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### News Brief

Outgoing Japanese Ambassador Hiroyasu Izumi called on President Md. Abdul Hamid at Bangabhaban last evening. During the call on, the Envoy said, Japan is keen to provide long-term cooperation for Bangladesh's socio-economic development. The President thanking the Envoy said, Japanese investment in many fields has accelerated the development in socio-economic sectors of Bangladesh. This trend would continue in the days to come, the President hoped.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina urged members of the police to be friend of the people to gain people's confidence and trust as she was addressing the passing-out parade of the 36th BCS batch of Assistant Superintendents of Police at Bangladesh Police Academy at Sardah in Rajshahi yesterday. Mentioning that the stable law and order situation is a pre-requisite for the country's development, the PM asked the police force to remain alert to maintain the law and order for country's overall development.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been selected for 'Dr. Kalam Smriti International Excellence Awards-2019' introduced in memory of eminent scientist and former Indian president Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam. The award will be handed over to the PM at a function at the Prime Minister's Office this afternoon. The Prime Minister was honoured with the award as recognition of her contribution to establishing historic ties between Bangladesh and India, her dedication to the wellbeing of Bangladeshi people, particularly giving priority to women and children and her contribution to international peace and cooperation.

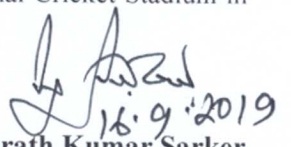
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will hold bilateral talks with her Indian Counterpart Narendra Modi in New Delhi on October 5 during her visit from October 3 to 6. Foreign Minister Dr. A K Abdul Momen said this as he was exchanging views with senior journalists and diplomatic correspondents at a function at the Foreign Ministry in Dhaka yesterday. Dr. Momen said, the PM will attend the Indian Economic Forum from Oct 3 to 4. Prior to that, the Premier is scheduled to hold a brief meeting with Narendra Modi on the sidelines of the upcoming United Nations General Assembly session in New York this month. Focusing on various initiatives to serve the expatriate Bangladeshis in an easy and hassle free way, the Minister said his ministry introduced a mobile app named 'Dutabash' to provide 34 different services from a single platform. He said, the ministry has taken initiatives for issuing NID cards abroad to the expatriate Bangladeshis with the help of the Election Commission.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader while visiting the newly constructed Bhulta Flyover at Rupganj in Narayanganj yesterday said, a feasibility study has already been done about upgrading the Dhaka-Sylet highway to a four-lane and works will begin soon. Information Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud while inaugurating the Bangladesh Films Festival at Agartala Rabindra Shatabarskhiki auditorium in India yesterday recalled the contributions of the people of Tripura to the War of Liberation and said, the citizens of Tripura not only opened the doors of the state for Bangladeshis, but also displayed their openness of mind for welcoming them during their hard-time. Later, Dr. Hasan Mahmud handed over honorary crests to 13 Indian citizens for their outstanding contributions to the Liberation War of Bangladesh.

A Chinese delegation led by Chinese Ambassador in Dhaka Li Jiming visited the Rohingyas stranded in the no man's land between Bangladesh and Myanmar in Ghumdhum of Bandarban's Naikhongchari upazila yesterday. The delegation exchanged views with the Rohingyas when the refugees said they will return home, on condition of being granted citizenship. Meanwhile, the Bangladesh Ambassador to Myanmar Manjurul Karim Khan Chowdhury along with the heads of mission of nine member states of the ASEAN, China and India flew to Rakhine state capital Sittwe on September 10 to see the villages, rebuilt for the return of the Rohingyas but they could not reach the Rohingya villages due to bad weather. Primary and Mass Education Secretary Md. Akram-Al-Hossain said to media that learning centres would be set up for dropout Rohingya children and adolescents of host community in Cox's Bazar with a US\$25 million World Bank grant under the government's reaching out of school children project. The project would provide basic informal education for 1.5 lac Rohingya children living at Ukha and Teknaf camps and also pre-vocational training for 8.5 thousand local adolescents, who dropped out after completing primary education.

The 'Australia Bangladesh Trade Conference, 2019' will be held at the Inter Continental Hotel in Sydney, Australia from November 13 to 15 for expanding bilateral trade and business between the two friendly nations. Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi is expected to inaugurate the conference. UAE-based investors have lined up as many as 25 fresh investment projects to be set up in five economic zones (EZs) in Bangladesh as they met Prime Minister's Private Industry and Investment Adviser Salman F. Rahman who is leading a 20-member delegation at the 'Bangladesh Economic Forum' held yesterday at the Conrad Dubai Hotel in Dubai. The World Ozone Day is being celebrated in the country today with the theme 'Montreal Protocol: 32 Years of Ozone Level Protection'.

Finance Minister A H M Mustafa Kamal at a meeting with the MDs and CEOs of the insurance companies at his ministry yesterday said, the licences of the country's non-listed insurance companies will be cancelled if they fail to get listed within the next three months. Dhaka North City Corporation is exploring prospects of generating renewable energy from municipal solid waste being dumped into Aminbazar landfills. DNCC Mayor Md. Atiqul Islam said this while launching second phase of combing operation to destroy the breeding grounds of Aedes mosquitoes at the second gate of Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

  
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