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**Newsbrief**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina called upon the global businessmen and investors to invest in Bangladesh to join hands in making smooth journey of transforming Bangladesh into a developed, prosperous and Smart Bangladesh by 2041. The Premier said this while inaugurating a three-day "Bangladesh Business Summit 2023" organised by Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry at the Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the capital yesterday.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said, an opposition party wants to undermine the success of the nation by spreading falsehood, but they won't succeed. The Prime Minister said this while addressing a grand public rally at the Circuit House ground in Mymensingh yesterday. At the outset of the function, the Premier opened 73 newly completed development works and laid the foundation stones of 30 other development works for Mymensingh.

Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said, BNP has been bewildered after missing out its way of movement. The party is now forming human chains losing its strength. The Minister was addressing a grand public rally at Mymensingh circuit house ground yesterday. Awami League President and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina joined and addressed the grand public rally as the chief guest.

Information and Broadcasting Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud said, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has established the bond of harmony between the hill people and the Bangalees by making the Chattogram Hill Tracts peace accord and the Chattogram Hill Tracts Affairs Ministry. The Minister said these while addressing the triennial conference of Krishak League of the district unit in Khagrachhari yesterday.

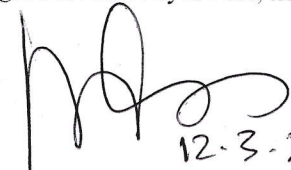
Foreign Minister Dr. AK Abdul Momen urged all the political parties in the country to join the next general election that would be held in a free, fair, transparent and credible manner. The Foreign Minister said this while responding to questions from CNN Anchor and business editor at large Richard Quest at a session titled "Bangladesh Growth Story: What's the future road map" held at the Bangabandhu International Conference Center in Dhaka yesterday. The session was a part of the three-day Bangladesh Business Summit, 2023 inaugurated by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday.

Russia wants to continue its cooperation with Bangladesh, particularly in trade, economy and implementation of the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant despite sanctions imposed against Russia by the US and the "collective West". Russian Ambassador to Bangladesh Alexander Mantyskiy said this in a meeting with Speaker Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury at her office in Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday.

Saudi Arabia and China expressed their interest to make large-scale investments in Bangladesh. Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi yesterday informed this while talking to reporters after the concerned Ministers of Saudi Arabia, China and Bhutan met him at the Bangabandhu International Conference Center on the sidelines of the inaugural day of three-day Bangladesh Business Summit - 2023 being held in the capital.

Chief Election Commissioner Kazi Habibul Awal said, the elections conducted by electronic voting machine (EVM) system are reliable so far, no complaint has been received yet regarding EVM. The CEC said this while addressing the opening ceremony of a daylong workshop on "Use of modern technology in electoral system: challenges and ways forward" at a hotel in Cox's Bazar yesterday.

Prime Minister's Private Industry and Investment Adviser Salman Fazlur Rahman said, the Matarbari deep sea port would be a 'game changer' for Bangladesh. The Prime Minister's Adviser said this while responding to a question at a session titled "Business Leaders Panel: Bangladesh -The Big Picture" held at the Bangabandhu International Conference Center in the capital yesterday. The present government has been continuing its efforts to increase the capacity of Chattogram Port, Mongla Port and Payra Port, he added.



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