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News Brief

United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres arrived in Dhaka last night to see the condition of the Rohingya refugees staying in Cox's Bazar. Foreign Minister A H Mahmood Ali received him at the airport. The UN chief along with World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim, who arrived here also yesterday, will jointly meet Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at 11 am at her Office today. The UN chief will then visit Bangabandhu Memorial Museum. The UN chief will leave for Cox's Bazar by a special flight to visit the Rohingya camp tomorrow. The Bangladesh Foreign Minister, the WB President and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi, among others, will accompany the UN Secretary General.

President of the International Committee of the Red Cross Peter Maurer arrived on a three-day visit to observe current situation of Rohingya camps in Cox's Bazar yesterday. The ICRC President arrived here after concluding his visit Myanmar to see situation in Rakhine State.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has urged the party leaders to highlight before the people the development projects and programs taken by the government over the years for their welfare. The PM made the urge while addressing a special extended meeting of Bangladesh Awami League at Ganabhaban yesterday. Bangladesh is now on the road of prosperity which has been possible for her government's relentless and sincere efforts, she added.

Newly elected Gazipur City Corporation Mayor Jahangir Alam and Commissioners called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Ganabhaban yesterday. While greeting the Mayor and Councilors, the PM highlighted the socio-economic development of the country under the present government.

Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Khandker Mosharraf Hossain has said, the government wants to hold the next general election with participation of all political parties. The Minister said this to the media after paying homage to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by placing wreath at his mazar at Tungipara yesterday.

Liberation War Affairs Minister A K M Mozammel Huq has said, the present government will start providing free treatment and medicine to Freedom Fighter from this month. The Minister said this while inaugurating the Muktijoddha Complex at Sirajdikhan Upazila, Munshiganj yesterday.

Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor has called upon the young generations to know the true history of nation to be enlightened citizens with patriotic zeal. The Minister made the call as he was addressing a function organised by the Indian High Commission for distributing scholarships among the heirs of Freedom Fighters in Rajshahi yesterday.

A Primary School of Feni Sadar upazila has been allocated new building within only four working days thanks to a SMS sent to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina by an expatriate Bangladeshi. Earlier, some Anwar Hossain staying in Saudi Arabia sent SMS to PM requesting her to construct new building for Ratanpur Government Primary School which faces severe accommodation problem.

Dhaka University is observing its 97th founding anniversary today. President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina have issued separate messages on the occasion.

DSEX, the key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, lost 0.67 per cent or 36.30 points over the week to finish at 5,405.46 points on Thursday.

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