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**News Brief**

 President Md. Abdul Hamid has expressed the hope that the upcoming CPA conference will be held successfully in Dhaka, which will brighten the country's image abroad. The President expressed his hope when Speaker Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, also the CPA Chairperson made a call on him at Bangabhaban yesterday. During the meeting, the Speaker apprised the President of the preparation and activities of the upcoming 63rd Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) conference scheduled to be held in Dhaka during the November 1-8 next. The President, in another meeting with the newly appointed DU Vice-Chancellor Prof Md Akhtaruzzaman yesterday, asked the authorities to uphold Dhaka University's image and dignity.

 Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who underwent a successful gallbladder surgery in the US capital of Washington on Monday, is now recovering. 'She is now recovering well,' PM’s son Sajeeb Wazed Joy yesterday said in his Facebook post. Meanwhile, the 71st birthday of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was celebrated yesterday across the country with various programmes, including milad and doa mahfils seeking divine blessings for her good health and long life. Marking the day, special prayers were also offered at different temples, churches and pagodas across the country. However, there were no cultural events to mark the Premier’s birthday due to the Rohingya crisis.

 The number of Rohingya refugees who have fled to Bangladesh since violence broke out in Myanmar’s Rakhine state has exceeded half a million, the UN said yesterday. UN Migration Director General William Lacy Swing has said, they are seriously concerned about increasing reports of vulnerable Rohingyas arriving from Myanmar into Bangladesh of sexual and gender based violence. Bangladesh is tackling the Rohingya crisis very effectively at the diplomatic level, Indian High Commissioner in Dhaka Harsh Vardhan Shringla said yesterday in Chittagong.A visiting British Minister has said, Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi is willing to take back all the Rohingyas. “She (Suu Kyi) assured me she wants all refugees to return to Myanmar,” Mark Field, Minister of state for Asia and the Pacific at the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office, said at a press briefing in Dhaka yesterday.

 US Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley has called on countries to suspend providing weapons to Myanmar over violence against Rohingya Muslims until the military puts sufficient accountability measures in place. Haley made the urge at the UN Security Council meeting yesterday. Meanwhile, US Ambassador in Dhaka Marcia Bernicat has said, the US has initiated talks with Bangladesh and Myanmar for resolving the crisis over Rohingyas. After visiting Rohingya camp at Kutupalong in Cox's Bazar yesterday, she said to media, the US has full support to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's five-point demand to end the crisis.

 At least 10 children and five women were killed when a trawler carrying Rohingyas from Myanmar capsized in the Bay near Inani beach in Cox's Bazar yesterday. The death toll may rise further as more than 50 refugees remain missing.

 Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu referring to the operations of 25 thousand government portals in the country has requested the countrymen to make full use of those under the Right to Information Act. He made the request as he was speaking at a seminar at the Shilpakala Academy in Dhaka yesterday on the occasion of International Right to Information Day.

 Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid has said, effective plans should be taken to promote technical education to achieve the targets of Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. “We have attached top priority to expansion of technical and vocational education to ensure better access of students to job markets,” he told a workshop on “Technical and vocational educational and training for Sustainable Development Goals in Dhaka yesterday.

 At the end of the yesterday's session, the DSEX closed at 6092.84 points.

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