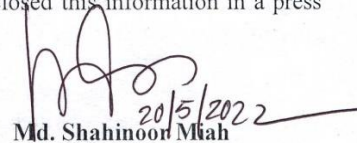
World Metrology Day, commemorating the anniversary of signature by representatives of 17 nations of the 'Metre Convention-1875', will be observed today in Bangladesh like elsewhere across the world. The event was held in Paris on May 20 celebrating the International System of Units (ISU).

Indonesia will lift its ban on palm oil exports next week, President Joko Widodo said yesterday, relieving pressure on the global vegetable oil market after prices spiked because of the suspension and the war in Ukraine.

Deadline for registration of Hajj under public and private management has been extended till May 22. The concerned branches of banks will receive the registration payment for Hajj activities on Saturday (May 21), said a press release of the Religious Affairs Ministry yesterday.

National Film Award winning actress Bidya Sinha Saha Mim has been appointed as UNICEF's newest national ambassador in Bangladesh. As the ambassador, the actor is set to join prominent personalities around the world who use their voice and prominence to advocate for the rights of children, said UNICEF Representative to Bangladesh Sheldon Yett at a press conference at a local Hotel in the city yesterday.

Bangladesh yesterday reported zero death from COVID-19. With 35 fresh cases, the number of infections surged to 19,53,138. The positivity rate stood at 0.60 per cent, testing 5,864 samples during the time. At the same time, the recovery count rose to 19,00,354 DGHS disclosed this information in a press release yesterday.


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