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**News Brief**

The ECNEC with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair yesterday approved six projects involving Tk 2920.39 crore . The approved projects included the construction of a permanent trade fair centre at Purbachal in Dhaka.

The Jatiya Sangsad yesterday passed the 'Khulna Development Authority Bill, 2018'with the provision of its board with a chairman and four full-time members.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has offered the Singapore investors 500 acres of land in the Special Economic Zones for setting up industries. The Prime Minister made this proposal when visiting delegation of Singapore Business Federation called on her at her Sangsad Bhaban office yesterday. The delegation highly appreciated the economic growth of Bangladesh particularly the Prime Minister for her hard work for development of Bangladesh.

Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury has stressed on reaching health services at the doorsteps of marginal people saying the role of physicians is very important in this regard. The Speaker was addressing a function organised by DMC Alumni Trust at Dhaka Medical College yesterday.

World Population Day-2018 is being observed today across the country as elsewhere in the world with a call to develop the nation by family planning and ensuring human right. President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina issued separate messages marking the day.

Egyptian ambassador in Dhaka Walid Ahmed Shamseldin has said, his country’s investors are keen to invest in Bangladesh, particularly in the power sector. The envoy said this while paying a courtesy call on Foreign Minister Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali at the Foreign Ministry in Dhaka yesterday.

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu has laid emphasis on converting huge population of the country into human resources by developing their skills to achieve targets of the county’s economic development. The Minister was addressing a workshop at National Skills Development Council Secretariat in Dhaka yesterday.

State Minister for Labour Mujibul Haque Chunnu has said, the government so far has given Taka 24 crore to the destitute laborers from the fund of Bangladesh Labour Welfare Foundation having current balance Taka 305 crore. The State Minister said this while receiving cheques for the foundation at his Secretariat office in Dhaka yesterday.

Information Secretary Abdul Malek has called for an effective role of media to inform the mass people about Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina’s 10 special initiatives which have been taken to ensure better life for under privileged people. He made the urge at a view-exchange meeting with journalists held at Chattogram Press club in the port city yesterday.

Bangladesh women cricketers continued their victory as they qualified for the final round of Women’s World T20 at Uttrecht in Holland yesterday by being Group A champions, thrashing the UAE by eight wickets.

DSEX, the prime index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange settled yesterday at 5,371points.

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