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**News Brief**

 The two global figures, UN Secretary General Antinio Guterres and World Bank President Jim Yong Kim, are visiting the makeshift Rohingya camps in Cox’s Bazar today. Foreign Minister A H Mahmood Ali, Foreign Secretary M Shahidul Haque and UNHCR High Commissioner Filippo Grandi would accompany them in the trip.

UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres has said, they will put more pressure on Myanmar to make the country understand what it should do over the Rohingya issue. Mr. Guterres said this when he accompanied by World Bank President Jim Yong Kim called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office in Dhaka yesterday.

The World Bank has stopped approving projects for Myanmar as part of its move to beef up pressures for taking back its Rohingya people from Bangladesh, said Finance Minister A M A Muhith. The Minister said this while talking to the media after a meeting with World Bank President Jim Yong Kim at his office in Dhaka yesterday.

 The UN chief and the WB president yesterday attended a discussion on Sustainable Development Goals hosted by the Prime Minister's Office. While speaking on the occasion, they appreciated socio-economic development of Bangladesh under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

 Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina hosted a dinner in honour of United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres and World Bank President Jim Yong Kim at Hotel Sonargaon last evening. Ministers, MPs, political leaders and foreign dignitaries attended the dinner.

 United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres and World Bank President Jim Yong Kim paid homage to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by placing wreaths at the portrait of the great leader at Dhanmondi in Dhaka yesterday. They also visited Bangabandhu Memorial Museum.

 British State Minister for Asia and the Pacific at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Mark Field has said, Bangladesh has made exemplary instance by providing shelter to the Rohingya people coming from Myanmar. The Minister said this while talking to media after a meeting with Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed at his office in Dhaka yesterday. The British State Minister also met Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid at his office yesterday.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader has said, the government’s tough stance against terrorism and militancy would remain unchanged. The Minister said this to the media after paying a visit to the old site of Holey Artisan Bakery at Gulshan diplomatic zone that suffered the first ever worst terror attack two years ago.

 Bangladesh has been elected as a member of the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth from the Asian region for a two-year term that begins from July 2018. Bangladesh was elected on the basis of consensus in a meeting of Board of Governors of the Commonwealth held at the Commonwealth Secretariat last week.

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