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News Brief

Ambassadors of South Korea and the Netherlands to Bangladesh separately presented their credentials to President Md. Abdul Hamid at Bangabhaban yesterday. Welcoming the Ambassadors Hu Kang-il of Korea and Hendrikus G.J. Verweij of the Netherlands, the President hoped that the bilateral relations with the countries will further be expanded during their respective assignments in Bangladesh.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina reached Riyadh last evening on a four-day bilateral visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia at the invitation of Saudi King and Custodian of two Holy Mosques Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud. The Bangladesh Premier will have an audience with the Saudi King at Royal Palace this afternoon. Prime Minister will later inaugurate Bangladesh Chancery Building in the Diplomatic Quarters in Riyadh.

Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed has said, exports of the agriculture products grew by 97.31 per cent in the last three months compared to the previous three months of this year. The Minister said this while inaugurating a three-day Food Fair at the Krishibid Institution Bangladesh in Dhaka yesterday.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Mohammed Nasim has reiterated that the next general election would be held in a free and fair way under the incumbent government in line with the constitution of the country. He said this while visiting 20-bed hospital in Keraniganj yesterday.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader has said, the country is going ahead as a congenial atmosphere is prevailing. The Minister said this to the media after visiting Puja Mandaps at Jagannath Hall of Dhaka University yesterday.

Social Welfare Minister Rashed Khan Menon has said, the government has taken different programmes for combating the climate change through forming Climate Trust with its own fund. The Minister said this while speaking at a discussion titled 'Climate Change and its Impacts on Food Sovereignty' at the Jatiya Press Club in Dhaka yesterday. Mr. Menon urged the developed countries to come forward to combat the climate change impacts on the coastal countries like Bangladesh.

Water Resources Minister Anwar Hossain Manju has urged all to work together to combat the harmful impacts of climate change. The Minister said this while addressing a seminar titled 'Climate Change Concern: Bangladesh Perspective' at Bangladesh University of Professionals in Dhaka yesterday.

Foreign Minister A H Mahmood Ali will be leading Bangladesh delegation at the 12th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) summit that will take place on October 18-19 in Brussels with the participation of heads of state or governments of 51 European and Asian countries.

The United Nations Development Programme has launched a US\$ 4.8 million project with the Swedish support for waste management in makeshift camps in Cox's Bazar that offered refuge to over 1.1 million forcibly displaced Rohingyas of Myanmar.

Bangladesh has maintained a steady progress in tackling hunger as the country has moved two notches up to 88th among 119 countries in the 2018 Global Hunger Index (GHI). According to the report, Bangladesh is ahead of India and Pakistan as these two neighbouring countries have ranked 103rd and 106th positions in 2018 GHI.

DSEX, the key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, gained 0.28 per cent, or 15.47 points, to close at 5,399.88 points yesterday.

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