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News Brief

Prime Minister and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina is beginning election campaign from Gopalganj today paying tributes to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Sheikh Hasina will leave the capital for Tungipara of Gopalganj by road from her official Ganabhaban residence at 8 am. She will begin her campaign by placing a wreath at the mazar of Bangabandhu and offering fateha there at 12:30 pm. The Awami League president will address a public rally at the Sheikh Lutfar Rahman Government Degree College ground at Kotalipara in the district at 2:30 pm. On her way back to Dhaka, the Prime Minister will join a number of rallies and election campaign at Bhanga, Rajbari, Manikganj and Savar.

Chief Election Commissioner K M Nurul Huda has urged magistrates to exercise their power as much as it's necessary to ensure a fair election. The CEC made the urge at a workshop of Judicial Magistrates at the Nirbachan Bhaban in the capital yesterday. The CEC said, in the parliament election, political pressure has to be faced by fair apply of law but by not indulging anger and by staying above any kind of discrimination.

United States of America wants to see a peaceful election in Bangladesh and all parties should get equal spaces to express their political views, said Earl R Miller, the US Ambassador in Dhaka. He said this to journalists after emerging from a meeting with Chief Election Commissioner K M Nurul Huda at Nirbachan Bhaban in the capital yesterday.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Proposal of UN Global Compact on Migration was adopted in Marrakech, Morocco at the 11th Global Forum on Migration and Development. A Bangladesh delegation led by the Foreign Secretary Md. Shahidul Haque attended the meeting which was organized by Platform for Disaster Displacement. The Foreign Secretary recalled the proposal for the Global Compact for migration made by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in her address at the UNGA in 2016 in the statement.

The government has distributed charges of four ministries among the existing cabinet members as the resignation letters of four technocrat ministers were accepted on Sunday. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has taken the additional responsibility of Science and Technology Ministry and the Ministry of Post, Telecommunications and ICT. Local Government and Rural Development Minister Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain has taken the additional charge of the Ministry of Expatriate Welfare and Overseas Employment and Liberation War Affairs Minister A K M Mozammel Haque has been given the additional duty of Religious Affairs Ministry.

The results of JSC, JDC and PEC and its equivalent Ebtedayee Examinations will be published on December 24. The results will be handed over to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the morning. The Prime Minister will also inaugurate the distribution of free textbooks of 2019 at the same function.

The government is observing the 'Digital Bangladesh Day' today to make its Digital Bangladesh concept memorable. The theme of the day is 'Digital Bangladesh will be Bangabandhu's Sonar Bangla'. Marking the day, ICT Division has chalked out daylong elaborate programmes including a seminar at the Bangabandhu International Conference Center in the capital to be attended by Finance Minister A M A Muhith.

Industries Minister Amir Hossain Amu has said, Bangladesh has become a role model of socio-economic development under the prudent policies and dynamic leadership of the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The Minister said this at the inaugural function of the three-day Bijoy Mela-2018 at the BSCIC auditorium in Dhaka yesterday.

A Seminar on investment in Bangladesh was held in the Japanese city Nagoya yesterday. Speaking at the function, Bangladesh Ambassador to Japan Rabab Fatima urged the Japanese investors to take advantage of investment incentives offered by the government of Bangladesh.

DSEX, the key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, lost 0.38 per cent, or 19.94 points, to close at 5,275.76 points yesterday.

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