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## **News Brief**

President Md. Abdul Hamid has urged doctors and others concerned to devise ways to ensure access of ordinary people to quality treatment at lower cost without hassles. The President made the call while inaugurating the 7th biennial conference of Bangladesh Community Ophthalmological Society at Radisson Blue Water Garden Hotel in Dhaka yesterday.

The Cabinet has ordered a nationwide intensified anti-militancy security and intelligence vigil against the backdrop of recent terrorist attack in Sri Lanka. The instruction was given in the weekly Cabinet meeting with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair at her office in Dhaka yesterday. The Cabinet condemned the assault in Sri Lanka and took two condolence motions for the victims in general and particularly for Zyan Chowdhury, grandson of Awami League Presidium Member Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim MP. The Cabinet fixed up office timing for government, semi-government, autonomous and semi-autonomous institutions during the holy month of Ramadan from 9am to 3:30pm with a 15 minute-break from 1:15 to 1:30 for Zohr prayers.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said, the government will ensure the maximum punishment to the culprits by enacting tougher law, if necessary, to prevent the sexual harassment. The PM said this while taking part in a discussion on a resolution placed in the Parliament yesterday pointing at brutal killing of Feni's Sonagazi Madrasa student Nusrat Jahan Rafi. The Premier in her address called upon the parliaments, governments and citizens of all countries of the world to build up resistance against terrorism and sexual harassments. The House yesterday passed Bangladesh National Social Welfare Council Bill, 2019.

Saudi Ambassador to Bangladesh Abdullah Bin H. M. Al-Mutairi paid a farewell call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her Jatiya Sangsad Office in Dhaka last evening. The Prime Minister congratulated the Saudi Ambassador for successfully completing four-year tenure in Bangladesh.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina handed over a cheque for the amount of Taka 20 lakh to Anwara Begum of Chakoria in Cox's Bazar at her Jatiya Sangsad Office last evening. The family of Anwara Begum was a victim of BNP-Jamaat atrocities during their 2001-2006 tenure.

Four lawmakers-elect from BNP took oath yesterday as Member of Parliament of the 11th Jatiya Sangsad. Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury administered the swearing-in at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

Russia has expressed its solidarity with Bangladesh on Rohingya issues and reiterated to continue its supports including humanitarian assistance. It was articulated during the bilateral talks between visiting Bangladesh Foreign Minister Dr. A K Abdul Momen and his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov in Moscow yesterday.

Information Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud visited ailing Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader in Singapore on Sunday. Dr. Hasan Mahmud during the visit enquired about the health of Obaidul Quader and prayed to the Almighty Allah for his early recovery.

Pro-Awami League teachers' body 'blue panel' swept the Dean Elections at Dhaka University winning nine posts out of 10. The poll was held at the Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban from 9am to 1pm yesterday.

At least two suspected militants were killed in an explosion after members of Rapid Action Battalion cordoned off a tin-shed reported den of militants at Bosila in Mohammadpur area in Dhaka yesterday.

The cyclonic storm "Fani" over southeast bay and adjoining area moved northnorthwestwards further and it is likely to intensify further. The maritime ports of Chattogram, Cox's Bazar, Mongla and Payra have been advised to keep hoisted distant warning signal no. two.