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**News Brief**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will visit the Padma Bridge construction site today to see the progress of the country's largest infrastructure project and to inaugurate the construction work of its rail link at Mawa. Prime Minister's Office said this yesterday. During the visit, the Premier will also address a 'Sudhi Samabesh' at Mawa.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader has said, the Gross domestic product (GDP) will be increased by 1.50 to 2 per cent after completion of the Padma Bridge. The Minister said this to the media while visiting the place of public rally at Kathalbari Ghat in Shivchar in Madaripur yesterday.

World Bank President Jim Yong Kim wants that all the supports for the Rohingya people, who were forcibly displaced to Bangladesh from Myanmar, should come in the form of grant. Finance Minister A M A Muhith said this to the media at Hotel Westin in Bali about the outcomes of his engagements at the Annual Meetings 2018 of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund.

Primary and Mass Education Minister Mostafizur Rahman has said, a total of 17,000 assistant teachers at primary education level would be promoted to headmaster soon. He said this at a reception function at Teachers-Student Centre of Dhaka University yesterday. The Minister laid emphasis on ensuring the quality of primary education to ensure the standard of higher education.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid has urged the Muslim countries for forging stronger bondage among them in challenging the threat of global terrorism. The Minister made the call while addressing the 13th session of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation's headquarter in Rabat, Morocco yesterday.

Disaster Management and Relief Minister Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya has said, Bangladesh is now a role model in combating natural disasters. The Minister said this while addressing a discussion marking the International Day for Disaster Reduction at Bangabandhu International Conference Center in Dhaka yesterday.

Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology Minister Mustafa Jabbar has said, 'Made in Bangladesh' is a national pride and outcome of the 'digital Bangladesh' campaign. He said this while inaugurating country's fifth mobile phone assembling plant. Local company Al Amin Brothers, which has been importing handsets for over two decades, set up the plant in Gazipur for own brand '5 Star Mobile' investing about Taka 30 crore.

Prime Minister's Economic Advisor Dr. Moshir Rahman has said, Bangladesh is marching towards a middle-income country under dynamic and farsighted leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. He said this while addressing a seminar on 'Development roadmap: Sylhet Division' held in Sylhet yesterday.

The US Senate Committee on Foreign Relations has approved the nomination of Earl Robert Miller as the next US Ambassador to Bangladesh, according to a post of the official Facebook page of the US Embassy Dhaka yesterday.

Bangladesh has been elected a member of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) for the next three years. The election to the council was held in New York on Friday.

Maritime ports of Chattogram, Cox's Bazar, Mongla and Payra have been advised to be hoisted local cautionary signal number three as the land depression is apparently appeared to weaken.

DSEX, the key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, gained 16.74 points, or 0.31 per cent, over the week finishing at 5,435.01 points on Thursday.

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