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News Brief

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has called upon the top business leaders of the globe to invest more in Bangladesh. She made the call while delivering her statement at a high-level roundtable in London yesterday. British Prime Minister Theresa May chaired the roundtable of the Heads of Government with Senior Business Leaders. The Premier apprised that foreign investment in Bangladesh in the current fiscal stands at over US Dollar three billion. Her government has initiated the establishment of 100 economic zones across the country to attract FDI.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has urged the Asian leaders to build connectivity to make the region more peaceful and stable for its further development and prosperity. The Premier made the urge as she was speaking at an event of Commonwealth Business Forum attended by Asian leaders at Guild Hall in London yesterday. The PM said, the Asian countries need to be more inclusive in growth- not just within the nations but across the Asian region.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is to join the two-day long 25th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting beginning at the Buckingham Palace in London this morning. The Commonwealth leaders will later attend the official reception to be hosted by British Premier Theresa May and Commonwealth Secretary General Patricia Scotland QC at the Lancaster House.

A total of 13 foreign media personalities and intellectuals yesterday called on Speaker Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban. During the meeting, they discussed various matters including parliamentary practice, trade, financial development, tourism and Rohingya issues. The Speaker called upon the international community to raise opinion in support of peaceful repatriation of Rohingyas to Myanmar.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Mohammed Nasim has directed the authorities concerned to accelerate finalization of acts on alternative treatment methods to provide local medical facilities to common people. He gave the directive while presiding over a meeting with the delegates from Bangladesh Unani Aiyurvedik Board and Bangladesh Homeopathic Board at his ministry yesterday.

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu has called upon journalists to highlight the huge development programmes being implemented by the government. The Minister made the call as he was addressing the inaugural of a workshop titled 'March of Development in Bangladesh and the Role of Mass Media' organized by Press Information Department at PIB in Dhaka yesterday.

Bangladesh and the UAE have signed a MoU for recruiting manpower from Bangladesh in 19 categories. Secretary of Ministry of Expatriates Welfare and Overseas Employment Dr Namita Halder and Under-Secretary of Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratisation of UAE Saif Ahmed Al Suwaidi signed the MoU on behalf of their respective sides in Dubai yesterday.

Bangladesh has won three major elections in the United Nations. With this victory, Bangladesh will now represent the Asia-Pacific Group to Commission on the Status of Women for four years (2019-2023), Executive Board of UNICEF for three years (2019-2021) and Executive Board of UN WOMEN for three years (2019-2021). The elections were held at the ECOSOC of the United Nations in New York on 16 April.

The DSEX, the prime index of Dhaka Stocks Exchange, closed yesterday at 5,822.99 points.

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