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**News Brief**

Bangladesh has handed over a list of 1,673 families of 8,032 Rohingays to Myanmar to start the first phase of repatriation of the displaced people to their homeland in Rakhine. This development came at a meeting between Bangladesh Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan and his Myanmar counterpart Lt Gen Kyaw Swe at the Home Ministry in Dhaka yesterday. At the meeting, both sides discussed the issue of security of the Myanmar nationals after their repatriation in light of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's five-point proposal and Annan Commission report.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina returns home this evening ending her official visit to Italy and Vatican City.

LGRD Minister Engineer Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain has said, the introduction of digital system has significantly reduced corruptions in different public services. He said this while addressing a laptop distribution programme for primary teachers in Faridpur yesterday.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid has said, science education should be made popular to create knowledge-based society aiming at transforming Bangladesh into an economically developed country. The Minister said this while addressing a function at BUET in Dhaka yesterday.

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu has urged the authorities concerned to introduce correct Bangla pronunciation and spelling in all offices. He made the urge while addressing a seminar at NAEM in Dhaka yesterday. He called upon the new generation to be more cautious about spelling and pronunciation of Bangla words.

University of Dhaka, with a view to acquainting the new generation with the genocide of liberation war launched a mobile museum. Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor speaking on the occasion has urged all to know about the country's great liberation war.

Foreign Secretary Md Shahidul Haque has urged the international community to keep mounting pressure on Myanmar for the safe return of the Rohingyas. He made the urge while presenting a lecture on 'Rohingya Humanitarian Crisis: Bangladesh Response' at Bangabandhu auditorium of the Bangladesh Permanent Mission to the UN in New York. He said, if the international community fails to come forward to resolve the crisis, they must have to bear its responsibility. Permanent representatives of different countries to the UN attended the function.

Bangladesh High Commissioner to India Syed Muazzem Ali has stressed the importance of further strengthening the relations between Dhaka and New Delhi saying that the destinies of the two neighboring countries are inescapably intertwined. He came up with the remarks addressing a discussion at the Army War College in the Indian State of Madhya Pradesh on Thursday.

Bangladesh is sending the first-ever official delegation to Kosovo to explore the ways and means of bilateral engagements. State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md Shahriar Alam leads the delegation of senior officials of his ministry from February 16 to 20. They will also visit neighbouring Albania.

The Election Commission has taken an initiative to introduce a voter registration system for non-resident Bangladeshis as over one crore Bangladeshi nationals are now staying in various countries of the world. The Commission plans to start the voter enrollment process initially in Saudi Arab, the UAE and Malaysia - the three largest destinations of Bangladeshi expatriates. The EC is going to arrange a workshop on February 27 next at BICC in Dhaka in this regard.

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