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**News Brief**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina now visiting the Indian state of West Bengal held a bilateral meeting with her Indian counterpart Narendra Modi at the Bangladesh Bhaban at Shantiniketan yesterday. Earlier, the two leaders inaugurated Bangladesh Bhaban at Shantiniketan. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressing the function arranged on the occasion said, the Bangladesh Bhaban in Santiniketan would remain as a symbol of cultural relation between Bangladesh and India. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said, as a neighbour Bangladesh wants to move together with India and in view of this all problems between the two countries have been resolved. West Bengal Chief Minister

Mamata Banerjee speaking at the function said, Bangladesh-India relations remained forever and these ties will also exist in future.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina began her India tour yesterday morning with attending the convocation of Visva Bharati University. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee also attended the function.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said, Bangladesh welcomes Indian investment for further development of the country. The Premier simultaneously urged the Indian government to facilitate the Bangladeshi investors to make investment in India, particularly on joint venture, saying that it will be a win win situation for both the countries. The PM came up with the request when Kolkata business leaders called on her at Hotel Taj Bengal, Kolkata yesterday. She also sought support of the Indian business leaders for river dredging in Bangladesh and said, it will boost connectivity in the region.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on the second day of her visit to the West Bengal today is attending Kazi Nazrul University at Asansol where she is being conferred with the honourary DLitt Degree at a special convocation. The PM returns home at the late hours today.

President Md. Abdul Hamid has said, the new generation will contribute to rebuild an exploitation-free and non-communal society being imbued with the patriotism and ideology of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam. The President said this while inaugurating the three-day national level programme at Trishal, Mymansingh marking the 119th birth anniversary of Nazrul. Nazrul's patriotic and enthusiastic songs, poems helped gear up our movement during the Liberation War, the President added.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader has warned that no kingpin or petty criminal would be spared if found to be involved in peddling drug. The Minister said this while addressing at a discussion in Narayanganj yesterday.

The US House of Representatives has passed the Fiscal Year 2019 National Defence Authorisation Act that includes sanctions on the Myanmar officials responsible for ethnic cleansing. House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Ed Royce said this in a statement issued on Thursday following the passage of the Act.

Four Bangladeshi peacekeepers who died while serving UN Peace Missions in Mali and Central Africa will be honoured at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on June 1. The dead peacekeepers to be honoured are Md Monowar Hossain, Sergeant Md Altaf Hossain, Lance Corporal Md Jakirul Alam Sarkar and Md Abdur Rahim.

A group of Chinese businessmen has said, Bangladesh is a very attractive destination for their investments. They made this comment while speaking at a China-Bangladesh Business Forum in Beijing yesterday. The Embassy of Bangladesh in Beijing and the China Top500 Foreign Trade Enterprises Club jointly arranged the event. Bangladesh Ambassador to China M Fazlul Karim inaugurated the programme in the presence of a good number of representatives of prominent Chinese companies and businessmen.

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