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**News Brief**

President Md. Abdul Hamid goes to Kishoreganj this afternoon on a three-day visit to attend a number of programmes there. During the visit, the President will address several gatherings and hold views-exchange meetings with a cross section of people and different professional bodies.

Outgoing Iranian Ambassador Dr. Abbas Vaezi Dehnavi called on President Md. Abdul Hamid at Bangabhaban yesterday. The President while exchanging views referred to excellent bilateral relations between the two brotherly countries. The envoy lauded the overall development and progress in Bangladesh.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said, the people of the country especially the villagers have the right to get proper healthcare services from the doctors. The PM said this while addressing the Physicians Conference-2018 at Ganabhaban yesterday. The government has taken a plan to construct multistoried buildings in the upazila headquarters to facilitate the doctors of the upazila health complex to live there, she added.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has provided Tk 1.82 crore as financial assistance for 12 families, including those of veteran players, film actors, litterateurs and persons critically injured in BNP-Jamaat violence. The PM handed over cheques for the amount at her office in Dhaka yesterday.

President Md. Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina greeted Bangladesh U-18 girls team that won the SAFF U-18 Women's Football Championship 2018 trophy beating Nepal by 1-0 goal in Bhutan yesterday.

Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed has said, Bangladesh and Brazil have agreed to form a joint chamber of commerce and sign a free trade agreement to boost bilateral trade and commerce. The Minister said this to the media after having a meeting with Brazilian Ambassador in Dhaka Joao Tabajara de Oliveira Junior at his office yesterday.

Social Welfare Minister Rashed Khan Menon has said, the government is working relentlessly to take forward the backward people through the Social Safety Net Programme (SSNP). The Minister said this while speaking at a function organised by World Vision at CIRDAP in Dhaka yesterday. The government has a plan to spend around Taka 64,000 crore in the SSNP for 2018-19 fiscal which is 13.08 per cent of the total budget for the overall development of the backward people, he added.

Amid Bangladesh's strong protest, Myanmar has corrected its map which earlier showed St Martin's Island as its territory. The Myanmar government described the changing of map as a mistake and apologised for it.

Bangladesh missions abroad have also organised the 4th National Development Fair to show the ongoing development programs being implemented by the government in the country. Former Dutch Ambassador to Bangladesh Leoni Cuelenaere while addressing a function marking the development fair held in the Embassy of Bangladesh in The Hague on Saturday said, as a Dutch Ambassador she witnessed overwhelming progress of Bangladesh in every sectors, especially in socio-economic sectors during her stay in Dhaka.

DSEX, the key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, shed 0.13 per cent, or 7.46 points, to close at 5,410.81 points yesterday.

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