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**News Brief**

President Md. Abdul Hamid and Chancellor of the university has urged university authorities to update their curriculum to keep pace with the standards of world's reputed educational institutions. The President said this while addressing the 10th convocation of the Rajshahi University yesterday. The President also urged all concerned not to use education as a commercial commodity and refrain from making it as a tool for certificate-earning only.

The World Rivers Day-2018 is being observed in the country as elsewhere across the globe today. In separate messages, President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina have wished success of all programmes marking the World Rivers Day-2018.

Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury has said, Bangladesh has become a role model in empowering women in the field of politics and economy. The Speaker said this while she paid a courtesy call on President of the House of Representatives, Belgium Siegfried Bracke at the Belgium Parliament on Friday. During the meeting, they discussed various bilateral issues.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader has said, his ministry has taken a decision to rename the Padma Bridge as 'Sheikh Hasina Padma Bridge' on the basis of opinions of common people. The Minister said this to the media after visiting the construction works of Padma Bridge at Maoa Ghat yesterday. Fifty nine percent of the overall work on the Padma Bride project has already been completed while 70 percent of the main bridge has been finished, he added.

Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader has said, none will be allowed to hold rallies on city streets even Awami League also. The Minister said this while speaking at a function in Dhaka yesterday. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has opened the Suhrawardy Udyan to all, he added.

The United Arab Emirates has expressed interest to invest more in Bangladesh considering the potential economic opportunities in the country. State Minister for Foreign Affairs M Shahriar Alam held a meeting with the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of UAE Dr Anwar Mohammed Gargash in the margins of ongoing 73rd session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York on Friday and discussed the issue.

Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Adel Al-Jubeir said, the Kingdom will continue to support the legitimate rights of the Rohingya minority in Myanmar, according to Arab News. Mr. Adel Al-Jubeir was speaking at a high-level meeting on the Rohingya on Friday, on the sidelines of the agenda of the 73rd session of the UN General Assembly in New York.

The government of Bangladesh and the United Nations will jointly address conflict-related sexual violence committed in Myanmar against Rohingya population forcibly displaced from Myanmar to Bangladesh. The United Nations and the government of Bangladesh signed a 'Framework of Cooperation' in this regard on Friday.

Ambassador of Finland to Bangladesh and India Nina Vaskunlahti has appreciated the government of Bangladesh for its support to the Rohingyas living in the country. The Ambassador said this while visiting Red Crescent emergency hospital and the Rohingya camps in Kutupalong yesterday.

Ambassador of Democratic People's Republic of Korea Pak Song Yop has expressed his country's keen interest to build up people to people relationship with Bangladesh. The Ambassador said this while addressing a congratulatory meeting on the occasion of 73rd founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea at National Press Club in Dhaka yesterday.

Bangladesh U-18 Women's team is ready to start their maiden SAFF U-18 Women's Championship taking on Pakistan in their first match at the Changlimithang Stadium in Thimphu, Bhutan today.

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