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1. A Dhaka Special Court has sentenced former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to five years in prison and her relative and British MP Tuleep Siddiq to two years in prison in a land scam case.
 - i. The Bangladesh Anti-Corruption Commission had registered six cases against Sheikh Hasina in January alleging irregularities in land allocations under the 'Phurbachal New Town' project. Sheikh Hasina was accused of illegally obtaining six plots of land measuring 7,200 square feet each for herself and her relatives in collusion with officials of the state-run 'RAJUK' agency, violating rules and regulations.
2. The US President Donald Trump has ordered Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro to leave the country immediately.
 - i. Trump's order is a continuation of the US's aggressive crackdown on Venezuelan drug cartels.
 - ii. The US Navy has been heavily deployed in the Caribbean since September. The White House said it is to combat drug trafficking and illegal immigration.
3. Red Bull driver and Dutchman Max Verstappen won the Qatar Grand Prix, the 23rd race of the F1 car race.
4. India has qualified for the 2026 AFC Under-17 Asian Cup in Saudi Arabia.
5. With a view to preventing cyber fraud, the Central Government has issued a new order to app-based communication service companies including WhatsApp, Telegram, Signal.
 - i. A user must ensure that the SIM card of that number remains connected to the mobile phone used by him/her, regardless of the number used to register with the communication app. If the SIM card is removed or replaced from the mobile phone, access to the service must be disconnected.
 - ii. Furthermore, users will be automatically logged out of the website services of these communication apps every six hours. Companies have been given 90 days to implement this rule.
 - iii. Some communication apps allow users to continue using their services even without a SIM card in their mobile phone, even though they use the phone number for identification purposes. This poses a major challenge to cyber security. The Department of Telecommunications has stated in its notification that this feature is being misused to commit cyber frauds from abroad.
 - iv. What will happen to users?...: If these rules come into effect, it could be a problem for users who use the same account on more than one device using a single SIM card. Users who communicate on a computer using features like WhatsApp Web will be automatically logged out every 6 hours. They will then have to log in again using a 'QR' code or OTP from the mobile phone to which the SIM card is connected.
6. The Supreme Court has refused to extend the deadline for mandatory uploading of

details of Waqf properties on the Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development (UMEED) portal.

- i. The Central Government launched the UMEED portal on June 6 to digitize information of Waqf properties across the country within 6 months. The Central Government has directed that information of Waqf properties should be uploaded on this portal within this period.
7. More than a thousand people have died in floods and landslides caused by heavy rains in three countries – Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Thailand – last week.
 - i. Of these, 355 people have died in Sri Lanka, 604 in Indonesia and 176 in Thailand. A total of 1,138 people have died in heavy rains and floods, including 3 deaths in Malaysia. Rescue operations are ongoing as millions of people are affected.
 - ii. 355 people have died in landslides caused by more than 500 mm of rain in eastern and central Sri Lanka; more than one lakh people have been sheltered in temporary shelters. The entire city of Colombo is surrounded by floodwaters.

