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**News Brief**

President Md. Abdul Hamid has asked the private university authorities to intensify monitoring of the students and teachers so that none can get involved in militancy and terrorism. The President gave the directive as the vice-chancellors of private universities called on him at Bangabhaban yesterday. The President also chancellor of the universities advise them to form a monitoring committee and keep close watch on students and university teachers to curb religious fanaticism, militancy and terrorism. The President while exchanging views called upon the private university authorities to shun the attitude of running business with education. He told them to ensure imparting quality education to help the students reach international standards.

President Md. Abdul Hamid has urged the members of Consular Corps in Bangladesh, to explore labor market abroad for unemployed Bangladeshis. The President made the call when a delegation of the forum of distinguished Bangladeshis representing foreign countries called on him at Bangabhaban yesterday. The President asked the honorary consuls to find out potential sectors in the countries they are representing where Bangladesh could explore its labour market.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said, tourism is one of the areas where Islamic countries can work together to explore greater opportunities and potentials. The Prime Minister said this while she was inaugurating the 10th Session of the Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers (ICTM) at Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel in the capital yesterday. The PM said, tourism is the fastest growing sector greatly contributing to economy and employment across the world. At the conference, Dhaka has been declared the City of Tourism for the year 2019.

The visiting Swiss President Alain Berset has called for the full implementation of Kofi Annan Commission report to protect Rohingyas and ensure safe and dignified return of the Rohingya refugees. Mr. Berset made the call while talking to media following his visit to Kutupalong camps in Cox's Bazar yesterday. He said a refugee crisis of this scale had put Bangladesh and the international community under enormous pressure to provide shelter and the most urgent services to more than 650,000 people.

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu has asked the owners of television channels of the country to project peace, development and non-communalism before the people. The Minister made the urge while speaking at a meeting of Association of Television Channel Owners' at information ministry yesterday. State Minister for Information Tarana Halim was also present at the meeting.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Anisul Huq has said if necessary, the government will add a sub-section to Section 32 of the proposed Digital Security Act to safeguard journalists. The Law Minister said this while talking to newsmen at 'Meet the Press' program organized by Law Reporters' Forum at Dhaka Reporters' Unity in the capital."To protect public interests and investigative journalism, we would add a sub-section to Section 32, if there is the reason,”-he added.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) has banned procession and carrying sticks, sharp weapons, explosives and flammable materials in the capital to avoid any untoward incidents ahead of the verdict in the Zia Orphanage Trust Corruption case scheduled for tomorrow. The ban will be effective from 4am tomorrow until further notice. DMP said, ban has been imposed with a view to maintaining law and order and ensuring security to public safety.

I Scatec Solar, a Norwegian power producing company, will set up a 800 megawatts solar power plant in Chandpur at a cost of $1.0 billion. Yesterday I Scatec Solar and Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority signed a MoU for setting up the plant. Executive member of BEZA Md Harunur Rashid and I Scatec Solar vice-president Morten Langshold signed the MoU.

Five countries among the 45 least developed countries (LDCs), including Bangladesh, attained economic growth at 7 percent or higher in 2017, according to a report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) published recently.

The main index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, DSEX, settled yesterday at 5,949.24 points.

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