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**News Brief**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said Bangamata Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Mujib was the source of all encouragement, strength and courage for Bangabandhu. “My mother always encouraged him [Bangabandhu] to do politics for the people of this country.... She never pulled him back... she never looked out for her own interests... she never thought what she would get in life,” the PM said. She was addressing a function marking the 87th birth anniversary of Bangamata Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Mujib in Dhaka yesterday. Terming her mother a simple and humble person, Prime Minister said she stayed beside Bangabandhu and played a unique role during the Liberation War and rebuilding of the nation soon after the country's independence.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has once again said no one will be allowed to use the soil of Bangladesh to carry out any terrorist and militant act. She also said her government has been collaborating with the neighbouring countries to check human trafficking through the bordering areas. She said Bangladeshi workers wishing to go abroad now need to make online registration. Prime Minister made the remarks while the Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon and UK Minister of State for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Tariq Mahmood Ahmad met her at Ganabhaban yesterday. Highly praising Bangladesh's stunning socioeconomic development under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the British State Minister said "Bangladesh has an incredible story to tell ... and under your dynamic leadership, Bangladesh is going to be a middle-income country." He said the world will have to act together to contain terrorism and stop human trafficking. He appreciated the government's steps to integrate Qawmi madrasah education with the mainstream one. He urged the Prime Minister to take the leadership of girl education and women empowerment in the Commonwealth Summit to be held next year.

Bangladesh has requested Britain to recognize the 25 March as Genocide Day and to return the convicted war criminal Mueen Uddin Chowdhury, who is now living in the UK. State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shahriar Alam made the request when he held a meeting with the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office Minister of State Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon Tariq Mahmood Ahmad in Dhaka yesterday. Meanwhile, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan yesterday said the government has updated information on all fugitive killers of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and efforts are on to bring back home them. He told this at a press briefing in Dhaka yesterday.

Bangladesh has asked the Philippines to form an Inter-agency Taskforce to coordinate the recovery of the fund plundered from the Bangladesh Bank through the cyber heist. Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali made the request to Philippines Foreign Affairs Secretary Alan Cayetano at a meeting on Monday in Manila. He thanked Caeytano for the support extended by the Filipino government in recovering part of the heist fund. In reply, Secretary Cayetano assured Bangladesh FM of his government's full support for recovering of the heist fund of Bangladesh Bank.

Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Ltd (BGFCL) and Sylhet Gas Field Ltd (SGFL) have inked agreements with Russian Gazprom for drilling 10 wells to meet the country's ever increasing demand of gas. Of the wells, the BAPEX owns four wells (Shahbazpur-3 and 4, Semutang-6 and Begumganj-3).

Japan has doubled the number of scholarship recipients to 30 for Bangladesh government officials for study in Japanese universities. Japan has also decided to open up the JDS scheme for PhD candidates from the current fiscal. To this effect, Japan Ambassador Masato Watanabe and ERD Secretary Kazi Shofiqul Azam signed the exchange of notes yesterday.

The market for farmed fish in the country grew by a dramatic 25 times in three decades, with 75 percent of fish farmers selling fish commercially, according to a recent study. There has also been an equally rapid shift among consumers eating fish from a home pond to purchasing farmed fish from the market, said the study by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI).

At the end of the session, the DSE broad index DSEX closed yesterday at 5897.67 points.

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