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### News Brief

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will brief the media on her five-day bilateral official visit to China at Ganabhaban at 4 pm this afternoon. Meanwhile, the Prime Minister in an interview to CGTN in Beijing on July 3 laid importance on connectivity with the neighbouring countries and said, China is really collaborating with Bangladesh and many Chinese companies are constructing many important projects in the country. 'We have signed the agreement- Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar Economic Corridor that will open the door to increase our trade, business, communication, and also develop our communication for trans-Asian highway and railway' Sheikh Hasina added.

Bangladesh Veterinary Council Bill, 2019 was passed in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday with a view to maintaining the professional standard of the veterinary practitioners and also to extend quality healthcare services to resist the animal diseases. The Jatiya Sangsad yesterday also passed Animal Welfare Bill, 2019 in with an aim to stop cruelty towards the animals and define duties of those owners.

The government has a plan to register all the online news portals as soon as possible with an aim to check the fake news publications on the online media. Information Ministry has constantly been monitoring whether any outlet of electronic, print and online is publishing untrue and misleading reports. The ninth wage board award for journalists and employees of newspapers and news agencies would be announced soon. State Minister for Information Md. Murad Hasan said this while replying to a question on behalf of Information Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud. State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid informed the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday that the government gave new power connections to about 1.9 crore subscribers in the last five years. Industries Minister Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun replying to another question informed the Jatiya Sangsad that the government would set up an automatic assembling plant by 2022 to produce cars aiming to meet its local demand.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader has said, hartal is no more a weapon of mass movement as the countrymen understand the reality. Gas price has been increased for cost adjustment. Even after that the government will have to give subsidy. The Minister said this at a press conference at Dhanmondi in Dhaka yesterday.

Agriculture Minister Dr. Mohammad Abdur Razzaque has laid stress on exploring newer overseas markets to increase exports of agricultural produces to make this sector economically vibrant. The Minister said this while addressing an international symposium at North South University in Dhaka yesterday.

Health Minister Zahid Maleque has said, a cardiac patient can now undergo bypass surgery at Dhaka Medical College Hospital at a cost of Tk 40,000-50,000. The Minister said this while inaugurating newly developed Cardiac Surgery and Vascular Surgery Department at DMCH in yesterday.

Foreign Minister Dr. A K Abdul Momen has said, Malaysia expects to reopen its door to fresh Bangladeshi manpower from the next month. The Minister said this to the media after holding bilateral meeting with his Malaysian Counterpart Saifuddin Abdullah at State Guest House Padma in Dhaka yesterday. Dr. Momen referring to his talks with the visiting Minister said, Kuala Lumpur is trying to convince Myanmar to start Rohingya repatriation as quickly as possible.

Marshall Islands President Dr. Hilda Heine and former UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon are scheduled to arrive in Dhaka tomorrow on a two-day visit to attend the 'Dhaka Meeting of the Global Commission on Adaptation'. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the day-long meeting at Hotel InterContinental in Dhaka on Wednesday. The Marshal Islands President and Ban Ki-moon would also visit Khrushkul Special Asrayan Project at Ukhiya in Cox's Bazar. Queen Maxima of Netherlands will also arrive in Dhaka tomorrow.

The government has joined hands with UNDP to invest a US\$33m project in Satkhira and Khulna districts to benefit nearly 7 lakh people, mostly women and adolescent girls to help them better adapt to climate change. The six-year project is mainly financed by the Green Climate Fund (GCF), the world's largest multilateral fund for climate change. Women and Children Affairs Secretary Kamrun Nahar said this while addressing a workshop in Dhaka yesterday.

The government has appointed 105 Assistant Attorney Generals. In this regard, Solicitor Wing of Law and Justice Division issued a gazette notification yesterday.

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