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DSE Index	809.62 (-0.21%)
Market capitalisation Tk	39.10 billion
Turnover in volume	71282.25
Turnover in value Tk	14.21 million

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**FFs executive body**

By Staff Correspondent  
A new 41-member executive body of the Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad was formed yesterday with Principal Ahsan Chowdhury as the Chairman. Other members of the body include S M Badrud-za, Shah Alam Talukder, Anwar Hossain, SM Jahangir Alam, Sultan Ahmed Raja and Zainal Abedin (vice chairman), MA Rashid, Enamul Haq Chowdhury and Harun Habib (Secretaries General) and Md Yunus Mia, Shamsul Haq, Hamid Rabbi and Ayub Ali Khan (Joint Secretary General).

**Tk 13 lakh snatched**

From Staff Correspondent  
CHITTAGONG, Feb 13: About Tk 13 lakh was allegedly snatched at gunpoint this afternoon from Lalkhan Bazar by a group of miscreants, police said. The incident took place when the money, was being taken by a microbus by the staff of a company to deposit with a bank. The miscreants overpowered the staff and snatched the money. They also exploded crackers while fleeing in an autorickshaw. A case was filed with Double-mooring thana.

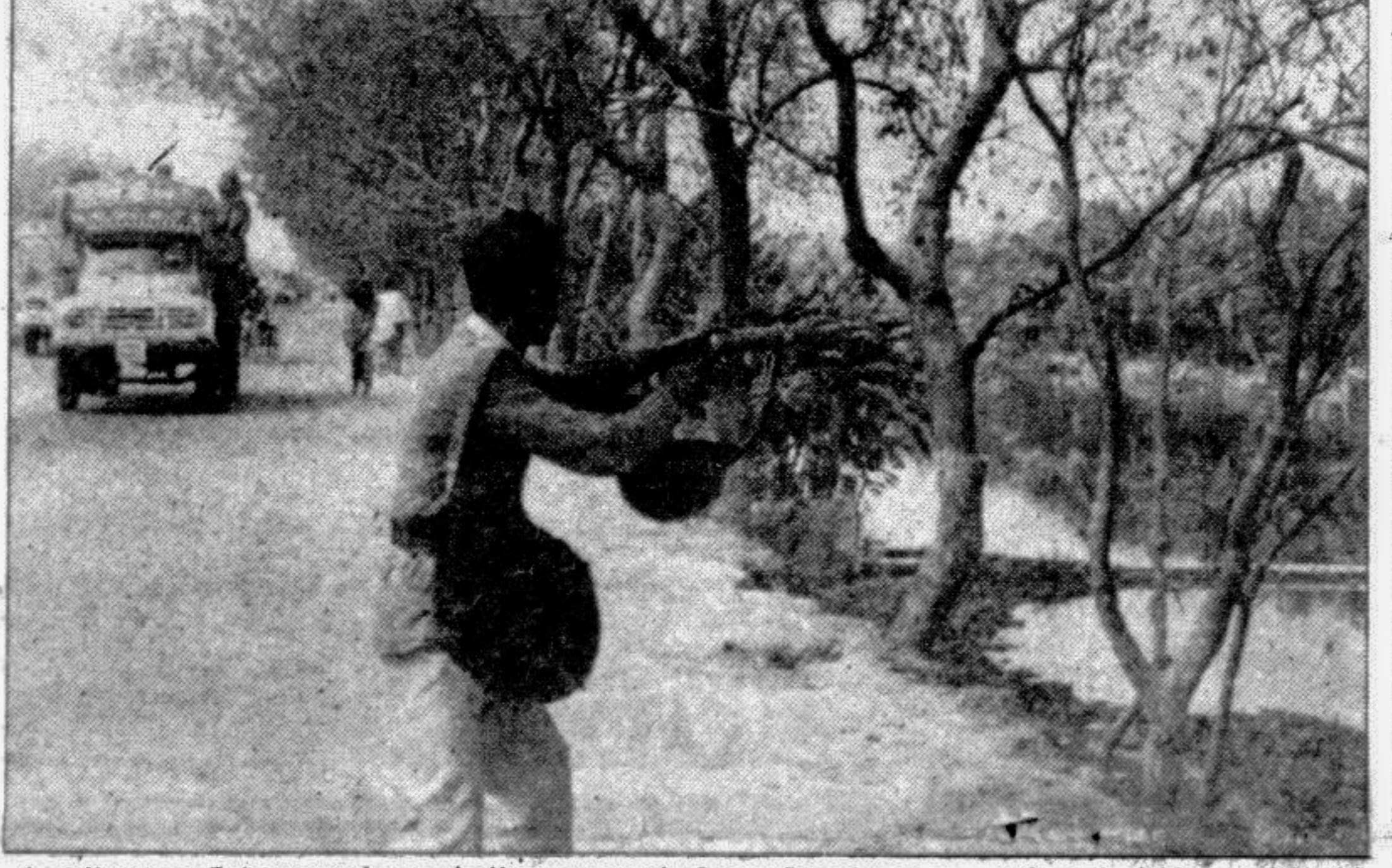
**Shri, Iftar Timings**

Ram	Feb	Shri	Iftar
13	14	-	5:56
14	15	5:12	5:57
15	16	5:11	5:58

## Second day of workers' strike

# One killed, 100 injured

By Staff Correspondent  
At least one industrial worker was killed and nearly 100 injured in clashes between the striking workers and the police and BDR at Ghorashal in Narsingdi district on the second day of the 96-hour strike and barricade programmes yesterday.  
The Deputy Commissioner of Narsingdi confirmed the death of the worker, Solaiman of Janata Jute Mills.  
The workers, enraged by the police action, stormed the Ghorashal Flag railway station and set the station office afire. They also removed some one kilometre rail track near the station.  
Besides, a worker of the Dhaka Jute Mills, Abul Hashem Khan, seriously injured in Sunday's clash at Postagola in the city, died at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday.  
Meanwhile, the Left Democratic Front, an alliance of the parent political parties of the agitating labour bodies, has called a 6 am-12 noon hartal in the capital tomorrow in protest against the killings and to press for their demands.  
The call for six-hour hartal was given at a rally at the front at Noor Hossain Square in the city yesterday afternoon.  
Four trade union bodies and federations of the workers of jute, textile and yarn mills, both in the public and private sectors had announced the strike and barricade programme demanding, among other things, implementation of the Wage Commission award.  
