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**News Brief**

 Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said, Bangladesh has been put on a dignified position and the people of the world now know the country as a role model of development. The PM said this while inaugurating the newly constructed head office building of Bangladesh Awami League at Bangabandhu Avenue in Dhaka yesterday. The Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman had dreamt of establishing a hunger and poverty-free developed and prosperous Bangladesh, she added.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has asked her party leaders and activists to work together to make all upcoming elections free and fair and take part in the polls by gaining confidence of the voters. She said this while addressing a special extended meeting of Bangladesh Awami League at Ganabhaban yesterday.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has paid glowing tributes to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman marking the 69th founding anniversary of the Awami League. The PM placed a wreath at the portrait of Bangabandhu at Bangabandhu Memorial Museum at Dhanmondi-32 yesterday.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Mohammed Nasim has urged the people for maintaining the continuation of the government for the sake of uninterrupted development. He made the urge while taking part in a discussion marking the 69th founding anniversary of Awami League in Dhaka yesterday. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh has attained the eligibility to graduate to a developing nation, he added.

 Social Welfare Minister Rashed Khan Menon has said, the government has built many hospitals in the country’s remote areas to reach healthcare services at the doorsteps of marginal people. The Minister said this while addressing the inaugural function of Pabna Sadar upazila’s Community Health and Heart Hospital yesterday.

United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide Adama Dieng has commended the commitment demonstrated by the Bangladesh government in supporting the Rohingyas. The appreciation came as the Under-Secretary-General was addressing a function in Dhaka yesterday. Mr. Adama Dieng, in his address, highlighted that the root causes of the Rohingya crisis in Myanmar must be pointed out.

 UN Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations Jean-Pierre Lacroix is visiting Dhaka today. During the visit, he is scheduled to meet the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The purpose of Lacroix’s visit is to monitor the preparations, training and overall activities of peacekeepers.

The government has planned to upgrade the existing 5.4-km Jatrabari-Demra road into four-lane aiming to ease traffic congestion at the entrance of the Dhaka. The project will be implemented at an estimated cost of Taka 338 crore by June 2020.

The contesting candidates to the election of Gazipur City Corporation fully geared up their campaign with the hope of getting maximum support from their voters. All the contenders, including the mayoral ones, are seen moving door to door from early morning to midnight. The city election is scheduled to be held on June 26 next.

 DSEX, the key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, gained 1.43 per cent or 76.54 points over the week to finish at 5,441.76 points on Thursday.

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