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**News Brief**

 President Md. Abdul Hamid will inaugurate a three-day national level programme marking the 119th birth anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam at Trishal in Mymensingh tomorrow.
The programme jointly arranged by the Ministry of Cultural Affairs and Mymensingh District administration will end on May 27.

 Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's role in giving shelter to Rohingyas as well as Bangladesh's extraordinary success in women empowerment has been appreciated highly by UNFPA Executive Director and UN Under Secretary Natalia Kanem. This appreciation came when she called on the PM at her office in Dhaka yesterday. About one lakh refugees would be shifted to Bhasan Char camp very soon where they would be able to live in a better environment, the PM added during the meeting.

 Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has asked the concerned officials to take appropriate measures for proper distribution of the stipends and other education facilities to the poor and brilliant students taken under the PM's education trust fund. The Premier gave the directives in the fifth meeting of the Prime Minister's Education Assistance Trust Fund at her office yesterday.

 Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina hosted an iftar in honour of judges, diplomats and senior civil and military officials at Ganobhaban yesterday. The PM went round different tables set for the guests, exchanged pleasantries with them and enquired about their well-being. Before the iftar, a special munajat was offered seeking continued peace, progress and prosperity of the nation.

 Foreign Minister A H Mahmood Ali yesterday in Dhaka briefed media on the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to Kolkata which begins tomorrow. The Foreign Minister detailed different aspects of the meeting to be held between the Bangladesh Prime Minister and her Indian counterpart Narendra Modi during the visit.

 The government has approved the 'Gold Policy-2018' to ease the import and export of the precious metal as well as ensure transparency in its trade inside the country. The approval came at a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs at the cabinet division in the secretariat with Finance Minister A M A Muhith in the chair yesterday.

 Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed invited Canadian entrepreneurs to invest in Bangladesh's special economic zones while the Canadian High Commissioner in Dhaka Benoit Prefontaine met him at his office in Dhaka yesterday. The High Commissioner termed Bangladesh's investment environment as excellent and hoped Canadian investors would come up with investment in Bangladesh.

 Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan has said, those who involved in grabbing and polluting rivers would not be spared as the government shows 'zero tolerance' against them. He said this while speaking at a discussion in Dhaka yesterday.

 Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal has said, the government is determined to free the country from militancy, drugs and pirates. The Minister said this while speaking at a function marking the surrender of fifty seven pirates in Khulna yesterday.

 DSEX, the key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange lost 0.57 per cent or 30.37 points, to close at 5,361.09 points yesterday.

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