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News Brief

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has reiterated her call to the international community to keep up their pressure on the Myanmar government to take back the Rohingya people from Bangladesh. The PM made the call when International Rescue Committee President David Miliband paid a courtesy call on her in Dhaka yesterday.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will leave Dhaka tomorrow for Canada to attend the outreach session of the G7 summit at the invitation of Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Issues related to Rohingya crisis and bringing back the fugitive killers of Bangabandhu will be highlighted during the visit.

The Budget Session of the Jatiya Sangsad began yesterday. Finance Minister A M A Muhith will place the national budget for the upcoming fiscal in the House tomorrow. Meanwhile, the Business Advisory Committee at a meeting with Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury in the chair decided that the budget session would continue till July 12. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, among others, joined the meeting.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Mohammed Nasim has asked the authorities concerned to complete all projects of health sector within due time with transparency, accountability and sincerity. The Minister gave the directive while presiding over a meeting in his ministry yesterday. People of all strata of life are enjoying updated health care facilities as the government has relentlessly been working since last several years, he added.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader has said, the government will continue its war on drug abuse to save the youths from ruination as they are the driving force to build a Sonar Bangla as dreamt by Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The Minister said this while addressing a seminar marking World Environment Day at the National Museum at Shahbagh in Dhaka yesterday.

Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Nurul Islam B Sc at a function in his ministry yesterday handed over the CIP cards among thirty five Non-Resident Bangladeshis for their outstanding contribution in the economy of the country.

Country's export earnings in the first eleven months (July-May) of the current fiscal year witnessed a 6.66 percent growth fetching \$3372.88 crore buoyed by the good performance of garment, jute and jute-made goods and agricultural products.

Air Vice Marshal Masihuzzaman Serniabat has been appointed as the new Chief of Air Staff for a three-year tenure from June 12. Defence Ministry informed this yesterday.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner Asaduzzaman Mia has vowed to take tougher action against members of police if any of them is found involved in the drug trading. The DMP chief made the warning as he was distributing clothes among the destitute at Gulishtan area marking the upcoming Eid-ul-Fitr.

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation will start 12-day special steamer and ferry services on Dhaka- Chandpur-Barisal-Khulna on June 13 on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr.

DSEX, the key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, gained 0.62 per cent, or 33.09 points, to close at 5,346.80 points yesterday.

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