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**NEWS BRIEF**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday sought support from the international community, including Germany, to temporarily relocate illegal Myanmar nationals living in Bangladesh to Thengar Char in Noakhali for providing them with all sorts of facilities. She said this when German Chancellor Angela Merkel wanted to know the present situation of the Myanmar nationals during the bilateral meeting at Hotel Bayerischer Hof in Munich.

Noting that climate change has become a new element of national security, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said its solution should also be global as climate change requires combined, concerted and coherent actions. She said this while addressing a panel discussion titled 'Climate Security: Good COP, Bad Cops' during the Munich Security Conference at Hotel Bayerischer Hof in Munich yesterday.

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said the persons affected by the World Bank's decision on cancelling financing the construction of Padma Bridge and subsequent lawsuit in Canadian court would file case against the bank. She came up with the remarks in response to the demand of the expatriate leaders and workers of European Awami League in Munich of Germany on Friday.

The European Union (EU) has highly appreciated Bangladesh's role in maintaining global peace and security as one of the highest troops and police contributing countries for the UN peacekeeping operations. Both sides agreed to intensify collaboration on matters of regional and global interests such as connectivity, migration, terrorism. These issues came up for discussion at the second diplomatic consultations between Bangladesh and the EU held in Brussels recently. Managing Director for Asia and the Pacific at the European External Action Service Gunnar Wiegand led the EU delegation, while the Bangladeshi delegation was led by Foreign Secretary Md. Shahidul Haque, said a foreign ministry press release yesterday.

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State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid has said that industries set up in selected areas and specific industrial zones, will receive uninterrupted electricity supply. He gave the assurance while speaking at the concluding ceremony of the 4-day international plastic trade fair at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre at Dhaka as chief guest yesterday.

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A five-day director General-level border talks between Border Guard Bangladesh and Indian Border Security Force began at BGB Pilkhana headquarters at Dhaka yesterday.

Boosted with the success of its solution business in the retail segment in the domestic market, steel major Tata Steel is now exploring possibility of entering overseas markets like Bangladesh and Myanmar with retail branded steel solution products, reports PTI, yesterday.

A Hong Kong-based Nanyang Entrepreneur Foundation and data initiative Insight X have jointly started their journey in Bangladesh to connect local entrepreneurs with Hong Kong investors to implement innovative business ideas and line up potential partnership. With a view to lining up the young entrepreneurs, the Nanyang Entrepreneur Foundation arranged a roundtable meeting with entrepreneurs at Dhaka yesterday.

Bangladesh ranked 128th out of 186 economies in an annual index of economic freedom -- ahead of South Asian neighbours India and Pakistan. In 2016, Bangladesh came in at No. 137 in the Index of Economic, a flagship publication of Heritage Foundation, an American conservative political think-tank, and The Wall Street Journal.

Eighteen years after the Sylhet airport was declared an international one in 1998, the operation of international flights to and from the airport will start on March 18 with 'Flydubai' being the first.

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) is going to introduce a hotline service by March so that anyone can lodge complaints against corruption over phone from home and abroad. According to the ACC sources, the anti-graft commission has already got allocation of the hotline '106' from the BTRC for introducing the service aimed at fighting the menace effectively.

DSEX, the key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, added 1.42 per cent, or 78.20 points, over the week to close at 5,590 points on Thursday.

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