Rail and road communications in the country were disrupted as the agitating workers put up barricades on the routes from 8 am to 2 pm.  
According to Railway sources, a good number of inter-city and local trains were stranded or delayed by several hours due to barricades on rail lines.  
The Jalalabad Express from Sylhet, the Chittagong-bound Karnaphuli Express, Joyantika Express, Egarosindhu Express and the Isia Khan Express trains faced obstruction by the workers, at different points.  
The clashes at Ghorashal broke out when police and BDR personnel tried to halt a militant procession of the workers from the Janata Jute Mills near a police outpost in the industrial town at about 10.30 am, witnesses and police said.  
The procession was joined by several hundreds of workers from the Cooperative, Fauji, Pubali and National jute mills later, they said adding at one stage the workers gheraoud the station.  
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A policeman firing a teargas shell at a crowd of unruly protesters gathered on the other side of the DND Canal along the Dhaka-Narayanganj highway. Yesterday was the second day of the jute and textiles workers' road-rail blockade programme. — Star photo

## Special immunization drive from mid-Mar

By Reaz Ahmad  
A special immunization drive to eradicate polio from the country and elevate immunization coverage of six antigens of the Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) to 80 per cent starts off from mid-March.  
According to the Health Ministry sources, all children of the country under 5 years of age, accounting for 16 per cent of the total population, will come under this special month-long drive styled the 'EPI National Immunization Day (NID)', which will begin on March 16 throughout the country.  
Governments of the states attending the 1990 World Summit for Children had fixed a mid-decade goal — immunization against the six major vaccine-preventable diseases of childhood to reach at least 80 per cent in all countries and elimination of polio in selected countries and regions.  
The six antigens of the EPI are — diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), tetanus (commonly known as DPT) and polio, measles and tuberculosis.  
The forthcoming drive is aimed at attaining the mid-decade goals and thereby maneuvering onwards to achieve the targets of the year 2000.  
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A bus fell into a roadside ditch near Mijmijee on the Dhaka-Narayanganj diversion road yesterday. Angry people set fire to the bus after evacuating its trapped passengers. — Star photo



