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**News Brief**

Bangladesh has sought Cambodian support towards a 'durable solution' to Rohingya crisis as Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina held official talks with her Cambodian counterpart Hun Sen. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said this while delivering her joint press statement with the Cambodian Premier at the Peace Palace after the official talks between the two countries. Mr. Hun Sen expressed his hope that both Bangladesh and Myanmar would work together smoothly for the safe return of the Myanmar nationals. Meanwhile, Bangladesh and Cambodia have signed 10 instruments, an agreement and nine memorandums of understanding, to boost trade and investment relations as well as enhance cooperation in the fields of tourism, agriculture, civil aviation, ICT and technical education. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is leading the Bangladesh side at the talks, while the Cambodian Premier Hun Sen is leading his country.

Meanwhile, Cambodian Premier has addressed his Bangladesh counterpart Sheikh Hasina as 'sister'. The PM also addressed Hun Sen as 'brother'. It demonstrated special relations between the two Asian countries. The relations between the two countries reached a new dimension because of the relationship between the two leaders. Earlier, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was accorded a warm reception as she arrived at the Peace Palace, the Prime Minister's Office of the Cambodian Premier yesterday. Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen received her. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina arrived Cambodia on Sunday on a three-day official visit to Cambodian Capital, Phnom Penh at the invitation of her Cambodian counterpart. Concluding her three-day visit to Cambodia, the PM will return home today.

Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni has expressed satisfaction over the existing bilateral relations between his country and Bangladesh as Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina had a meeting with him at the Royal Palace, Combodia yesterday. During the meeting, the Cambodian King and the Bangladesh Premier discussed matters relating to mutual interests. The PM invited the Cambodian King to visit Bangladesh. The PM later held separate meetings with Cambodian Senate President Say Chhum and National Assembly President Heng Samrin.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has called upon the Cambodian business community to explore all avenues to do business in Bangladesh for the prosperity of the two countries. The PM said, the Cambodian business community could take the advantage of Bangladesh's location as the hub of regional economic activities as the country increasingly gets integrated with the economic corridors of China, Myanmar and India. She said this at Bangladesh-Cambodia business dialogue at Hotel Sofitel, Combodia yesterday.

Tripoli envoy to Dhaka has claimed that no Bangladeshi citizen is being sold or involved in slavery in the territory of Libya. Charge D' Affairs of Libyan Embassy to Bangladesh Mahmoud M EL Sallabi said this to the media yesterday over a media report which claimed that human traffickers were involved in slavery in the territory of Libya. The envoy said, his country affirms that the phenomenon of illegal migration and its consequences requires earnest and coordinated international efforts to confront the same.

Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed has said, Bangladesh will raise demand for complete implementation of all decisions including providing LDCs various trade facilities and GSP in the 11th Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization (WTO) to be held in Argentine Capital Buenos Aires between December 10 and 13. He will lead a 25-member Bangladesh delegation in the conference. Bangladesh delegation will have talks with the WTO Director General, USTR and Commerce Ministers of different countries. He said this to the media after a meeting at his Secretariat office yesterday.

Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Haque said, the government is giving allowance to 1,84,394 freedom fighters after conducting a scrutiny to find out real beneficiaries for honorary allowances. A total of Taka 553 crore 18 lakh and 20,000 thousand have been released to provide honorary allowance among them.

The High Court has issued a rule asking as to why it shall not pass order to declare ‘Joy Bangla’ as national slogan. The court ordered Cabinet Secretary, Law Secretary and Education Secretary to submit their reply on the rule within next 72 hours.

The key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, DSEX, dropped 0.53 per cent, or 33.43 points, to close at 6,262.76 points yesterday after losing 10.66 points in the previous session.

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