

Serve country selflessly: PM

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in Savar Cantonment.

She joined the event virtually from her official residence Gono Bhaban through video conference.

Pointing at the day's national flag raising, Hasina said more such mechanised brigades and mechanised battalions will be established in the military in the future.

Once the plan of the government is implemented, the capability and excellence of the military will increase many folds, she said.

She hoped that adding more mechanised units

will bring a new dimension in further strengthening the military's capability in handling national security.

About the role of the military, she said that the force is playing a significant role in the nation building like socio-economic and infrastructural development and during the natural and human-made disasters alongside safeguarding sovereignty of the country.

The PM also elaborated her government's various steps for modernisation and strengthening of the armed forces through implementation of the

forces Goal-2030 as well as establishing new cantonments, brigades, battalions and units.

Earlier, a smart contingent of the Bangladesh Army presented state salute to the premier, who is also in charge of the Ministry of Defence.

On behalf of the Prime Minister, Chief of Army Staff General SM Shafiuddin Ahmed and GOCs concerned hoisted National Flags of Headquarters "71 Mechanised Brigade" "15 and 40 East Bengal (Mechanised)" as well as "9 and 11 Bangladesh Infantry Regiment (Mechanised)".

Bring them back

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immediate release of the arrestees so that they can come back to their normal academic life," said the father of Akram Hossain, who was the president of Chhatra Odhiker Parishad's DU chapter.

During a separate protest programme in front of the Raju Memorial Sculpture, leaders and activists of Chhatra Odhikar Parishad "criticised" the VC for allegedly supporting BCL members for their controversial on campus activities.

Seven days ago, at least 13 students were injured after allegedly being attacked by BCL activists during a rally on the campus premises, marking the death anniversary of Buet student Abrar Fahad, who was killed by BCL members in Buet.

The next day, a Dhaka court sent 24 leaders and activists of Chhatra Odhikar Parishad to prison in a case filed against them by two BCL leaders and activists on charges of launching an attack.

Dengue claims 8 lives

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It is not possible to control dengue without managing mosquito hotspots. This year, authorities took inadequate measures to find and manage these sites, said Kabirul.

"Hotspot management means identifying risky houses and areas by collecting addresses of dengue patients," he explained. Authorities will have to kill adult Aedes mosquitoes and their larvae at these sites, and build awareness among residents.

Entomologist GM Saifur Rahman of Bangladesh National University said as short-term activities, authorities will have to conduct surveys in risky areas to find dengue patients who show mild symptoms and bring them under care.

They will also have to conduct intensive control operations in those areas to kill mosquitoes and build public awareness. The public should also take personal measures to protect themselves by using mosquito repellent and wearing clothes that cover arms, he said.

Last month, Dhaka North City Corporation Chief Health Officer Brig Gen Md Zobaidur Rahman said apart from regular and special drives, they have purchased 30 boats to clean waterbodies and use insecticides properly.

Md Abu Nasher, public relations officer of Dhaka South City Corporation, said besides routine drives, they are taking different measures to control Aedes mosquitoes, including drives around houses of dengue patients.

Production resumes after five

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Around 650 local miners, who were appointed on a "no-work-no-pay" condition, were given leave indefinitely. The entire mining area took on a deserted look in the last few months, said officials and workers.

Later, MGMCL officials assigned its enlisted vendor Germania Trest Consortium for importing explosives from India.

The mine officials said the LC (letter of credit) was opened in May for importing the explosives,

and an order to import 226 tonnes of explosives was awarded.

A vehicle carrying 75 tonnes of explosives reached the mining area on Wednesday night, said Pinak.

"The rest will arrive at the mining site within a week," he added.

Mine officials said the company suffered a loss of around Tk 165 crore during these five and a half months due to the suspension.

Currently, around 70 lakh tonnes of rocks are required annually

in Bangladesh. Of these, around 10 lakh tonnes are produced by MGMCL, while the rest are imported, the mine officials said.

Seeking anonymity, multiple officials of MGMCL said the company's production cost is much higher than its earnings, because it has been failing to produce the target amount of rocks for years.

According to the company's financial statements, it incurred a loss of around Tk 433 crore in one decade (2012-2022).

Three killed

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Rahim Medical College Hospital, said police.

In Panchagarh, a motorbike mechanic was killed in a head-on collision between his motorcycle and a truck on Debiganj-Domar road at Puratan Bus Stand in Debiganj upazila on Wednesday evening.

Nasir Hossain (18) was initially taken to Debiganj Upazila Health Complex. He succumbed to his injuries on way to Rangpur Medical College Hospital, said police.

Ali and his orchid

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Many students and homemakers collect orchids from me and re-sell them. So it's not only an income source for me but also for many others," he said.