Girls attired in saffron sarees celebrating the advent of spring on first day of the Bengali month of Falgun near the Dhaka University's TSC yesterday. — Star photo

## Who decides?

By Staff Correspondent  
Who decides the length and the business of Parliament? The business advisory committee, the ruling party, the cabinet, the Speaker or any other individual?  
The question was asked yesterday by a section of ruling party MPs and some officials of the parliament secretariat following adjournment of the session till 11 am today.  
The business advisory committee at a meeting last Thursday, had decided to prolong the current 18th session yesterday.  
Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali, the chairman of the committee and Chief Whip Khandaker Delwar Hossain confirmed this. But suddenly, the decision was changed without any meeting of the advisory committee. The Speaker was not in the capital and he was informed by his office that the session would be held on Friday.  
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## Another RU student murdered

From RU Correspondent  
RAJSHAHI, Feb 13: A Rajshahi University student, Debashish Bhattacharya, was stabbed to death by some unidentified youths today while he was on his way home in Pabna after the closure of the university yesterday.  
According to witnesses, a group of about 15 youths blocked the bus he was travelling in at Choudapaya near the university, dragged him out and stabbed him brutally.  
Debashish succumbed to his injuries on his way to Pabna.  
A third-year student of Marketing, Debashish was a member of the Bangladesh Chhatra Morcha and a resident of the Habibur Rahman Hall of the university.  
The incident is reportedly a sequel to Sunday's clash between the Jatityabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and the Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) in which two students were killed.  
Meanwhile, a half-day hartal called by the ICS was observed here today protesting the killing of the two students, claimed to be the members of the organisation.  
All vehicles stayed off the streets during the hartal hours. No untoward incident was, however, reported.  
At a rally after the hartal, the ICS leaders blamed the activists of the Jatityabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) for the killing of two RU students on Sunday and demanded punishment to the killers.  
The ICS leaders filed with the Motihar thana last night.  
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## Tk 936 cr extra fund for ADP

The government yesterday endorsed the demands of different ministries and ADP executing agencies for an additional fund of Tk 936 crore under the current Annual Development Programme, reports UNB.  
With the extra allocations, okayed in an extended meeting of the Planning Commission with Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman in the chair, the size of the 1994-95 ADP will now increase to about Tk 12,000 crore.  
The meeting, which reviewed various aspects of the ongoing ADP, also decided to divert resources from a number of slow-going ministries to the fast-moving ones, according to a handout.  
Decision was also taken that additional allocation will only be made on the basis of performance of the ministries.  
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## Counsel tells in writ hearing

# Opposition MPs breached oath

By Supreme Court Correspondent  
The opposition MPs have breached their oath and damaged the Constitution by submitting resignations en masse, said the counsel for the petitioner in the writ challenging the resignations by 147 opposition Jatitya Sangsad members.  
"As per their oath, the MPs were to discharge duties by sacrificing personal interest, but in this case they collectively damaged the Constitution," said Advocate Moksudur Rahman citing Article 148 of the Constitution.  
He also said that the court has the inherent right and responsibility to protect and interpret the constitution.  
It was the ninth day of hearing of the writ filed by Advocate Toufiq Hossain challenging the validity of the mass resignations, being heard by a special bench of the High Court.  
The bench comprising Justice A H Mahmudur Rahman, Justice Kazi Ebadul Haq and Justice Abdul Karim, is to hear another writ filed by Alauddin Khaled challenging the withholding of the resignation letters by the Speaker.  
The petitioner's lawyer submitted that the intention of the en masse resignations is to realise the demand of a caretaker government to supervise the next general elections. Their action was aimed at crippling Parliament. But they could not do so since the majority party was still in the House, he added.  
He pointed out that the preamble to the Constitution has given solemn responsibility upon every citizen, including the opposition members as well as the court, to uphold and protect the Constitution. But both the opposition parties and the ruling party have failed to uphold the image of the Constitution, he pleaded.  
The petitioner's counsel also said that the responsibility of the opposition members is to attend Parliament, but they failed to discharge their duties and deprived the people who voted them to voice their demands in the House.  
In reply to a question put by the court, Moksudur Rahman said that democracy has to work on the basis of majoritarianism and any amendment of the Constitution is to be done by a two-thirds majority of Parliament members. Any Bill can be passed by a simple majority but that cannot amend the Constitution, he further said.  
The petitioner's counsel said that the submission of resignation letters by opposition members en masse had a political motive. He alleged that both the Treasury and Opposition Members in Parliament were busy messing up the Constitution to achieve their political goals.  
Advocate Rahman argued that the petitioner, as a citizen, was an aggrieved person and it was his fundamental right to seek remedy of his case.  
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## Dev projects: 97 out of 348 govt pledges fulfilled

