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**News Brief**

A red carpet was rolled out at Vienna International Airport yesterday as Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina arrived there on a two-day official visit to attend a conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). On her arrival at the airport, the Prime Minister was received by State Secretary in the Federal Chancellery Muna Duzdar and Bangladesh Ambassador to Austria and Permanent Representative to the UN Offices at Vienna Mohammad Abu Zafar. Various global issues, including bilateral cooperation in implementing sustainable development goals (SDGs), migration, refugee crisis, climate change and the situation in the Europe after Brexit, will come up for discussion during the visit, said Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali at a media briefing on Saturday.

President Abdul Hamid yesterday urged the Bangladeshi peacekeepers deployed in UN peacekeeping missions to perform their duties maintaining professionalism, integrity and sincerity. The President came up with the call while addressing a program at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka, commemorating the International Day of UN Peacekeepers.

Maritime ports of Chittagong and Cox's Bazar have been advised to hoist great danger signal number 10 while Mongla and Payra ports to hoist great danger signal number 8 to deal with the onslaught of 'Mora' .

The government has taken all-out preparations for dealing with the onslaught of possible cyclone Mora in the country’s coastal districts. “We have allocated Tk 5 lakh and 100 tonnes of rice for each coastal district,” said M Golam Mostafa, additional Secretary of Disaster Management and Relief Ministry. He was talking to reporters after holding a meeting with officials of the ministry at the Secretariat yesterday.

The Bangabandhu-1 satellite is almost ready to be launched in December this year, State Minister for Posts and Telecommunications Tarana Halim said yesterday. The satellite will launch its commercial operations from June next year, she said at a press conference at her Secretariat office.

The government will sign a Tk 167 crore deal with a foreign consortium today to conduct a feasibility study at Dighipara coal mine to develop a mining area for extracting 3 million tonnes coal a year. State-owned Barapukuria Coal Mine Company Limited (BCMCL) will sign the deal with the consortium of MIBRAG Consulting International GmbH, FUGRO Consult GmbH and RungePincockMinarco Limited (RPM).

Apparel makers and members of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) are ready to pay workers' festival bonus by 20th of Ramadan. BGMEA's vice president Mohammad Nasir said this after the 34th meeting of the crisis management core committee at the office of the Department of Inspection for Factories and Establishments in Dhaka. Core committee Chairman Mujibul Haque Chunnu, also the State Minister for Labour and Employment, chaired the meeting. BGMEA will also open a control room to ensure the date line and monitor the field situation like previous years, said the vice president.

The government has decided to stop the movement of trucks, covered vans and lorries on the highways three days before the Eid-ul-Fitr to prevent road accidents and reduce traffic jam. Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader at a press conference disclosed this to the newsmen at BRTA office in Dhaka after an exchange of views with the BRTA officials in Dhaka yesterday.

CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) refueling stations will remain closed for six hours from 4:00pm instead of seven hours from 3:00pm everyday in Ramadan. The Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources rescheduled the closure time for the CNG refueling stations upon a petition by Bangladesh CNG Station and Conversion Workshop Association yesterday.

The 16th session of the 10th parliament begins at 11:00am today. Finance Minister Abul Maal Abdul Muhith will place the national budget for 2017-2018 in this session on June 1.

Bangladesh's adult literacy rate increased to 72.3 per cent in 2016 from 60.7 per cent in 2012, said a survey conducted by Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS). The data was released by BBS yesterday in its Sample Vital Registration System (SVRS).

  The prime index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) settled yesterday at 5,356.58 points.

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