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News Brief

President Md. Abdul Hamid reached Singapore from Japan last afternoon on the last leg of his eight-day two-nation visit. An aircraft of Singapore Airlines carrying the President and his entourage members landed at the Changi International Airport in Singapore at about 3:15 pm local time. After a two-day stopover in Singapore, the President is scheduled to return home on October 27.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said, the voluntary return of the Myanmar nationals to their homeland in safe, security and dignity is the only solution to the Rohingya problem. The PM said this while addressing the plenary session of the 18th Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement in Baku last afternoon. Calling upon the international community in resolving the Rohingya crisis as it not only destabilizes Bangladesh but also beyond the country, the Prime Minister said, the Rohingya crisis is a political one deeply rooted in Myanmar and thus, its solution has to be found inside Myanmar. The PM addressing the general discussion titled 'Upholding the Bandung Principles to ensure concerted and adequate response to the challenges of contemporary world' at the NAM Summit said, despite the socio-economic successes, Bangladesh is also currently dealing with another challenge like impact of climate change. Although Bangladesh has little responsibility for global warming, it is suffering heavily from its devastating impacts, the PM went on saying, the international response to climate change, particularly that of developed countries, must fully respect the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. Earlier, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina alongwith other heads of state and government joined the two day long 18th NAM Summit that kicked off in Azerbaijan' capital last morning. Azerbaijan's President Ilham Aliyev received the Bangladesh Prime Minister and other dignitaries at the summit at the Baku Congress Centre.

On the sidelines of the 18th NAM Summit in Baku yesterday, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina held meetings with Malaysian Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohammad and Iranian President Hassan Rouhani who assured allout support to solve the Rohingya crisis. Demanding trial for the atrocities on Rohingyas in Myanmar, Malaysian Prime Minister said, Malaysia and other ASEAN nations will continue to do whatever is necessary to solve the crisis. The Malaysian Prime Minister also said, his government will continue work to recruit more Bangladeshi workers. He also talked about safety and security of the Bangladeshi workers in Malaysia. While exchanging views the Iranian President said, Tehran will continue to work for creating international pressure on Myanmar for solution to the protracted Rohingya crisis. Bangladesh Prime Minister thanked the Iranian President for their commitment on the Rohingya issue. The Prime Minister said, Islamic Ummah could emerge as a big force if it becomes united by resolving conflicts among themselves. Algerian Acting President Abdelkader Bensalah at a similar meeting with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said, his country will reopen its diplomatic mission in Dhaka to boost its trade and commerce with Bangladesh. The Prime Minister thanked the Algerian President for his decision to reopen the mission in Dhaka, saying her government will extend all sorts of cooperation in this regard.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal has said, the ongoing drives against corruption will continue to establish good governance in the country. The Minister said this while inaugurating a two-day Embassy Cup Football Tournament at Uttara in the capital yesterday. The Minister also said, police is investigating the Bhola incident and those who will be found involved with the incident will be brought to justice.

Law Minister Anisul Huq has said, the relevant documents of Nusrat murder case will reach the High Court as a death reference within seven days. He hoped, the appeal matter in the trial would be disposed of quickly. The Minister was speaking at a press briefing at his Gulshan residence in the capital yesterday. The Law minister assured that family of Nusrat Jahan Rafi would be provided with security measures as long as they require as they feel insecure following announcement of verdict of the sensational murder case. Referring to the reported threats issued by the convicts' relatives, the Minister cautioned, if any relative of the convicts or any vested quarter issues threat to Nusrat's family, they would also be brought to justice.

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Foreign Minister Dr. A K Abdul Momen has congratulated Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud, the newly appointed Foreign Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. In a message extended to his Saudi Counterpart, the Minister warmly felicitated Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud on behalf of the Bangladesh people and the government as well as on his own behalf.

The 100-day countdown to 'Mujib Year' will begin across the country ahead of the celebration of Bangabandhu's birth centenary. It was decided at a meeting of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's Birth Centenary Celebration National Implementation Committee at International Mother Language Institute in Dhaka yesterday.

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