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**News Brief**

 Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina arrived in Quebec on a four-day official visit to Canada to attend the Outreach Leaders Programme of the G7. A flight of Air Canada, which left Toronto Pearson International Airport at 12pm local time, arrived in Quebec City Jean Lesage International Airport at 2pm on Friday. Bangladesh High Commissioner to Canada Mizanur Rahman received her at the airport. Earlier, an Emirates Airlines flight carrying the PM and her entourage landed at Toronto at 9.20 am local time.

 During the visit, the Prime Minister will join the outreach session at Quebec City on June 9.  On June 10, she will hold a bilateral meeting with her Canadian Counterpart Justin Trudeau in Quebec in the morning and join a views-exchange meeting with Bangladesh expatriates in Toronto in the evening.  Besides, Sheikh Hasina will hold a meeting with Canada’s Special Envoy on Rohingya crisis Bob Rae in Toronto on June 11. The PM will return home on June 12.

Finance Minister A M A Muhith has said, the proposed national budget is implementable. He also said, the targets the government has set in the budget are achievable. The Minister said this while addressing a post budget press conference at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium in Dhaka yesterday. Earlier on Thursday, the Minister placed a Taka 4,64,573 crore budget at Jatiya Sangsad for the next fiscal year setting a GDP growth target of 7.8 percent.

Jatiya Sangsad Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury has said, Bangladesh is a country of communal harmony as the people of all faiths are living peacefully here. The Speaker said this at a function of International Buddhist Peace Conference-2018 at Ashulia on the outskirts of Dhaka.

 Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader has said, all necessary preparations have been taken to ensure smooth journey on the roads and highways for the home-goers during the Eid vacation. The Minister said this to the media while visiting the Meghna Launch Ghat at Sonargaon of Narayanganj yesterday.

The World Accreditation Day-2018 is being observed in the country today. The country is also observing The International Archives Day-2018 today. President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina gave messages on both the occasions.

Doly Begum, Bangladeshi origin Canadian citizen, has clinched victory in the provincial election of Ontario, Canada for the very first time in the history. With all 63 polls reporting, New Democratic Party candidate Doly Begum had a commanding lead over her nearest rival, with 19,751 votes to 13,592 for PC candidate Gary Ellis, breaking the hold of a Liberal who has held the seat since 2003.

US President Donald Trump hosted an Iftar at the White House on Wednesday in observance of the holy month of Ramadan. Bangladesh Ambassador to the USA Mohammad Ziauddin attended the Iftar.

## The government of Japan has allocated approximately US$ 1.78 million to UNHCR for its programme to support the Rohingyas in Bangladesh. This assistance is to support UNHCR's activities under its monsoon preparedness programme.

 Bangladesh women’s cricket team is due to play their last league match against Malaysia at Kinrara Oval, Kuala Lumpur today in the six-nation Women's T20 Asia Cup. Bangladesh team is now on the 3rd place in the tournament recording three successive wins against Pakistan, India and Thailand.

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