By Staff Correspondent  
Ninety seven government pledges regarding development projects out of 348 made during the first 10 sessions of the present Parliament have so far been fulfilled, a report of the Standing Committee on Government Pledges said yesterday.  
Most of the other projects on which commitments were made by the Prime Minister and her cabinet colleagues were either being implemented or were under study, said the report placed in parliament yesterday.  
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**Nurses, employees begin 3-day strike**  
By Staff Correspondent  
Nurses and class four-employees in government hospitals abstained from duties yesterday, the first day of their three-day strike demanding abolition of the Centre for Management Excellence and Quality Assurance Programme (CMEQA).  
However, an emergency squad of nurses including some diploma students attended the serious patients.  
Our DMCH correspondent says, doctors at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital, as well as other hospitals in the city, are working here illegally.  
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## Delhi plans polls in Kashmir

NEW DELHI, Feb 13: India wants to hold legislative elections in the troubled northern state of Kashmir in a bid to end a bloody Muslim separatist campaign. President Shankar Dayal Sharma said today, reports AFP.  
The President also told Parliament on the first day of its budget session that New Delhi wanted better relations with Islamabad but that Pakistan continued to meddle in India's internal affairs.  
Sharma said in a speech that Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao's Congress (I) government was vigorously pursuing 'the objective of revival of the democratic process' in Kashmir, now ruled directly by New Delhi.  
The work of revision of the constitution in Kashmir is being carried out by the government.  
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## Riyadh expels over one lakh illegal foreigners

RIYADH, Feb 13: Saudi Arabia has expelled more than 100,000 foreigners who had been living illegally in the Kingdom, Interior Minister Prince Nayef Ibn Abdel Aziz announced today, reports AFP.  
He gave no specific time frame, but the Interior Ministry on January 1 ordered foreigners without residency permits to leave 'immediately' and threatened jail sentences of up to two years and 25,000 dollar fines for anyone employing them.  
The ministry has successfully carried out its campaign of expelling foreigners living here illegally, and more than 100,000 have left, the Saudi press agency quoted the minister as saying.  
He warned of tougher punishment for those who ignored the order.  
The campaign has mainly targeted pilgrims who stayed on after visiting Mecca and were hired illegally by companies or individuals.  
Around a million people flocked to Mecca last year for the annual pilgrimage or Hajj.  
Saudi Arabia expelled several thousand Egyptians and Asians last year who had been working here illegally.  
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The Superintendent of police is investigating the case.

## Fake telephone exchange found in Sylhet: 1 held

From Staff Correspondent  
SYLHET, Feb 13: Sylhet Kotwali police last night arrested one person on a charge of running an illegal 'overseas telephone exchange' in the town.  
Police said, there are several illegal firms in Sylhet town which had been running the unauthorised business of overseas calls. Some of them also often divert the call charges in the name of some genuine and innocent subscribers, it is alleged.  
A case in this connection was lodged with the police on Thursday police seized some documents from an unauthorised telephone firm.  
The Superintendent of police is investigating the case.