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**News Brief**

The Cabinet has approved the National Wage Scale and Allowances for the workers of public sector industries with minimum wage of Taka 8,300 as recommended by the National Wages and Productivity Commission. The approval was given in the cabinet meeting with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair yesterday.

The Jatiya Sangsad yesterday passed the Pesticides Bill, 2018 with a view to making rational use and quality control of the pesticides, earlier Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury moved the bill in the house.

UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres accompanied by the WB President Jim Yong Kim yesterday visited Rohingya camps in Cox's Bazar. They talked to the forcefully displaced Myanmar people and heard unimaginable accounts of killing and rape from them. Talking to the newsman after the visit the UN chief said, it is necessary to say to the international community that the solidarity expressed for the cause of Rohingya people has not been translated into sufficient support.

President of International Committee of the Red Cross Peter Maurer made a courtesy call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her Sangsad Bhaban office yesterday. The ICRC President said, they would do their best to facilitate the Rohingyas to live and rehabilitate in their homeland safely.

World Bank Executive Director Aparna Subramani has said, Bangladesh is on the strong development trajectory with achieving progress in various development arenas. She said this to the media after meeting Finance Minister A M A Muhith at his ministry in Dhaka yesterday.

Liberation Affairs Minister A K M Mozammel Haq has said, the government is giving Taka 5,000 as Victory Day allowance and Taka 2,000 as Baishakhi allowance from the present financial year. The Minister said this in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday.

Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister A K M Shahjahan Kamal has said, the neat profit by the Biman Bangladesh Airlines was Taka 46.76 crore in 2016-17 fiscal. The Minister said this in the parliament yesterday.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Mohammad Nasim has said, Bangladesh has set an example for development of maternal and child health, which has been lauded globally. The Minister said this at a meeting at his ministry in Dhaka yesterday.

Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu yesterday visited ailing journalist Moshtaq Hossain who was under treatment in a city hospital. The Minister talked to the attending doctors and inquired about his treatment.

Cultural Affairs Minister Asaduzzaman Noor has said, Jamdani industry is a glorious heritage of Bangladesh because of its unique quality. The Minister said this at a book publication function in Dhaka yesterday. The Minister also stressed the need for taking time-befitting initiatives to protect and promote Jamdani.

The government yesterday formed a seven-member committee with the cabinet secretary as its convener to review/reform/revoke the existing quota system in public service.

DSEX, the key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, lost 1.53 per cent, or 83.04 points, to close at 5,322.41 yesterday.

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