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**NEWS BRIEF**

## President Md. Abdul Hamid yesterday urged the public representatives, including local government ones, to work sincerely and honestly to take various services to the doorsteps of general people. He said this to a public rally on the premises of Abdul Haque College in Mithamoin, Kishoreganj.

## Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said Bangladesh must have the preparation to give a befitting reply if it is attacked by anyone although it is a peace-loving nation. She also said Bangladesh is a peaceful nation and the aim of country's foreign policy is to maintain friendship with all but the nation never compromised with anybody in case of its self-respect. She said this while addressing a function marking the commissioning of two submarines-BNS Nabajatra and BNS Joyjatra at Chittagong Naval Base.

## Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has inaugurated the ‘Sheikh Hasina Water Treatment Plant’ of Chittagong WASA yesterday. Addressing the inaugural function at Chittagong Boat Club as chief guest she said people sent her to power for development of Bangladesh.

## The chiefs of police and other law enforcement agencies of South Asia and neighbouring countries sat at Dhaka in a meeting yesterday, aiming to work out a regional strategy to combat militancy, extremism and other types of transnational crimes. Bangladesh police in collaboration with Interpol is hosting the three-day conference being attended by representatives from 15 countries, including hosts Bangladesh. The 14 other countries are Afghanistan, Australia, Bhutan, Brunei, China, India, Indonesia, the Maldives, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, South Korea, Sri Lanka and Vietnam. Besides, high officials of Interpol, Facebook, American IGCI and FBI, and ASEANPOL and International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program (ICITAP) are also participating in the conference. Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan formally opened the conference as the chief guest.

## Japan will provide training to technical interns from Bangladesh to help create skilled manpower. Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Ministry signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Japan International Manpower Development Organization (IM Japan) yesterday. Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Nurul Islam and IM Japan Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Kiwi Yanagisawa inked the deal on behalf of their respective sides.

## Swiss Ambassador Johan Frisell and Norway Ambassador Sidsel Bleken called on the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC), KM Nurul Huda, at his office in the capital where they discussed progress in the EC’s preparation for the next general elections. The CEC said this to the daily New Age.

## A special adviser on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development of the United Nations (UN), Dr David Nabarro, yesterday appreciated Bangladesh's continued advancement in the health and pharmaceuticals sectors and said Dhaka has already become a role model for many other developing nations. He also said it was indeed a matter of a great appreciation that Dhaka has achieved successes over years in greater heath sector, especially on reducing mothers and children deaths and taking health services to rural folks. He said this while exchanging views with Health and Family Welfare Minister Mohammad Nasim at the latter's office at Dhaka.

## The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court (SC) yesterday upheld a High Court (HC) order to take steps to close down 154 Hazaribagh tanneries immediately.

## The Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) has started a drive to relocate the illegal chemical factories and warehouses from Old Dhaka. A mobile court started the drive at Lalbagh's Shahidnagar in presence of DSCC Mayor Sayeed Khokon yesterday.

## The key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, DSEX, finished at 5,676.25 points, adding just 0.08 per cent or 4.63 points yesterday.

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