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**News Brief**

The Jatiya Sangsad yesterday amended the constitution to keep undisrupted the provision of the 50 women’s reserve seats in the House for 25 more years. The Sangsad passed the Constitution (Seventeenth Amendment) Bill, 2018 to ensure women participation and empowerment in the legislation.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has urged the film producers to make more movies based on the War of Liberation, nation’s history and struggle for freedom. The Prime Minister made the urge while distributing National Film Award, 2016 at a function at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka yesterday. The Premier handed over the awards to 31 indivisuals/organizations in 25 categories. Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu presided over the ceremony.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has laid importance on creating competent manpower to sustain in the tough global race. The Prime Minister gave the emphasis while distributing awards among this year’s 12 best talented students selected under the program title- Srijanshil Medha Onneshon (Creative Talent Hunt) yesterday. The government launched the Srijanshil Medha Onneshon Competition in 2013 to select the distinctive talented students through a nationwide search.

Taka 3,394 crore permanent fund has been created against 56,036 Village Development Associations from 2009 to June 2017 to help alleviate poverty of the poor people. State Minister for Rural Development and Cooperatives Mashiur Rahman Ranga, in reply to a question, told the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday.

Speaker Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury has urged the civil servants to devote themselves for the welfare of the common people with the spirit of Liberation War. The Speaker made the urge while speaking at the inaugural session of the training of Law and Admin courses at the BCS Admin Academy in Dhaka yesterday.

Speaker Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury has said, Myanmar will have to ensure safe, peaceful and sustainable repatriation of the Rohingyas by following a specific framework. She said this when a delegation on Human Rights led by Dr Maung Zarni called on her at her office in Dhaka yesterday.

ADB Country Director for Bangladesh Manmohan Parkash called on Finance Minister A M A Muhith at his ministry in Dhaka yesterday. The Minister was informed that ADB approved a grant of US$ 100 million– the first of an envisaged package totaling US$ 200 million– to help Bangladesh develop basic infrastructure and services for the displaced Rohingyas.

Chinese Ambassador in Dhaka Zhang Zuo has said, China is willing to play a constructive role in resolving the Rohingya crisis. His country has urged Myanmar to reach some visible outcome as soon as possible, Mr Zuo said while inaugurating a workshop on 'Bangladesh-China Media Cooperation' at the Chinese Embassy in Dhaka yesterday.

Newly appointed Ambassador of the UAE to Bangladesh Saed Mohammed Saed Hmaid Almheiri called on Foreign Minister Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali at his Ministry in Dhaka yesterday. During the meeting, they agreed to work for further expansion of the cooperation in the area of human resources, trade and investment, and other potential areas for the benefit of the people of the two countries.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Mohammed Nasim yesterday asked Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council to take stern actions against three doctors of Max Hospital in Chattogram over the tragic death of a child.

Bangladesh women cricketers continued their triumph as they recorded an overwhelming seven wickets victory over Netherlands in their second Group A qualifying match of the Women’s World T20 at Uttrecht in Holland yesterday.

DSEX, the prime index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange, settled at 5,366 points yesterday.

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