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News Brief

President Md. Abdul Hamid asked all custodians of public money to play more strong role to ensure financial transparency at all ministries and institutions as a delegation of Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of Bangladesh led by CAG Mohammad Muslim Chowdhury submitted its 39 audit and accounts reports to him at Bangabhaban yesterday.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina while replying to a question in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday expressed her optimism that many unresolved issues between Bangladesh and India including the Teesta water-sharing would soon see the light of resolution during her upcoming visit to India on October 3-6 next. The Premier said that she would talk to her Indian Counterpart Narendra Modi in this regard. Replying to another query, the PM said, the government has taken proper steps to check dengue adding that investigation is underway to find out the persons responsible for buying ineffective mosquito repellent. The Jatiya Sangsad yesterday passed the International Mother Language Institute Bill, 2019 aiming to amend the previous act for reinforcing the activities of the institute.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina While attending her question-answer session in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday expressed her optimism that the Myanmar government facing continuous pressure from the international community would soon create conducive environment in Rakhine state for the Rohingya repatriation. Meanwhile, newly-appointed Chinese Ambassador in Dhaka Li Jiming during a call on with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her Jatiya Sangsad Office last evening said, his country will play a constructive and active role in repatriation of the Rohingya nationals from Bangladesh. The PM said, the Rohingyas are a big burden for Bangladesh and they must go back to their homeland. Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury urged China to play a stronger role in resolving Rohingya crisis as the Chinese Envoy also paid a courtesy call her at her JS office yesterday. Foreign Minister Dr. A K Abdul Momen while talking to reporters at Agargaon in Dhaka said, an international team including ambassadors of different countries will visit Rakhine soon to see the situation there on the ground. Meanwhile, BTRC has suspended 3G and 4G services in Rohingya camp areas in Teknaf and Ukhiya for an indefinite period from Tuesday.

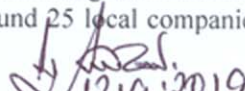
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina through a video conference from Ganabhaban yesterday inaugurated four power plants adding 435.4 MW power to the national grid. Speaking on the occasion the Premier said, her government is holding talks with neighbouring countries-India, Nepal, Bhutan and Myanmar to import electricity to light up every village of the country. The PM also inaugurated the commercial operation of the Community Bank Bangladesh Limited of Bangladesh Police Welfare Trust. Meanwhile, ADB Country Director Manmohan Parkash during a call on with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her Jatiya Sangsad Office last evening placed a report on various projects financed by ADB in Bangladesh. According to the report, the ADB will finance US\$ 800 million in four projects in Bangladesh under South Asian Sub-Regional Economic Cooperation.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been placed in the list of the longest serving eminent female leaders of the world as the Bangladesh Premier has exceeded the records of famed female heads of governments including Indira Gandhi of India, Margaret Thatcher of Britain and Chandrika Kumaratunga of Sri Lanka. Sheikh Hasina is now an icon of resurrection of women, according to a recent survey by WikiLeaks.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader at a press conference at his ministry yesterday said, fixing of toll for using different highways with 4-lanes or broader than that will be brought under a rule. The toll for using the Padma Bridge is yet to be decided as construction work of the bridge is progressing, he added. The government yesterday approved a proposal to establish a physiotherapy institute named 'Bangabandhu Physical Therapy Institute' in the country with the financial support of Chile government. The approval was given at the a meeting of the National Taskforce on Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Management held at the Disaster Management and Relief Ministry with its Chairman and State Minister for Disaster Management Dr. Md. Enamur Rahman in the chair. Committee's Chief Adviser Saima Hossain, also Chairperson of Bangladesh National Advisory Committee for Autism and Neuro-developmental Disorders was also present at the meeting. The meeting has also given approval to build and supply of specialized disability friendly boat following the directives of Sendai Framework in the country's all disaster-prone districts and upazilas.

Information Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud while visiting a city hospital yesterday to see a road accident victim Yamin Alvi whose father music composer Parvez Rob died at another road accident a few days ago, emphasised on the need for raising awareness campaign to check the road accident. The Minister added, the government has formed taskforce and it made a set of recommendations to curb the road accident.

Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi while speaking at the 'Uzbekistan Textile Conference and Five-Day Global Textile Day' in Tashkent on Tuesday said, the government is establishing 100 Special Economic Zones in Bangladesh to bring in foreign investment. Bangladesh is now showcasing its products at the weeklong Thessaloniki International Fair inaugurated by Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis which is the biggest trade fair in Greece and in the entire Balkan region. A visiting German business delegation led by German Ambassador to Bangladesh, Peter Fahrenholtz expressed their willingness to invest in Bangladesh by setting up a plant to assemble BMW and Mercedes-Benz as they met Finance Minister A H M Mustafa Kamal at his ministry on Monday. Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority is set to launch its 'One Stop Service (OSS) Centre' formally on September 29 at the Sonargaon hotel in the city. A daily Dhaka Tribune report published today states that, local battery manufacturing firms are now exporting to around 70 countries as well as meeting the growing demand across the country. Currently around 25 local companies are manufacturing batteries.


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