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**News brief**

Underscoring the necessity for all countries to support their most vulnerable citizens, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said it is the responsibility of all to make sure adequate social and medical support for individuals with autism and neuro-development disorders. "Governments should make policies and programs to ensure that no individual is neglected. They deserve to have the opportunity to participate in their country's economic growth," she said. The Prime Minister said this while inaugurating a three-day 'International Conference on Autism and Neuro Developmental Disorders' at the Royal Banquet Hall in Thimphu.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday unveiled the plaque of the foundation stone of Chancery of Bangladesh Embassy at Hejo in the Bhutanese capital. She unveiled the plaque through a colorful function in presence of Bhutanese King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck and Bhutanese Prime Minister Dasho Tshering Tobgay.

President M Abdul Hamid yesterday stressed the need for stopping commercialization of education in the country since it diminishes educational standards. The President was addressing the first convocation of Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University (JKKNIU) on its campus in Trishal. He said higher education has significantly expanded in both public and private sectors, but the expected standard of education is yet to be achieved at all levels of universities.

It was a unique example of demonstrating leadership by both mother and daughter as Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her daughter Saima Wazed Hossain, a strong advocate of autism, were at the helm of a global event at the Bhutanese capital yesterday. This incident took place in Thimphu as Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina chaired while Saima Wazed moderated the same function on autism. The high-level discussion was held on the occasion of the three-day "International Conference on Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders" that began at the Royal Banquet Hall. Saima Wazed Hossain is the Chairperson of National Advisory Committee on Autism and Neurodevelopmental disorders of Bangladesh. She is a member of World Health Organization's (WHO) 25-member Expert Advisory Panel on mental Health.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader yesterday said some 400 new buses will be imported to ease the capital's transport crisis. The Minister was talking to reporters after inaugurating the operation of “Silk Line Travels” on the Dhaka-Chittagong route at Manik Mia Avenue.

Information Minister Hasanul Haque Inu said the war against militancy is continuing. He made the assertion while addressing an anti-militancy seminar arranged by Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (Jasod) at Jatiya Press Club auditorium yesterday.

A three-day international tourism fair dubbed “Biman Bangladesh Travel and Tourism Fair (BBTTF)” begins today with the participation of 13 countries to boost domestic tourism sector. Tour Operators Association of Bangladesh (TOAB) is organising the seventh edition of the mega event with the partnership of national flag carrier Biman Bangladesh Airlines in city’s Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC).

State Minister for Labour and Employment Mujibul Haque Chunnu yesterday said the government has set a target to put an end to hazardous child labour by 2021 and all sorts of child labour by 2025. He told this at a discussion on ‘Ratification of ILO Convocation 138’ in the city.

DSEX, The prime index of Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) settled yesterday at 5,555.10 points.

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