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News Brief

President Md. Abdul Hamid asked the diplomats to perform their professional duties with the spirit of the Liberation War and patriotism to build good relations with all friendly countries and international communities. He said this while speaking at the concluding session of the first ever "Envoys' Conference" at Bangabhaban in Dhaka yesterday. Various national interests, challenges of foreign policy, Vision-2021, implementation of SDGs, trade and commerce, blue economy and communication, labour and migration, Rohingya problem, regional and bilateral process, protocol and consular service dominated the three-day discussion.

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council approved a project, Ashrayan-3, involving Tk 2,312.15 crore for giving temporarily shelter to Rohingyas yesterday with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair. Bangladesh navy will implement the project at Bhasan Char of Char Ishwar union in Noakhali's Hatia where one lakh Rohingyas will be accommodated and after their repatriation, the project will be used to accommodate the poor of Bangladesh.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina reaffirmed Bangladesh's commitment to the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination and support to their struggle for peace, stability and justice in a message on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People today. The Prime Minister said, Bangladesh welcomes and calls for implementing the UN Security Council Resolution adopted in December 2016 that stated the establishment of settlements in Palestinian territory occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem, had no legal validity.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith asked the ambassadors and higher commissioners of Bangladesh to uphold the country's positive image before the world community. The government is providing support to any innovative idea for the sake of country's development adding, Bangladesh has achieved a remarkable success in poverty alleviation and reducing child and maternal mortality rates under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. He said this at the concluding session of the three-day "Envoys' Conference 2017" in Dhaka yesterday.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid said, the government has taken need-based initiatives for the students with differently able to ensure inclusive education in the country adding, it is possible to enroll students with disability to 8,000 public and private Technical and Vocational Education and Training institutions in the country. He said this while speaking in a workshop titled "Technical and Vocational Education and Training institutes' disability inclusive" in Dhaka yesterday.

The first ever two-day International Healthcare, Pharmaceuticals and Biotech Trade Fair-2017 began in Dhaka yesterday with a view to creating a dynamic platform to involve and coordinate a multi-sectoral event and showcasing the diverse methods of improving the health sector capacity of Bangladesh. Primary and Mass Education Minister Mostafizur Rahman inaugurated the fair at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre. Speaking at the occasion, Mostafizur Rahman said the government is moving forward with the Vision 2021 and 2041 and so different types of health services including community clinic have reached the door step of the people.

Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Haque said, all insolvent freedom fighters would get free medicare from January 1 next while they will be given state-of-the-art medical services free of cost from July 1 next. He said, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been working relentlessly for ensuring their wellbeing adding, the graves of all freedom fighters will be preserved in the same design and all the memorials of the Liberation War including mass grave and battleground will be conserved in the same format. The Minister said this while talking to the freedom fighters at a function in Muktagachha, Mymensingh yesterday.

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu said, the world was on the verge of a fourth industrial revolution, where robotics, big data and artificial intelligence would rule. He said this while speaking at a press conference in PIB auditorium yesterday in a digital fair titled "Digital World". The fair is to start from December 6 to 9 at the Bangabandhu International Conference Center. Principal Information Officer Kamrun Nahar was present at the program.

A two-day 'High Level Meeting on Achieving Sustainable Graduation for the LDCs' began in Dhaka yesterday aimed at strengthening the understanding of the technicalities of the graduation criteria and the process. Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed, Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali and Under-Secretary-General and High Representative of UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu were present at the opening ceremony at Sonargaon Hotel in Dhaka.

The key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, DSEX, declined 0.47 per cent, or 29.88 points, to close at 6,272.57 points yesterday after losing 34.42 points in the previous session.

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