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**News Brief**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said, her government would give priority to connectivity if it comes to power next time. The government has also a plan to construct a nuclear power plant in the country's southern part, she said. The PM while attending her question-answer session also informed the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday that law enforcement agencies arrested 20,767 drug peddlers since the current drive was launched in May this year.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the Hajj Program of 2018 at Ashkona Hajj Camp in Dhaka yesterday. Speaking on the occasion, the PM urged everybody to remain careful to stop spreading confusion about Islam.

The Jatiya Sangsad passed 'The Press Institute Bangladesh Bill 2018' seeking to bring PIB activities under the ambit of the law. Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu moved the Bill in the House.

UNDP Residential Representative to Bangladesh Sudipto Mukharjee called on Speaker Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury at her office in Dhaka yesterday. During the meeting the UNDP Representative assured continued support for the development of Bangladesh.

Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed has said, Singaporean businessmen have decided to make big investment in Bangladesh's special economic zones. The Minister informed media this after having a meeting with the Singaporean business delegation in Dhaka yesterday.

Liberation War Affairs Minister A K M Muzammel Hoque citing a High Court verdict has said, if the government wants to bring any change in the existing 30 per cent freedom fighters quota in government jobs, it will have to appeal to the court. The Minister said this at a press conference at Press Information Department in Dhaka yesterday.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid has said, the government is working to bring non-government educational institutions under Monthly Payment Order. The Minister said this when a five-member delegation of non-government educational institutions met him at his ministry in Dhaka yesterday.

Law Minister Anisul Huq has said, the proposed Digital Security Act is likely to be passed in the next session of the Jatiya Sangsad. The Minister said this while talking to the journalist leaders on the proposed law at his ministry in Dhaka yesterday.

Home Minister Asaduzzman Khan Kamal has urged all the countries concerned to work together for maintaining safe maritime environment. The Minister made the urge while inaugurating a two-day long 'Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting' in Dhaka yesterday.

Russian Deputy Prime Minister Yury Borisov will arrive in Dhaka on Friday night to visit Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant in Pabna.

Bangladesh Power Development Board has signed a MoU with General Electric to build a 3,600MW LNG-based power plant with an investment of \$4.4 billion at Moheshkhali. BPDB Chairman Khaled Mahmood and GE Power President and CEO Russell Stokes signed the MoU on behalf of their respective sides at the Bidyut Bhaban in Dhaka yesterday.

Asian Development Bank has decided to invest \$200 million initially for fuel transportation and trade facilitation for the development of Southwest Economic Corridor of Bangladesh. The decision was taken at a meeting between Executive Director of Bangladesh Investment Development Authority Kazi Aminul Islam and Representatives of ADB.

DSEX, the prime index of the Dhaka Stocks Exchange, settled yesterday at 5,379 points.

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