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**News Brief**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has called upon the Commonwealth members to work for making multilateral trade regime more inclusive and sustainable. The PM was addressing at an event titled "A More Prosperous Future" on the opening day of the 25th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in London yesterday. The premier said Bangladesh has always called for the promotion of a rules- based, transparent, inclusive and fair multilateral trade regime.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said Commonwealth's reform appeared essential to cater evolving needs and member states' expectations. The PM said this as she joined the first executive session CHOGM in London yesterday. "Reform is also essential if we wish to achieve the goals identified in this CHOGM. We also recommend formation of an Eminent Persons Group to undertake a comprehensive reform of Commonwealth," Sheikh Hasina said. The premier also underscored the need for revitalisation of the Commonwealth Secretariat through a comprehensive reform.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina held a bilateral meeting with her Indian counterpart Narendra Modi at Lancaster House in London yesterday. On the sidelines of the CHOGM, the two premiers discussed matters of bilateral interests including Rohingya and Teesta issues. The issue of inauguration of "Bangladesh House" at Biswa Bharati University in Indian state of West Bengal in the presence of the two premiers came up for discussion.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in London yesterday highly appreciated Bangladesh Premier Sheikh Hasina for her outstanding leadership in handling the protracted Rohingya crisis. "Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been showing outstanding leadership in handling the Rohingya refugees. The Commonwealth leaders must support her," he said while addressing the first Executive Session of the CHOGM.

Industries Minister Amir Hossain Amu has said chemical factories would be relocated from the capital city soon. The minister was addressing the opening ceremony of a two-day conference organized by Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation in the city yesterday. Referring to the relocation of tanneries to Savar from the capital, he said this sector has the potentials to exceed the readymade garments in future.

Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Haque has said freedom fighters would be given health services at a free of cost within next month. "The Liberation War Ministry will allocate money for upazila, district and specialized hospitals in Dhaka city to provide health services to the freedom fighters," he told a rally at the Sujanagar upazila in Pabna yesterday.

Members of Editors' Council, an association of newspapers editors, will be invited to a meeting with Parliamentary Standing Committee on Posts, Telecommunications and ICT on April 22 to place their proposals regarding amendments to the Digital Security Act. Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Anisul Huq told newsmen after a meeting with the Editors' Council at the secretariat yesterday.

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