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News Brief

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina hosted an Iftar party in honour of the leaders of various professional organisations at her official residence Ganobhaban yesterday. Those who attended the Iftar party included vice-chancellors and teachers of different public and private universities, physicians, engineers, lawyers, businessmen, editors and journalists of different newspapers, news agencies and electronic media, intellectuals, poets, writers, singers and sports personalities. The Prime Minister went round different tables set for the guests, exchanged pleasantries and enquired about their wellbeing. Before the Iftar, a munajat (prayer) was offered seeking the continued peace, progress and prosperity of the nation.

Bangladesh have gone through the semi-finals of the ICC Champions Trophy 2017, as they ranked second in the Group A after England demolished Australia in the fate-decider in Birmingham on Saturday. The Tigers will play with the leader of the Group B in the semi-final on June 15.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal urged the country's Muslim community to come forward to check the spread of militancy with a rational approach. "At first, a vested quarter carried out militant activities in the country. Later, the quarter targeted the students of universities and English medium schools, and used them to spread militancy across the country, misguiding their young minds," he said. The Home Minister made the remarks at a programme at the Jatiya Press Club in Dhaka yesterday. Urging the country's Islamic scholars to come forward to address the burning issue, the minister said, "You have to preach the Islam and its holy messages truthfully.

Pharmaceutical exports got a big boost last year surging by 123 per cent year-on-year with a shipment of Tk 22.47 billion medicines and raw materials. Bangladesh shipped life-saving drug amounted to Tk 10.08 billion in 2015, data available with the state-run Directorate General of Drug Administration (DGDA) showed.

State owned enterprises (SOEs) made a net profit of Tk 66.16 billion in the 10 months of the outgoing fiscal, according to the Economic Survey, 2017. Currently, the number of non-financial state-run institutions in the country is 45. Among these, Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) made the highest profit and Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) counted the highest loss during the period.

Bangladesh is one of the top ten countries hit hardest by extreme weather events during 1996-2015, the 2017 Global Climate Risk Index says. Bangladesh has been ranked 6 among the top 10 worst affected countries in the report released by Bonn-based advocacy group Germanwatch.

Bangladeshi senior columnist Syed Badrul Ahsan at a discussion in London said the politics of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman remains as relevant in Bangladesh today as it did during his lifetime. "Despite all attempts to airbrush him (Bangabandhu) out of history, Bangabandhu has remained a pivotal figure in Bangladesh's history," he said. Badrul Ahsan, associate editor of daily 'the Asian Age' made this remarks at the talk arranged by the Commonwealth Countries' League at the National Liberal Club in London on Friday, said a press release on Saturday.

A six-member trade delegation of the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) left Dhaka yesterday for China to attend a business forum in China. Vice-president of the DCCI Hossain A Sikder will lead the team at the 12th China-South Asia Business Forum to be held from June 11 to June 14, 2017.

DSEX, the key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, advanced by 0.68 per cent, or 37.04 points, over the week to stand at 5,475.75 points on Thursday.

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