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**News Brief**

## Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, now in the United States in connection with the 72nd United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) session, underwent a gall bladder operation in Washington on September 25 night (Washington time). She is now completely well after the successful operation. She sought ‘doa’ from the countrymen. As per doctors advice she is now taking rest. She will return home on October 5. Earlier the Prime Minister was scheduled to return home on October 2. Meanwhile, the 71st birthday of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, also the president of Bangladesh Awami League, will be celebrated in the country today.

## The International Right to Information Day-2017 will be observed today in the country as elsewhere across the world with the theme ‘Powering Sustainable Development with Access to Information’. President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina issued separate messages on the eve of the day.

The government has sought support from the member countries of the UN Security Council for taking substantive measures for ending violence in Rakhine and return of forcibly displaced ethnic minority Rohingya people of Myanmar from Bangladesh. Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali conveyed the request to the ambassadors and mission chiefs of the UN Security Council member countries in Dhaka yesterday, a day before the scheduled Security Council discussion on Rohingya issues. Nine ambassadors and mission chiefs of the United State, the United Kingdom, France, China, Russia, Sweden, Japan, Italy and Egypt joined the diplomatic briefing. The rest six Security Council member countries do not have embassies in Dhaka.

## Turkey's Deputy Prime Minister Mehmet Simsek visited Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar yesterday. He said to the media that Turkey would work with Bangladesh government on easing sufferings of Rohingya refugees. Meanwhile, Japan has assured Bangladesh of its support to address the issue of Rohingya. State Minister for Foreign Affairs M Shahriar Alam made the disclosure in a Tweet message after a meeting with the visiting Japanese Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs Iwao Horii in Dhaka yesterday. The first consignment of China's relief for the Rohingya refugees arrived here yesterday. An additional deputy commissioner received the relief items from Chinese Embassy official Jong Giagu. The next consignment of Indian humanitarian assistance for Rohingya refugees is set to reach the Chittagong Port today. Indian Naval Ship INS Gharial carrying nearly 700 tonnes of relief material is scheduled to anchor at the Chittagong Port. Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Harsh Vardhan Shringla is expected to hand over the consignment.

Bangladesh has protested against Myanmar force’s attack on a fishing boat and killing of a fisherman near Teknaf in Cox’s Bazar. Foreign ministry sent a diplomatic note to Myanmar embassy in Dhaka Tuesday protesting the attack and killing. Myanmar border police on Monday opened fire at a Bangladeshi fishing boat on the River Naf near Shah Parir Dwip. A fisherman died on the spot and several got injured.

Health Minister Mohammad Nasim has congratulated International Centre for Diarrheal Diseases Research, Bangladesh for achieving this year’s Conrad N Hilton Humanitarian Prize. He said, the country is proud of this international health research organization. ICDDR’B received $2 million along with the Conrad N Hilton Humanitarian Prize in recognition of its contribution.

A three-member delegation led by Industries Minister Amir Hossain Amu yesterday left Dhaka for Canada. During the tour in Canada, the team will visit the Canadian quality control organisation 'Intertek Canada' and exchange views with the high officials of the organisation.

Bangladesh's global competiveness has improved, according to the annual report released by the World Economic Forum. It has moved up seven places to rank 99 among 137 nations in the 2017-18 Global Competitiveness Index (GCI). Last year’s index ranked Bangladesh 106 out of 138 countries.

The key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, DSEX, lost 0.40 per cent, or 24.94 points, to finish at 6,079.32 points yesterday.

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