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News Brief

President Md. Abdul Hamid returned home last night after health check up in Singapore. On his arrival at the airport, the President was received by senior members of the Cabinet, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps, Chiefs of the three services and other high officials.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, terming the boycott of Jatiya Oikyafront MPs a politically wrong decision, has called upon them to join the parliament. The Prime Minister responding to a question in Jatiya Sangsad yesterday said, if they join the Jatiya Sangsad, they will get a scope to speak in the House.

Prime Minister has said, her government has taken initiatives for improving the quality of education by imparting training to the teachers and providing education through digital system and setting up multimedia classrooms. The PM said this in her question-answer session in the House yesterday. The Prime Minister said, the government has taken steps to set up a permanent campus of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Digital University on 50 acres of land adjacent to Bangabandhu Hi-Tech Park in Kaliakoir in Gazipur.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will leave Dhaka today to attend the Munich Security Conference scheduled to be held on February 15-17. This will be her first foreign trip after her party Awami League formed government for the third consecutive term. During the visit, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will hold bilateral meetings with different world leaders including German Chancellor Angela Merkel. On conclusion of the visit to Germany, the PM would fly to the United Arab Emirates to attend the International Defence Exhibition and Conference on February 17-19.

Foreign Minister Dr. A K Abdul Momen has said, issues like Rohingya crisis, regional security, exploring labour market will get priority during the Premier's visit to Germany and UAE. The Foreign Minister said this while briefing reporters about the Prime Minister's visit to Germany and the UAE at his ministry yesterday.

Slovenian Prime Minister Marjan Sarec has extended his heartfelt congratulations to Awami League President Sheikh Hasina on her assumption of office as the Prime Minister for the fourth time. The Slovenian leader in his message yesterday wished that the friendly relations between the two countries would continue to develop and strengthen.

President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina have issued separate messages on the occasion of the 24th anniversary of Bangladesh Coast Guard and Coast Guard Day-2019. In the messages the President and the PM hoped that the members of the Coast Guard would work with patriotism, sincerity, honesty, courage and cordiality to ensure foolproof security of the country's maritime and coastal regions.

Liberation Affairs Minister A K M Mozammel Huq has said, Mujibnagar will be developed as the Liberation War Memorial within 2021 using the latest technologies. He said this while presiding over a meeting at Meherpur yesterday. The Minister said, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has raised the allocation from Taka 500 crore to Taka 1000 crore for the construction of the proposed project.

Information Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud has said, Betar would air various programmes so that the new generation feel encouraged to work for the country. He said this while inaugurating programmes marking World Betar Day at Agargaon in Dhaka yesterday. Information Secretary Abdul Malek also attended the function.

India is keen to cooperate with Bangladesh in further improving its growing aviation and tourism sector. Acting High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh Dr. Adarsh Swaika expressed the eagerness as he called on State Minister for Aviation and Tourism M Mahbub Ali at his ministry in Dhaka yesterday.

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