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News Brief

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is scheduled to lay the foundation of the Dasherbandi Sewerage Treatment Plant at a function at Hotel Pan Pacific Sonargaon today. The project spreading over 24 hectares of land being implemented by Dhaka WASA will have the capacity of processing 500,000 cubic meter sewerage per day.

President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina have paid rich tributes to former United Nations Secretary General and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Kofi Annan. In condolence message, they expressed profound shock at the death of Kofi Annan, a Ghanaian diplomat who served as UN Secretary General from 1997 to 2006. The President and the PM specially recalled the great contribution of Kofi Annan in maintaining global peace, combating climate change and upholding human rights specially the rights of the Rohingya people.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Anisul Huq has said, a black law was enacted to protect the killers of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The Minister said this at a discussion at the Bangabandhu Memorial Museum at Dhanmondi yesterday. Some 50 diplomats from different missions attended the discussion meeting arranged on the occasion of National Mourning Day.

Liberation War Affairs Minister A K M Mozammel Haque has urged the people to resist anti-liberation forces in the next general election for paying the debt of Bangabandhu's blood. The Minister said this while addressing a discussion in Gazipur on the occasion of the National Mourning Day.

Foreign Minister A H Mahmood Ali who visited New Delhi to attend the funeral of the former Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee met the Indian External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj on 17 August. Ms. Sushma appreciated the Bangladesh Foreign Minister for coming all the way from Dhaka to attend funeral in New Delhi. She also appreciated Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for her message of condolence.

There are no official or personal IDs of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, her sister Sheikh Rehana and the PM's daughter Saima Wazed in social media particularly on facebook and twitter. A press release of Awami League informed this yesterday. The release said, there are only a verified facebook account (www.facebook.com/sajeeb.a.wazed) and a verified twitter account ID (www.twitter.com/sajeebwazed) of Prime Minister's ICT Affairs Adviser Sajeeb Wazed. There is also another facebook account ID (www.facebook.com/radwan.siddiq) which is being operated by Bangabandhu's another grandson Radwan Mujib, the release added.

The US government on Friday hit four Myanmar military commanders and two military units with punitive sanctions, accusing them of serious human rights abuses against Rohingyas.

The RAB has taken stringent security measures across the country particularly in Dhaka for peaceful celebration of the Eid-ul-Azha. The RAB has been implementing a two-week security plan for smooth and peaceful celebration. Some 245 patrol teams and 56 striking forces have been working across the country to make the security foolproof during the eid celebrations.

DSEX, the key index of the DSE, advanced by 1.12 per cent, or 60.74 points, over the week to finish at 5,467.74 points on Thursday.

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