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**News Brief**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has called upon the international community to put united efforts for peaceful, sustainable and early solution to the Rohingya crisis. The PM made the call as she was addressing a discussion on the development of Bangladesh at Overseas Development Institute in London yesterday. Bangladesh is enduring the entire brunt of the exodus of persecuted Rohingya people from Rakhine State of Myanmar, she added.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has urged the Commonwealth leaders to make efforts for the empowerment of women to create a society free from poverty and discrimination. The PM made the urge as she was addressing a session on quality education for girls arranged on the occasion of 25th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting - CHOGM at Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Westminster in London yesterday.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is attending the Asian leaders' roundtable in London today . The Prime Minister is also joining a dinner to be hosted by British Premier Theresa May this afternoon. Sheikh Hasina will attend the formal opening of the CHOGM tomorrow. She will also join a dinner of Queen Elizabeth II in honour of Heads of Government at the Buckingham Palace in the evening . The PM is returning home on the 23rd of April ending her week-long visit to the KSA and UK.

The nation yesterday observed the historic Mujibnagar Day with a pledge to let the new generations know the real history of the Liberation War .On the occasion of the day, on behalf of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader paid rich tributes to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by placing wreath at his portrait in front of Bangabandhu Memorial Museum at Dhanmondi in the city yesterday. To observe the day, a discussion was held at the Sheikh Hasina Mancha at Mujibnagar in Meherpur yesterday. Industries Minister Amir Hossain Amu, Health and Family Welfare Minister Mohammad Nasim and Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Haque took part in the discussion.

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu has said the people of Bangladesh do not believe in communalism or inequity and that's why there is no room for militancy in the country. The Minister said this as he was speaking at a folklore workshop at Bangla Academy in Dhaka yesterday.

The holy Shab-e-Barat, the night of fortune, will be observed throughout the country on the night of May 1 as the Shaban moon was sighted in the country yesterday. The decision was taken at a meeting of the National Moon Sighting Committee in Dhaka yesterday.

The country's largest three-day international tourism fair will begin tomorrow in the capital with the participation of 11 countries to expedite and promote tourism sector in Bangladesh. Tour Operators Association of Bangladesh will organize the fair styled "Biman Bangladesh Travel & Tourism Fair 2018" at the Bangabandhu International Conference Center in Dhaka.

A four-day photo exhibition titled "History Speaks" begun at Azad Bhavan Art Gallery in New Delhi on Monday. The exhibition is displaying some historical photographs of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as well as the War of Liberation. Bangladesh High Commission in Delhi and Indian Council of Cultural Relations are jointly organizing the exhibition.

The DSEX, the core index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange, finished yesterday at 5,777.95 points.

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