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### News Brief

President Md. Abdul Hamid has urged the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) to take prompt measures for resolving human rights-related complaints. The President made the call when an eight-member NHRC delegation led by its Chairman Kazi Reazul Hoque submitted its Annual Report-2017 to the President at Bangabhaban yesterday. The President asked the commission to be more alert to respond to any complaint at the shortest possible time.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina returned home this morning wrapping up her weeklong visit to Germany and the United Arab Emirates. The Prime Minister left Dhaka on 14 February to attend a security conference in Munich and a defence exhibition in Abu Dhabi.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has assured that she will try her best to fulfill the hopes and aspirations of the people for which they have given vote in the last general elections. The Prime Minister said this while addressing a reception accorded to her at the Hotel St. Regis in Abu Dhabi yesterday. The Prime Minister called upon the expatriates to invest in Bangladesh and send their hard-earned money to the country through legal banking channel in the country's interests.

Two major UAE companies – Lulu Group International and NMC Group have expressed their keenness to invest in Bangladesh, particularly in the areas of healthcare, hotel, shopping mall and tourism. Chairman of Lulu Group Yusuff Ali and Chairman of NMC Group Dr. B R Shetty expressed their keenness during a courtesy call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her hotel suite in Abu Dhabi yesterday.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader has expressed his optimism that construction of 2nd Meghna and 2nd Gumti bridges will end before Eid-ul-Fitr while newly constructed 2nd Kanchpur bridge on Dhaka-Ctg highway will be opened in the first half of March for making the Eid journey smoother. The Minister expressed the hope as he was addressing a views-exchange meeting at Sarak Bhaban at Tejgaon yesterday.

Finance Minister A H M Mostafa Kamal has said, the investigation into the reserve heist from the Bangladesh Bank is going on and progress on the matter from time to time is being informed to the government. He told this while giving a statement at Jatiya Sangsad yesterday.

The newly elected 49 Members of Parliament to the seats reserved for women in the 11th Jatiya Sangsad will be sworn in today. Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury will administer the oath at a ceremony to be held at 10:30 am at the oath-taking room of the national parliament.

Information Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud has said, media in Bangladesh are enjoying much more freedom than many other countries of the world. The Minister said this while talking to journalists after holding a meeting with the visiting representatives of Press Councils of six countries including India, Bhutan, the Maldives, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Turkey at his ministry in Dhaka yesterday.

Japan will continue its support to Bangladesh in its bilateral efforts to repatriate Rohingyas to Myanmar. Visiting Japanese State Minister for Foreign Affairs Toshiko Abe made the assurance during official talks with Bangladesh State Minister for Foreign Affairs M. Shahriar Alam in Dhaka yesterday.

A two-member UNICEF delegation led by Country Representative Edouard Beigbeder called on Deputy Minister for Education Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury Nowfel at his ministry yesterday. During the meeting, the Deputy Minister said that UNICEF can help Bangladesh to make skilled manpower through giving training to workers at the private sector.

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