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**News brief**

The nation celebrated Pahela Baishakh, the first day of Bangla calendar, on Friday amid traditional festivities and enthusiasm, with a fresh vow to eliminate extremism from the country.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Friday expressed her firm optimism that Bangladesh would advance further and the countrymen would get a beautiful life in Bangla Nababarsha. The Prime Minister expressed the optimism while exchanging Bangla Nababarsha 1424 greetings with a cross section of people including leaders and workers of her party at the Ganabhaban.

## Amid the Chief Justice's remarks that an attempt to create a chasm between the judiciary and the administration exists, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said a conflict is not expected. The Prime Minister laid high importance on consensus and good relations among the three state organs which have to work as complementary to each other. ‘Here we expect a situation where the three organs of the state — executive, legislature and judiciary — would not supersede each other or show their strength to each other,’ she said. The three organs should have respect to each other, she said while inaugurating the newly constructed Judges Complex, a residential complex for Supreme Court judges, in Dhaka. Later, the Prime Minister inaugurated 25-storey commercial building of Bangladesh Shipping Corporation at Rajuk Avenue in the city.

President M Abdul Hamid last night hosted a reception at Bangabhaban on the occasion of Bangla New Year-1424.The President exchanged greetings with the guests at the Darbar Hall of Bangabhaban. The President hoped that Bangladesh would go ahead overcoming all barriers and obstacles faced earlier.

## Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the members of parliament who are not living in the allotted Nam flats to quit those, or else they will be left out of the allotment list. The Prime Minister was inaugurating newly constructed residential buildings for the officials and employees of Bangladesh Jatiya Sangbad Secretariat at Sher-e Bangla Nagar in the city.

Bangladesh Railway will construct double track standard gauge lines on the Dhaka-Chittagong section via Comilla at a cost of Tk 30,955 crore. Railways Minister M Mazibul Hoque told yesterday.

## Russia wants Bangladesh join its fight against international terrorism as Russia favours a broad and effective anti-extremists front to deal with the global problem. ‘We look forward to it gaining more and more supporters. Bangladesh, of course, is one such a country,’ said Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov. He said Bangladesh and Russia share a common view about the 'lack of an alternative' to harmonising the efforts of all countries in fighting international extremism. The Russian Foreign Minister said this at a joint news conference in Moscow following talks with Bangladesh Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali on Thursday.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has officially invited her Russian counterpart Dmitry Medvedev to visit Bangladesh marking the 45th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Bangladesh and Russia. Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali on Thursday handed over a personal letter from the Prime Minister, addressed to Dmitry Medvedev, to Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in Moscow.

The Prime Minister’s Office has formed a committee to examine the necessity for guidelines on investment by Bangladeshi companies in foreign countries as local investors have been facing difficulty in making investment abroad in absence of such guidelines.The committee headed by Bangladesh Investment Development Authority executive member Ajit Kumar Paul will assess the need for the guidelines after analysing data and documents related to investment in foreign countries by local investors.

Election Commission is all set to hold the Union Parishad (UP) elections across the country today. The voting will take place from 8am to 4pm at 155 union councils.

Indian Water Resource Minister Uma Bharti has said India will not let politics spoil its relations with Bangladesh and that water is going to remain the basis of good relations between the two countries. The Indian Minister who was visiting West Bengal said this while interacting with journalists on Friday."We are discussing all aspects of the Teesta accord. We are consulting all stakeholders, including the West Bengal government. We believe we can solve this through dialogue," she said.

DSEX, The prime index of Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) went down by 1.58 per cent to settle the week at 5,646 points.

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