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**News Brief**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has described her recent visit to Italy and Vatican City as very successful particularly in mounting increased pressure on Myanmar for speedy repatriation of the Rohingyas. The PM was addressing a press conference at Ganabhaban yesterday. She said, during her engagements in the visit she drew the global community's enhanced support for increased succor for the forcibly displaced Myanmar nationals. In the conference, Prime Minister expressed her rejoice as Bangladesh entered the 4G technology saying Bangladesh touched another milestone in the information technology. The Premier also informed the journalists that the country's first ever satellite is now ready for launching into the orbit. She hoped that the satellite will be launched into the space any time during the next month. The UK government has withdrawn the ban on Dhaka-London direct air cargo, she informed the media.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has directed the members of Bangladesh Ansar and VDP to remain ready for holding the next elections in a free and peaceful manner. The PM gave the directive while addressing the National Rally of Bangladesh Ansar and Village Defence Party at its academy in Gazipur yesterday. The PM said, stable political and economic environment is a pre-requisite to the country's overall development. She suggested the Ansar and VDP members to work with honesty, courage and sincerity to defeat the evil forces to maintain law and order.

President Md. Abdul Hamid has called upon physicians and others concerned to work with professionalism and devotion in providing healthcare facilities to the common people. The President made the call while addressing the convocation of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University at Shahbagh in Dhaka yesterday. The President suggested introducing e-service using the modern information technology to reach treatment facilities to the people at the grassroots level.

The Jatiya Sangsad yesterday passed the 'Defence-Forces Chiefs Bill, 2018' in an amended form. Law Minister Anisul Huq piloting the bill in the House said, the bill is related to the appointment, remuneration, allowances and other facilities of the Defence Forces Chiefs. Health and Family Welfare Minister Mohammad Nasim informed the House, Bangladesh has earned Taka 3,196 crore through exporting drugs in 142 countries last year. Religious Affairs Minister Principal Matiur Rahman informed the Parliament, the government has provided some Taka 11.47 crore as grant to 5,399 mosques across the country during the same time.

Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed has said, the government has started taking preparation for the country's graduation to middle income country from LDC. The Minister said this while briefing journalists after a meeting with Mia Seppo, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Bangladesh in Dhaka yesterday.

DMP Commissioner Asaduzzaman Miah has said, four-tier security measures would be in place at the Central Shaheed Minar and its surrounding areas ahead of the Martyrs Day and International Mother Language Day tomorrow. The Commissioner said this to media after paying visit to the Central Shaheed Minar area to see the overall security arrangements.

DSEX, the prime index of the DSE, went down by 23.49 points to reach at 6,026 points.

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