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**News Brief**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been invited by her Canadian Counterpart Justin Trudeau to join a session of the G7 Summit to be held on June 8 and 9 at La Malbaie, Quebec in Canada. Trudeau announced that he is inviting the Bangladesh Premier and 15 other world leaders and heads of international organisations to a special outreach session of the G7 Summit which will focus on healthy oceans and resilient coastal communities.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the second bridge on Dharala River at Fulbari Upazila in northern Kurigram district, through video conference from her Ganobhaban residence yesterday. Speaking on the occasion, the PM expressed her firm conviction that Bangladesh would be a developed and prosperous nation by 2041 and none would be able to impede the upliftment of the country.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has asked the officials to keep the river channels navigational. The PM gave the directive while commissioning of ferry service on Munsigonj-Gazaria river route through video conference from her Ganobhaban residence yesterday.

Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury has urged Bangladeshi expatriates to be united to help the country achieve the status of middle-income nation. The Speaker made the urge while addressing a discussion followed by iftar arranged by France Awami League in Paris yesterday.

The Jatiya Sangsad budget session for 2018-19 fiscal will begin from tomorrow morning. Finance Minister A M A Muhith will place the budget proposal at the Sangsad on June 7.

 The Parliament Secretariat will open a budget information help desk tomorrow to assist lawmakers for delivering their address at the budget session. The Parliament Secretariat will set up the desk in front of the notice office on the 3rd level of north-east block of the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

## Country Director of International Labour Organization Tuomo Poutiainen and Chief of Mission of the International Organization for Migration in Bangladesh Giorgi Gigaurihas presented their credentials to Foreign Minister A H Mahmood Ali at his office in Dhaka yesterday. While exchanging views, they highly appreciated the exemplary progress made by Bangladesh in the recent years.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader has said, the drives against illegal drugs would be continued until the drug abuse stops fully in the country. The Minister came up with the remark while talking to the media after the MoU signing ceremony of the seventh package of Metrorail Project at Bangabandhu International Convention Center in Dhaka yesterday.

Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal has said, the anti-drug drive would be continued until drug abuse is controlled. He said this to the media after an anti-drug rally on Stamford University campus at Siddheswari in Dhaka yesterday.

## Information and Communication Technology Minister Mustafa Jabbar has said, the ICT is recognised worldwide as the main component of development and all concerned have to utilise the immense possibility of this sector to compete in the global arena. The Minister said this while speaking at a seminar at ICT Tower in Dhaka yesterday.

The key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange lost 0.50 per cent, or 26.91 points, to close at 5,316.96 points yesterday.

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