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**News Brief**

President Md. Abdul Hamid is set to visit Cox's Bazar today on a two-day visit to Kutupalong Rohingya camp in Ukhiya. The President will interact with and distribute relief materials among the Rohingyas. Mr. Hamid will speak to them and listen to their stories. On the next day, the President will inaugurate a programme of Bangladesh navy ''Indian Ocean Naval Symposium' Multilateral Maritime Search Rescue Exercise-2017'' at Hotel Royal Tulip, Cox's Bazar.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said, the extempore speech of 7th March, 1971 had a clear directive for the people how to liberate the country and what will be the future course of our nation adding, tomorrow's Bangladesh would be a country of economic emancipation and prosperity. The PM said this while addressing a grand rally organised to celebrate the recognition of the historic 7th March speech of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as a world documentary heritage by UNESCO yesterday. The PM congratulated every government officials, students of different educational institutions and people of all walks of life who took part in the celebration rallies in Dhaka and elsewhere in the country. The cabinet division organized the rally at Suhrawardy Udyan, the scene of the Bangabandhu's historic speech, as part of the nationwide celebration of the recognition of the speech.

Bangladesh is set to stage a conference of its envoys' abroad with having exclusive sessions on foreign policy issues in the changing global context. The Foreign Ministry calls the meet "Diplomacy for Peace and People". The meeting will be opened by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today. Bangladesh ambassadors and high commissioners currently based in 58 countries are to join the event in Dhaka.

Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali said, he was happy with the deal signed with Myanmar for Rohingys repatriation that kept intact Bangladesh's interest.  He said this to the media yesterday two days after he signed the deal with Myanmar at its capital. In line with the agreement Myanmar would take back its national who were displaced since October 9, 2016. The Minister said, the repatriation would be completed in a "reasonable" time frame although the process would begin within two months of signing of the "Arrangement". Mr. Mahmood Ali inked the bilateral instrument with Myanmar's Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe in Naypyidaw on Thursday following a meeting with State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi.

Environment and Forest Minister Anwar Hossain Manju has said, Bangladesh constituted a trust fund with its own finance for facing the risks of climate change without waiting for foreign assistance. The Minister said this while speaking at the opening of a 3-day 'Green Convention and Expo' at Bangabandhu International Convention Centre yesterday. Bangladesh Infrastructure Finance Fund Limited, a government-owned Non-Banking Financial Institution, organized the event to create awareness about the adverse impact of chimney based Brick kiln pollution and promote environment friendly and energy saving technologies in the country. World Bank's Country Director Qimiao Fan was present at the function and said, the coastal belt of Bangladesh is facing the risk of climate change and the WB has a plan to spend $2.0 billion in the next three years for facing this risk.

Saudi Arabia has decided to ease the immigration process for the pilgrims, which will be effective for the holly hajj next year. The Saudi authorities have decided that the pilgrims will get pre-clearance for immigration and custom at departing airports in Bangladesh for flying to Jeddah and Madina to perform the holly hajj. The pre-clearance will comfort the pilgrims by eliminating the hassle of waiting for hours in long queues at immigration points at Saudi airports. He said the Saudi authority would soon send a delegation to Dhaka for working out the ways of pre-clearance at different airports in Bangladesh.

Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed left Dhaka yesterday for India to join Horasis Asia Meeting to be held in Kolkata as chief guest at the opening session of the meeting. Mr. Tofail is going to join the 2-day meeting at the invitation of Indian Chamber of Commerce director general Dr Rajib Singh. About 400 representatives from 65 countries are expected to participate in the meeting which will focus on regional trade and cooperation, boosting investment and sustainable growth. The Minister is expected to hold a number of bilateral meetings with representatives of India and other countries.

Shipping Minister Shahjahan Khan left Dhaka for London leading a 16-member delegation to attend the 30th Assembly of International Maritime Organization (IMO) yesterday. The assembly is scheduled to begin on November 27 and end December 7. Council election of IMO will be held on December 1 for the term of 2018-19. Bangladesh will compete in the 'B' category as council member. The number of council member of B category is 10. The Minister is expected to return home on December 3.

DSEX, the key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, gained 0.64 per cent, or 40.42 points, over the week to close at 6,322 points on Thursday.

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