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**NEWS BRIEF**

## President Md. Abdul Hamid yesterday said Bangladesh is a role model globally due to its socioeconomic development. So a strong democracy and political stability are essential for the development of country, he added. He said this while addressing a rally arranged on the premises of Rotary Degree College at Astagram, Kishoreganj.

## The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) yesterday approved the establishment of six full-fledged BTV centers in six divisional cities of the country involving an estimated cost of Tk 1,391 crore, aiming to further strengthen the operations of state-run television. The approval came from the ECNEC meeting held at the NEC Conference Room with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

## Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will visit India from April 7-10 on an invitation extended by Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi, said External Publicity Wing Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday again urged people of the country to cast their votes in favour of Awami League and its symbol 'Boat' in all future elections for the continuation of the development activities. She said this while speaking at a mammoth gathering held at Laxmipur Stadium, Laxmipur.

## The state-owned energy company-Petrobangla yesterday signed a deal with South Korea’s POSCO Daewoo Corporation for exploration of gas and oil on 12 blocks in the deep sea. Deputy Secretary of Energy and Mineral Resources Division, Secretary of Petrobangla and Vice President of Daewoo signed the production sharing contract (PSC) on behalf of their respective sides at Petrobangla office at Dhaka. Prime Minister’s Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Adviser Dr Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury, State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid were present there.

Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev is likely to visit Dhaka in the third quarter of this year in a bid to take relations between the two countries to a newer height. Relevant ministries and departments were instructed, in an inter-ministerial meeting yesterday, to expedite the process of finalising the issues to be discussed and communicate their positions about the deals for consideration of signing during the visit. Foreign Secretary presided over the meeting at the foreign ministry.

## United Nations (UN) yesterday expressed its willingness to work with University Grants Commission (UGC) to prevent sexual harassment in all public and private universities of the country. Country Representative of UN Women, Ms. Christine Hunter expressed her willingness at a meeting with UGC Chairman Professor Abdul Mannan at the latter's office at Dhaka, said a press release.

## Chiefs of police and other law enforcement agencies of South Asia and neighbouring countries yesterday vowed to promote greater mutual understanding and cooperation in curbing violent extremism and transnational crimes. They signed the joint Dhaka declaration after completion of the 3-day international conference at Dhaka.

## State Minister for Foreign Affairs Md Shahriar Alam yesterday said there is no existence of Islamic State (IS) and other international terror outfits in the country. He said this while addressing the closing session of 3-day Chiefs of Police Conference at Dhaka.

## Rejecting the recent report of the Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) over irregularities in workers' migration Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Nurul Islam Bsc said it is a 'false' report. He said this to the media at his ministry yesterday.

The key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, DSEX, added 0.38 per cent, or 21.53 points, to finish at 5,681.25 points yesterday.

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