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**News Brief**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina blasted Bangladesh's comparison with Pakistan saying Chief Justice SK Sinha should have quit before making such comparison and defaming parliament while issuing a strong note warning against illegal power capture. "I will tell one word that everything could be tolerated, but comparing Bangladesh with Pakistan cannot be acceptable," she told at a function marking the anniversary of the August 21, 2004 grenade attack. The Premier said that usurping state power would not be allowed further in Bangladesh and if anyone tried to do so, he must face trial according to article 7 of the constitution. Earlier, the PM placed wreaths at a makeshift memorial for those killed in the August 21 grenade attack. The memorial was set up at the Krishibid Institution.

The Cabinet has ratified an agreement under which Bangladesh became a member of 121 solar-resource-rich nations for research, low-cost financing and rapid deployment of clean energy. The decision was taken at the weekly meeting of the Cabinet held yesterday at Prime Minister's Office with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair. The Cabinet adopted a resolution expressing condolence and condemnation for barbaric grenade attack on a rally of the Awami League on August 21, 2004 claiming lives of dozens of people and crippling several hundred others for life.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan has said the intelligence agencies are closely monitoring Facebook, Twitter, Whatsapp, cyber games and other social media to control all sorts of cyber based militant activities. He was talking to reporters after a meeting of the National Committee on Militancy Resistance and Prevention at his ministry yesterday. Home Minister said the members of law enforcement agencies have been asked to remain alert to check militancy.

Bangladesh has achieved a remarkable success in combating money laundering and terror financing, as the country improved its position by 28 points in an international ranking. The Basel Anti-Money Laundering Index for 2017, developed by the Basel Institute on Governance, puts Bangladesh at 82 in the annual ranking that assesses 146 countries regarding money laundering/terror financing risks.

Bangladesh will import two lakh tonnes of wheat from Russia under government to government (G2G) arrangement. The agreement was signed at the Secretariat yesterday during a meeting between Russian representatives and Bangladesh officials. Food Ministry Secretary Md Kaikobad Hossain led the bangladesh delegation while Director General of Potingtorg Michael Potapov led Russian delegation at the meeting.

Thirty-nine global firms are willing to supply spot LNG to Bangladesh as the government plans spot purchase of the new fuel from the international market. The firms from the US, the UK, Australia, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Norway, Japan, Singapore, Hong Kong, India, Bermuda, Malaysia and their consortia submitted bids for exporting lean LNG (liquefied natural gas) to Bangladesh. Managing Director of the Rupantarita Prakritik Gas Co Ltd Md. Quamruzzaman disclosed yesterday the development in LNG-import process.

A joint taskforce meeting is going to be held today at Kolkata in India to discuss the procedures for conducting a duel trial run of express courier shipments traveling by truck from Dhaka to Kolkata. The Business Initiative Leading Development along with the Confederation of Indian Industry is organising the meeting.

Legendary actor Razzak, popularly known as Nayakraj Razzak passed away yesterday at a city hospital, bringing down the curtain on his five-decade rule in Bangla filmdom. Meanwhile, President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina have expressed deep shock at the death of the iconic film actor Abdur Razzak. During his illustrious career, Nayak Razzaq worked in more than 500 films and directed 16 films. He won several national awards including life-time Achievement Award in 2013 and Independence Award in 2015 for his outstanding contributions to the country’s film industry.

DSEX, the prime index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange, settled yesterday at 5,844 points.

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