Orchids can grow easily in soft sunlight on balconies, where there is no need for mud, sand or soil. The flower stays around one and half months to two months. "The plant also lives long, so I got inspired

to cultivate orchids," said Ali.

"I expect to earn Tk 10 lakh by selling orchids next year. It's a profitable business and the cultivation is very easy," he added.

Dr Palash Sarkar, deputy director of Chhapana wabganj DAE, said, "We visited Muhammad Ali's garden. Since the district's weather is favourable for orchids, it has a bright prospect for commercial production."

Need quick

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Measures in Asia (CICA) held in Astana, Kazakhstan, said a foreign ministry press release yesterday.

At the summit, leaders of 27 CICA member countries, including 12 heads of state or government and two deputy heads of state warned of a grim economic future as the Russia-Ukraine conflict dragged on and continued to disrupt supply chains, cause fuel shortage and price hike.

The Bangladesh foreign minister also called for implementation of climate financing pledges commensurate with the principles of loss and damage ahead of the climate conference going to take place in Egypt next month.

Momen is also scheduled to meet his Bahrain, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan counterparts on the sidelines of the summit.

Biman

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When asked about the allegations against a captain regarding the recruitment of pilots and harassment of female pilots, Zahid Hossain said, "We will take necessary actions regarding such complaints."

He also said the biggest challenge of Biman is to ensure quality services to the passengers.

When asked about the boycott of yesterday's press conference by Aviation Tourism Journalist Forum of Bangladesh for not cooperating with journalists, Zahid Hossain said, "They have the right to boycott. I assure you that in the next three months you will see a lot of progress on Biman's media operations as well. I will do my best to give you the respect you deserve."

More than

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formula, with an aim to bring discipline to the city's transport system.

This is a part of the authorities' move to rationalise bus routes in Dhaka and bring all public buses under a fixed number of companies.

To introduce the system, the authorities preliminarily decided to introduce nine clusters under different colours and bring all the buses under 22 companies and all routes under 42 routes.

As per the decision, 54 existing routes would be brought under eight routes (from Route 21 to 28) under the "Green Cluster". On December 26 last year, the new system was launched with 50 buses. Buses were launched on two new routes yesterday.

Launching the service yesterday, Quader said the development would not yield any fruit if discipline can not be restored in traffic movement in Dhaka.

DNCC Mayor Atiqul Islam said Dhaka's entire bus service would be brought under a bus route franchise system.

No bus will be allowed to ply without a route permit. Bus owners who bring their buses under the franchise system would be benefited, said the DNCC mayor.

RMG workers protest

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The workers said when they went to work yesterday, notices at the main gates of those factories announced their closure for an indefinite period.

Ratan Hossain Motaleb, organising secretary of Savar Ashulia Dhamrai regional committee of Textile Garment Workers Federation, said they came to know that the owner sold the factories.

The workers first blocked Anowar Jang Road and later started protesting

in front of the factories, said Ratan.

The company's chairperson Jahid Akbar Chowdhury did not respond to the calls made by this correspondent. Its admin manager did the same.

Azfar Hossain, assistant superintendent of police (ASP) of Ashulia Industrial Police-1, said, "I asked the workers that they can go for any legal procedure if they want."

Asked about the sale of the factories, the ASP said he was not aware of it.

Make a list

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will also focus on incomplete investigation of important cases.

"We have seen that police are making a list of BNP members. Some over-enthusiastic officers raided the homes of BNP's leaders and activists, halted buses, and harassed party leaders and activists before yesterday's [Wednesday] rally," said Khasru.

"Please make a list of Awami League criminals who attacked our men, carried out vandalism, and tortured our workers over holding the rally," he added.

Khasru said, "Awami League activists and police have been aggressive, but BNP members have shown their patience... They [AL] want to push the country towards violence, and we want to reintroduce democracy."

At the conference, BNP leader Ruhul Kabir Rizvi alleged that to break the

autocratic shackle of the government, Chattogram's people went to the Polo Ground rally.

Accusing police of arresting around 50 party members, Chattogram Metropolitan BNP Convener Dr Shahadat Hossain said, "We will make a list of over-enthusiastic officers who arrest our men without any warrant or cause, and torture them with support of AL men. We will file cases against them."

BNP Vice Chairperson Mir Mohammad Nasir Uddin, Chairperson's Advisor VP Zainal Abedin, Central Health Affairs Secretary Dr Rafiqul Islam, former minister Zafrul Islam Chowdhury, Metropolitan BNP Member Secretary Abul Hashem Bakkar, South District BNP Convener Abu Sufian, and Central BNP Member Barrister Mir Helal Uddin were present at the conference.

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