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**News Brief**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina pointing out the street agitation of a particular section of the teachers has said, the government cannot afford to fulfill many demands without plan and budgetary allocation. The PM said this while addressing an Education Rally organized by the National University at BICC in Dhaka yesterday. The PM said, her government is trying to help every people either in the public or private sector so that none is deprived. But, a government cannot fulfill every demand as it works with a limited budgetary allocation. Sheikh Hasina detailing her government’s plan said, school or college should be nationalized under a policy.

The ECNEC yesterday approved 11 development projects involving Taka 7,423.72 crore. The approval was given at the ECNEC meeting with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair. The approved projects incude setting up RAB headquarters in the capital, constructing 288 residential flats for the government officials at Mirpur, establishment of Air Force training institute at BAF Zohurul Hoque Base, upgrading Barisal Textile Institute to Shaheed Abdur Rob Serniabad Textile Engineering College and establishment of Sheikh Russell Textile Institute.

Swiss President Alain Berset arrived in Dhaka yesterday on a three-day official visit to Bangladesh President Md. Abdul Hamid received the Swiss leader at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport. Berset's official engagement began amid a meeting with Foreign Minister Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali at 6 pm yesterday. The Swiss President is due lay a wreath at the National Memorial in Savar today. Later, he is to visit the Bangabandhu Memorial Museum at Dhanmondi and lay wreath at the portrait of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. During the visit, Berset will hold official talks with his Bangladesh counterpart Md. Abdul Hamid at 7 pm today. Earlier, he would also have a meeting with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at 3 pm.

The Department of Narcotics Control has formed 25,605 anti-drug committees in educational institutions across the country aimed at curbing drug related crimes. Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan told the parliament yesterday. The Minister said, the Prime Minister adopted zero tolerance policy against drug. Foreign Minister A H Mahmood Ali informed the House, Bangladesh is making strong bilateral and multilateral diplomatic efforts for repatriation of the Myanmar nationals.

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Anisul Huq has said, Bangladesh has made a reasonable progress towards building a safe and compliant manufacturing industry as the world's top three environment friendly RMG and textile factories are now in Bangladesh. Speaking at the opening session of a workshop in Dhaka yesterday, the Minister said, significant improvement has been made on compliance and safe issues after Rana Plaza accident. In collaboration with the EU, Bangladesh Employers Federation organized the workshop.

Expatriates’ welfare and overseas employment Minister Nurul Islam has urged the labour welfare officials to play a proactive role at the destination countries for looking for employment for more skilled workers abroad so that they could earn more remittances. Inaugurating the five-day labour attaché conference in the city’s CIRDAP auditorium yesterday, the Minister also asked the labour attachés to play their due role in ensuring welfare to one crore migrant workers.

The 10th Islamic Conference of Tourism Ministers begins in Dhaka today with an aim to enhance regional cooperation through Islamic tourism. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is scheduled to inaugurate the three-day conference.

The United Nations has highly appreciated Bangladeshi peacekeepers saying the contributions of these brave men and women in the countries in which they serve have been immense over the past three decades. Bangladesh is one of the largest contributors to UN peacekeeping operations, said the UN.

The Dhaka International Trade Fair 2018 ended yesterday with Tk 160 crore worth export orders. Export Promotion Bureau officials said the businesspeople also sold products worth Tk 87 crore in the 35-day long 23nd DITF.

The main index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, DSEX, settled yesterday at 5,888 points.

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