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**News Brief**

President Md. Abdul Hamid has asked all concerned of the Information Commission to be more active so that people of all strata from the grassroots can get their desired information. The President gave the directive while a delegation of the Information Commission led by Chief Information Commissioner Mortuza Ahmed submitted its annual report 2017 to him at Bangabhaban yesterday.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said, Bangladesh would launch its second satellite in the space much ahead of the expiry of the Bangabandhu-1. The PM said this in reply to a question during her question-answer session in the Jatiya Shagsad yesterday. Bangabandhu-1 has already been settled in its orbit and started giving signal, she added.

Outgoing Air Chief Marshal Abu Esrar and newly appointed chief of BAF Air Marshal Masihuzzaman Serniabat made a courtesy call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her Sangsad Bhaban office yesterday. The PM congratulated the newly appointed air chief and appreciated the outgoing air chief for his service to the BAF. During the meeting, the Premier expressed her government’s firm resolve to build a strong Air Force to cope with the challenges of time.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has categorically said, the drive against militancy, terrorism and narcotics will continue to ensure peace and security of the people. The PM said this in her speech at an iftar party for the lawyers at her official residence Ganabhaban yesterday. Before the iftar, a special munajat was offered seeking continued peace, progress and prosperity of the nation.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will leave Dhaka today on a four-day visit to Canada to attend the outreach session of G7 Summit at the invitation of Canadian counterpart Justine Trudeau. The PM is scheduled to reach Toronto via Dubai in the tomorrow morning. The Premier will return home on Tuesday night via Dubai, UAE.

Finance Minister A M A Muhith will place the budget for the 2018-19 financial year in the House at 12:30 pm today.

The historic Six-Point Day will be observed today across the country. President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina have issued separate messages on the eve of the day.

Agriculture Minister Begum Matia Chowdhury has said, the government is working to build a hunger-free country by 2030. The Minister said this at a seminar on agriculture, nutrition and gender linkages at the Krishibid Institute in Dhaka yesterday.

Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Shahjahan Kamal has said, the government would not tolerate any harassment of passengers especially expatriate Bangladeshis at the country’s airports. The Minister said this while speaking at a meeting organised by Biman Sramik League at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka yesterday.

Bangladesh women’s cricket team recorded their historic seven-wicket victory over defending champions India in the Women’s T20 Asia Cup at Kinrara Academy Oval in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

DSEX, the key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, gained 0.97 per cent, or 51.95 points, to close at 5,398.75 points yesterday.

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