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**News Brief**

President Md. Abdul Hamid has said, the VVIPs security system must not disrupt their public attachments. The President said this while addressing a function of President Guard Regiment (PGR) to mark its 43rd founding anniversary in Dhaka Cantonment yesterday. The President instructed the PGR members to carry out their duties and responsibilities with confidence and due respect.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has emphasized on formulating a long-term plan for overall development of the country. The PM sought well-thought out ideas in this regard from the bureaucrats to prepare the nation’s development pathway for 2041. The PM was addressing a function on the occasion of signing the Annual Performance Agreement of various ministries and departments for the fiscal year 2018-2019 at her office in Dhaka yesterday.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said, the government would take step very quickly for bringing the private educational institutions under monthly payment order following the MPO policy-2018. The PM said this during her question-answer session in the parliament yesterday. The PM also said, settings up of 72,219 tubewells are underway to ensure safe drinking water in rural areas across the country.

The Jatiya Sangsad yesterday unanimously passed the Meteorology Bill, 2018 in an amended form for the enactment of a new meteorological law. The Jatiya Sangsad also passed the ‘Cantonment Bill, 2018’ in an amended form for incorporating tougher punishment for delaying the construction of buildings and breaking traffic rules in the cantonment areas.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and ICT has decided to hold more meetings in future to make more time befitting Digital Security Bill, 2018. The committee at its meeting yesterday discussed the act in detail. Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Anisul Huq and Posts, Telecommunications and ICT Minister Mustafa Jabbar also took part in the discussion.

The Power and Energy Quick Supply (special provision) Amendment Bill, 2018 was placed in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday with a view to increasing the supply of power and energy for quick implementation of the development plans.

## Switzerland Ambassador Rene Holenstein has said, the international community must work closely with Bangladesh and Myanmar so that the issues of the Rohingyas repatriation are addressed in an effective manner. In this regard, Switzerland calls for the immediate implementation of the recommendations stipulated in the final report of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State chaired by Kofi Annan. The Envoy said this to the media at his office yesterday.

Biman Bangladesh Airlines has called upon Hajj agencies to buy tickets for the Hajj pilgrims of this year immediately as 16,000 seats still remain unsold. Bangladesh Biman in a press release yesterday warned that no additional slot will be allotted by the Saudi authorities this year.

## The overall exports of the country grew by 5.81 percent in the outgoing fiscal year to $36.67 billion from $34.65 billion of the previous fiscal year riding on the higher shipment of garment products, according to Export Promotion Bureau.

DSEX, the key index of the DSE, rose by 0.68 per cent, or 35.95 points, to close at 5,309.11 points yesterday.

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