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NEWS BRIEF

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said Bangladesh can achieve inclusive and equitable quality education by 2030 facing all challenges. She was addressing at the inaugural session of the 3-day E-9 Ministerial Meeting on Education 2030 at a city hotel yesterday. She said special emphasis must be given on teachers' education and training programs. She said the Era of SDGs that all have stepped in makes it very timely and meaningful now to hold this E-9 Ministerial meeting and align and integrate particularly SDG-4 on education with our E-9 initiatives and strategies .

President Md Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed profound shock at the demise of veteran politician and parliamentarian Suranjit Sengupta in separate messages. President Abdul Hamid and prime minister Sheikh Hasina also paid rich tributes to late Suranjit Sengupta by placing wreaths on his coffin at South Plaza of Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday afternoon. The Jatiya Sangsad in a unanimous resolution yesterday condoled the death of former railway minister Suranjit Sengupta and termed him as 'a leading light of parliamentary democracy'.

Bangladesh has requested its international partners to support it in implementing the relocation plan of Rohingyas to Hatiya by providing assistance in developing the island and transporting the Myanmar nationals living in Bangladesh to the new place of their residence. Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali made the request to Bangladesh's bilateral, UN and other international partners while briefing the members of the diplomat community at the state guesthouse Padma yesterday.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith has said the government will take new strategy after taking opinion from Bangladesh Bank to return of the money stolen by hackers from its central bank. The minister came up with the remark yesterday at his secretariat office while replying to the reporters' query on return of BB heist of \$81 million from Philippines.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith yesterday said a banking commission will be constituted before the end of the tenure of the present government to look into different problems in the banking sector. He said this while speaking at the annual conference of the stated-owned Sonali Bank at the Institute of Diploma Engineers. He said a banking commission is needed to look after implementation of laws, policies and regulations in banking sector.

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Khondokar Mosharaf Hossain yesterday said the local government institutions would be centre point of development in future through providing basic amenities of civic life by infusing new technology. The minister was speaking as chief guest at a function on 'Inspiring Workshop for Innovation and Citation Giving' organized by Upazila Governance Project (UZGP) in DPHE auditorium.

The Asian Development Bank , in a publication--Bangladesh: Development Effectiveness Brief 2017, said that Bangladesh has made significant socioeconomic gains with a steady rise in its gross domestic product, boost in social development, and meeting the Millennium Development Goal.

Disaster Management and Relief Minister Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya yesterday told the 5th partnership meeting in a city hotel that Bangladesh has been successful in reducing disaster risk as the country is strengthening its capacity for minimizing losses of lives and property.

Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Rashed Khan Menon yesterday said newly introduced Smart Cards were meant to ensure peoples civic privileges alongside the voting rights. He said the smart card will save time, money and ensure the availability of quality civic amenities .He said while distributing smart cards at a College at Shahjahanpur yesterday morning.

State Minister for ICT Zunaid Ahmed Palak has said the government will provide incentives to promote 1000 innovative apps commercially. He was speaking as chief guest at the launching ceremony of cell-phone based credible advice - 'Maya Apa Plus' - on personal, health or psychological issues in the city yesterday.

Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs Margot Wallstrm , in a letter to her Bangladeshi counterpart AH Mahmood Ali said that she is deeply impressed by the results that Bangladesh has achieved in economic development and poverty alleviation .

State Minister for Social Welfare Nuruzzaman Ahmed has called for taking proper care of the disabled people to turn them into human resources for ensuring their participation in the national development process,. The State Minister said this at a function at a school in Lalmonirhat yesterday

DSEX, the prime index of the DSE, settled yesterday at 5322.66 points.