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News Brief

President Md. Abdul Hamid has asked physicians not to prescribe unnecessary medical tests as many patients cannot bear the expenses for those. The President made the call while addressing the International Scientific Seminar organized by Association of Physicians of Bangladesh in Dhaka yesterday. The President, in his address, urged the doctors to abide by the code of medical ethics for ensuring proper health services.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has reiterated her vow to build Bangladesh as a developed and prosperous country. The PM made the vow in her speech at a meeting of AL Central Working Committee at Ganabhaban yesterday. Referring to placing a huge budget of over Taka 4 lakh crore in the current fiscal, she said, 90 percent of the annual development programmes are being implemented with country's own fund and Bangladesh now does not need to depend on others. She said, the country may need cooperation of the development partners, but it would not bow down head to anyone.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is going to Chandpur today on a daylong visit. During the visit, the PM will open the 6th National Community Development Camp of Bangladesh Scouts. The PM will address a public rally. She will also open 23 development projects and lay foundation of 24 other schemes in the district.

The Bangladesh government honoured the 87-year-old British humanitarian activist Lucy Helen Francis Holt granting her citizenship. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina handed over the Bangladeshi citizenship certificate to her at a function at Ganabhaban yesterday. Lucy Helen has been living in Bangladesh for 57 years rendering immense services to the humanity.

Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury has stressed the need for expanding ICT-based education to build students as skilled workforce to keep pace with the changing world. The Speaker made the stress while addressing a function marking the centenary celebration of Shayestaganj High School in Habiganj.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith has said, Bangladesh will be able to attain 7.8 percent economic growth in the next fiscal year. The Minister made the comment while opening the Meghna Economic Zone at Sonargaon in Narayanganj yesterday.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid has said, the government would take stern action against the perpetrators for the leakage of question paper. The Minister sounded the caution while addressing a conference on SDGs at the Dhaka University yesterday.

Environment and Forest Minister Anisul Islam Mahmud has said, the government would take effective steps to ensure safety, compensation and insurance for the construction workers. The Minister said this while addressing a function of Bangladesh Construction Workers Union in Dhaka yesterday.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan has said, BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia would get treatment as per jail code when the court pass order on the issue. The Minister said this while talking to newsmen at Debhata in Satkhira yesterday.

Chief Election Commissioner KM Nurul Huda has said, a sufficient number of law enforcers would be deployed during the next parliament election to avert all sorts of violence. The CEC said this at a press conference at the EC in Dhaka yesterday.

Customs, Excise and VAT Commissionerate, Dhaka (South) has generated a record-breaking revenue of Taka 3,678 crore in the first eight months of fiscal 2017-18. The revenue is 28 percent higher compared to the same period of the previous fiscal.

The World Bank has approved \$560 million for two projects in Bangladesh to improve power supply.

DSEX, the key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, closed at 5,597.44 points on Thursday.

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