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**News Brief**

President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina paid tribute to the members of Armed Forces who made their supreme sacrifices during the War of Liberation by placing a wreath at the Shikha Anirban in Dhaka Cantonment yesterday on the occasion of the Armed Forces Day-2018.

Chiefs of the three services yesterday called on President Md. Abdul Hamid at Bangabhaban on the occasion of the Armed Forces Day. During the call on, the President greeted all the members of armed forces and their family members on the occasion of the day. Chiefs of the three services also called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the Armed Forces Division on the occasion of the day.

President Md. Abdul Hamid has hosted a Milad mahfil at the Darbar Hall of Bangabhaban after Zohr prayers on the occasion of Holy Eid-e-Miladunnabi, the anniversary of the birth and demise of Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SM).

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has expressed her firm determination to keep up the pace of development, saying that she considers the premiership as a scope to serve the people. The Prime Minister was addressing a reception accorded to the successors of Birshreshthos, and the gallantry award-recipient freedom fighters of the armed forces on the occasion of the Armed Forces Day-2018 at the Army Multipurpose Complex at Dhaka Cantonment yesterday. As many as 101 gallantry-award recipient freedom fighters and their heirs including close relatives of seven Birshreshthos joined the function.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressed her commitment to serve the people until her last day with a desire to make the country a suitable abode for the next generation as she made her current tenure's last Armed Forces Day address in Dhaka yesterday. The Premier addressing the civic and military gathering at Senakunja at the Dhaka Cantonment said, her government got support of every section of people to take the country to this stage.

The Election Commission is holding a meeting with law enforcement agencies at Nirbachan Bhaban in Dhaka today to give directives on maintaining peaceful law and order ahead of the 11th parliamentary election scheduled to be held on December 30 this year.

Thai Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-o-cha has assured his country's fullest support to Bangladesh bilaterally as well as through regional fora, especially in ASEAN Regional Forum and BIMSTEC. Thai Prime Minister made the assurance when outgoing Bangladesh Ambassador to Thailand Saida Muna Tasneem met him at Government House in Bangkok on Tuesday. Meanwhile, Ambassador Tasneem has been appointed Bangladesh High Commissioner to the United Kingdom.

The rumour identification and prevention cell of the government has ruled out the news of the disappearance of 'Bangabandhu-1 satellite', saying that it was a rumour. The Press Information Department in its handout quoting the rumour identification cell yesterday said, the news published in social media and online news portals on 'Bangabandhu-1 satellite missing' was a rumour and urged people not to be misguided.

Bangladesh nationals will now be able to explore the beauties of Sikkim of northeast India and Ladakh of Jammu and Kashmir as India has lifted restrictions. Indian High Commission in Dhaka has already introduced an application form to give permission to Bangladeshi tourists who want to visit those restricted places.

President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina have expressed deep shock and sorrow at the death of Begum Fazilatunnesa, wife of Birshreshtho Shaheed Lance Nayek Noor Mohammad, who died at the age of 71 at Combined Military Hospital in Dhaka yesterday. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina visited ailing Begum Fazilatunnesa at the CMH yesterday.

Bangladesh will take on visiting West Indies in the first Test of the two-match series beginning at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chattogram today.

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