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**NEWS BRIEF**

President Md. Abdul Hamid has urged authorities to take extra care in planning development initiatives in environmentally delicate low lying haor region, as he wrapped up a three-day visit at Astagram, Kishoreganj on Tuesday.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said her government is making all out efforts to develop the country in a faster pace. She said this to the Brazilian Ambassador Wanja Campos Da Nobrega who paid a farewell call on her at her office.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday donated Tk 1 crore for the treatment of Dr Sabrina Nusrat, wife of Bangladesh Air Force Squadron Leader Md Mahmudul Hasan, from her Relief and Welfare Fund.

An Indian official said the Indian Union Cabinet yesterday approved revised MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) between Bangladesh and India for establishing border haats which is chaired by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, reports the economic times.

Water Resources Minister Anisul Islam Mahmud yesterday apparently reminded India of its commitment over Teesta saying Bangladesh awaited the draft deal on the matter to be turned into an agreement. He said this to the media at CIRDAP auditorium, Dhaka.

Malaysia has started recruiting Bangladeshi workers on the basis of government-to-government (G-to-G) arrangement. Expatriate Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Nurul Islam, BSc said this to the media at his office yesterday.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal has reiterated Bangladesh government's zero-tolerance to terrorism. He said this to the 3rd Counter Terrorism Conference concluding in New Delhi yesterday. Indian Vice-President Hamid Ansari inaugurated the three-day conference organized by India Foundation at New Delhi.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Mohammad Nasim has said Bangladesh is working jointly with WHO and other partners to end the scourge of tuberculosis in the country. Ministers, officials and health activists from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Korea, India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, the Maldives, Thailand, Myanmar, Nepal and Timor Leste apart from representatives from World Health Organization participated in the meeting held in New Delhi yesterday, said a press release.

Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed yesterday said the government would take initiative to thwart any digital fraudulence as part of its effort to ensure consumer rights. He was addressing a seminar that organised to mark the World Consumer Rights Day at TCB Auditorium in the capital.

Industries Minister Amir Hossain Amu yesterday said the present government is committed to ensure sustainable and environment-friendly green industrialisation aimed at turning the country developed one in the globe. He was addressing as the chief guest the inaugural ceremony of the 'National Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Fair-2017' organised by SME Foundation at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC) at Dhaka.

State Minister for Posts and Telecommunications, Tarana Halim, called for a meeting today regarding monitoring posts with offensive content on Facebook.

State Minister for ICT Division Zunaid Ahmed Palak yesterday said the government will provide training to 30,000 women to create a pool of women entrepreneurs. He said this to a function at the Bangladesh Computer Council (BCC) auditorium.

Online VAT registration under the new Value Added Tax (VAT) law has begun and businesspeople will be able to take electronic business identification number (e-BIN) online up to June 30.

The key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange rose marginally by 0.05 per cent or 3.05 points, to close at 5,684.31 points yesterday.

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