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## **News Brief**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has vowed to serve the people as long as she lives, facing all challanges. The PM expressed the pledge while speaking at a mass reception accorded to her at the historic Suhrawardy Udyan in Dhaka yesterday. She said, any conspiracy against the development of Bangladesh would not be tolerated.

Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury has urged the lawyers to provide legal aid to the exploited and deprived people of the country. The Speaker made the urge while addressing a function arranged by Centre for Advanced Legal Studies at the University of Dhaka yesterday.

State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid has asked all concerned to supply hassle free electricity at consumers level. The State Minister made the call while addressing a two-day conference of Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board in Dhaka yesterday.

Bangladesh wants the United Nations Security Council to deliver a sustainable solution on the Rohingya issue as the body having responsibility for the maintenance of global peace sits tomorrow. State Minister for Foreign Affairs M Shahrier Alam expressed the hope as he was talking to media yesterday.

Bangladesh Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations Masud Bin Momen has said, countries like Bangladesh face enormous challenges in tackling inequality and creating decent jobs. The Envoy said this while addressing a high-level segment of the UN Economic and Social Council.

Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association President M. Siddiqur Rahman has said, country's apparel sector would see India as one of the biggest export destinations in future. Export volume of Bangladesh's readymade garments is currently \$279 million, but in future it would be \$1 billion, he hoped during a meeting with an Indian delegation at BGMEA Headquarters in Dhaka yesterday.

The government has been developing skill of 15 lakh people in three phases side by side with ensuring their job for achieving SDGs, A B M Khorshed Alam, Chief Executive Officer of National Skill Development Council informed media yesterday.

Furniture export maintained a steady growth in fiscal year 2017-18 as Bangladesh exported furniture products worth 6.31 crore, which is 20.27 per cent higher over the previous year.

A three-day 'Bangladesh Film Festival' began in Seol on Friday. Bangladesh Embassy in Seol is hosting festival to further strengthen cultural relationship between Bangladesh and South Korea.

DSEX, the prime index of Dhaka Stocks Exchanges settled at 5337.42 points on Thursday.