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News Brief

On the occasion of historic Homecoming Day of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, accompanied by ministers and central leaders of the party, paid rich tributes to Father of the Nation by placing wreath at the portrait of the great leader in front of Bangabandhu Memorial Museum at Dhanmondi this morning. Prime Minister and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina is expected to chair a discussion arranged on the occasion at Krishibid Institution Bangladesh in the city at 3 pm today.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, flanked by the Cabinet colleagues, paid tributes to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Tungipara by placing a wreath at his shrine yesterday afternoon on the occasion of installation of her government for the third consecutive term. Bangabandhu's younger daughter Sheikh Rehana was also present.

More world leaders have extended their heartiest congratulations to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on her assuming office as the Prime Minister for the fourth time. Singaporean Premier Lee Hsien Loong, Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega, Maldivian President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariri and former Chief Minister of Indian State of Assam Tarun Gogoi wished the success of the newly elected government of Bangladesh led by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina .

The first session of the 11th Jatiya Sangsad will begin at 3 pm on January 30. President Md. Abdul Hamid summoned the session yesterday. President Md. Abdul Hamid will deliver his speech on the first day of the session as this will be the first session of 2019.

President Md. Abdul Hamid has urged business community to come forward to create more job opportunities for the country's youths. The President made the urge while addressing the opening session of the 24th Dhaka International Trade Fair (DITF-2019) at Sher-e- Bangla Nagar in Dhaka yesterday afternoon. The President in his address stressed on exploring the potential of blue economy and harnessing marine-based economic activities ushered by the government.

Bangladesh has strongly protested some Myanmar's media reports as baseless and provocative that allegedly claimed existence of two Arakan Army and three ARSA bases in Bangladesh. A statement of Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Dhaka yesterday said, "It's not possible to operate terrorist bases anywhere in Bangladesh because of high alertness and effective preventive measures by security forces in line with zero tolerance policy of the present government of Bangladesh under Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina."

Finance Minister A H M Mustafa Kamal has said, the government will amend the 'Banking Company Act' for reviving the banking sector. The Finance Minister said this while talking to journalists after exchanging views with the officials of the Financial Institutions Division at the Finance Ministry yesterday.

Bangladesh has been ranked 88th, advancing four notches with an overall score of 5.57 on the latest Democracy Index 2018, compared to the 92nd position with a score of 5.43 a year ago. The Economist Intelligence Unit of The Economist Group, the sister company to The Economist newspaper, UK revealed the index.

DSEX, the key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, went up by 0.48 per cent, or 27.81 points, to close at nine-months high at 5,798 points yesterday.

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