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### News Brief

The Cabinet has approved the draft of Bangladeshi Flag Vessels (Protection) Act, 2019. The approval was given at the regular weekly Cabinet meeting with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair at her office yesterday. The Cabinet congratulated the Premier as Bangladesh has become the fastest GDP growth achieving country among the 45 countries in the Asia-Pacific.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has expressed her conviction that none could destroy the Bangladesh Awami League which became stronger with the love of the people and sacrifice of the partymen. The PM said this while addressing a discussion marking AL's 70th founding anniversary at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the capital yesterday. The PM in her address called upon the leaders and workers of the party to be imbued with the ideology of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Education Minister Dr. Dipu Moni has said, the country's all efficient and eligible educational institutions will be brought under the MPO system. The Minister said this to the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday while taking part in the general discussion on the national budget for fiscal 2019-20. Replying to a question, Foreign Minister Dr. A K Abdul Momen informed the Parliament that a new division named 'International Trade, Investment and Technology' was opened in the Foreign Ministry as per a directive of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to bring pace in economic diplomacy and expand trade and investment for increasing the country's GDP growth to 10 per cent by 2023.

'Education Service Week-2019' began in the country yesterday. Education Minister Dr. Dipu Moni while inaugurating the week in the capital yesterday said, a systematic change is needed for the development of quality of education.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Zahid Maleque has said, stern action will be taken against the medicine companies and others concerned if expired medicine is not destroyed by July 2. The Health Minister came up with the warning while addressing a press conference at his ministry yesterday.

Bangladesh recorded the highest-ever growth in FDI by 68 per cent in 2018 to top the list of other South Asian countries. It was over USD \$3,613 million last year compared to \$2151.6 million in 2017, according to World Investment Report-2019 compiled by UNCTAD. Bangladesh Investment Development Authority disclosed the report at a press conference in Dhaka yesterday.

Bangladesh beat Afghanistan by 62 runs at the Rose Bowl in Southampton yesterday. Bangladeshi All-rounder Shakib Al Hasan came up with his career-best ODI figures of five wickets for 29 runs in 10 overs and he scored 51 runs in the match. President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina have congratulated Bangladesh National Cricket Team on their victory.

A five-day long combined exercise titled "Exercise Pacific Angel-2019-1" organised by Bangladesh Air Force and US Pacific Air Force began in Lalmonirhat on Sunday. US Ambassador to Bangladesh Earl R. Miller while visiting the exercise yesterday laid emphasis on more exchanges and interactions between the two countries.

The government has formed two separate committees to investigate into the train derailment in Moulvibazar that left four people dead and scores injured. Meanwhile, the rail links between Sylhet and other parts of the country resumed last evening after a disruption of 20 hours following the accident.

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