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Market capital Tk	42.69 billion
Transactions in volume	96723
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NEWS BRIEFS

Khaleda shocked at Wilson's death
 Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia expressed deep shock at the sad demise of former British Prime Minister Sir James Harold Wilson. In a message to British Prime Minister John Major, Begum Zia conveyed her sympathy to the bereaved family members of Wilson. She also prayed for salvation of the departed soul, reports UNB.

Appointment
 Director General of NGO Bureau Md Abdul Mannan has been appointed as Director General of the Prime Minister's office, said an official handout last night, reports UNB.

BCS viva-voce date deferred
 The viva-voce of 16th BCS (special) Examinations scheduled for tomorrow have been shifted as the government declared the day as a public holiday. The examinations will now be held on May 30 at 9 am, reports UNB.

Curfew in Jaffna
 COLOMBO, May 25: The military on Thursday imposed a dusk to dawn indefinite curfew in seven villages in the Tamil rebel-held northern Jaffna Peninsula, officials said. No immediate reason was given for the curfew, but the villages adjoin the military's main base in the peninsula, reports AP.

CLC suspends its boycott campaign Fresh talks on child labour MOU next week

By Staff Correspondent
 The US embassy yesterday welcomed the decision of the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) to start fresh discussions with all sides concerned to draft a revised memorandum of understanding (MOU) for the planned elimination of child labour from the garment sector.
 At a press briefing at the embassy, US officials also said that fresh discussions, involving the government, the US embassy, Unicef, BGMEA and the ILO, would resume next week. They added that the embassy would support some changes in the earlier draft of the MOU, to accommodate some concerns raised by the BGMEA.
 The BGMEA executive committee, at a meeting Wednesday, decided to reopen negotiations for a revised MOU on two specific points relating to the rehabilitation of the retrenched children and instituting an independent monitoring system to supervise the compliance with the ban on the use of child labour.
 Meanwhile, the Asian-American Free Labour Institute (AAFLI), which was earlier involved in drafting the MOU—rejected by the BGMEA May 17—and was included as a signatory to it, said in a statement in Dhaka yesterday that it would withdraw from the negotiations for the revised MOU "if that will allow the MOU to be signed and implemented."
 Earlier, the BGMEA members had objected to allowing any NGOs to monitor the compliance of the MOU stipulations, while rejecting the initial draft MOU at an extraordinary general meeting.
 A spokesman at the embassy briefing said, "The US embassy is willing to be helpful in resolving this matter. Toward that end the embassy will be in contact with parties concerned."
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Budget session likely to begin in mid-June

By Staff Correspondent
 The fifth budget session of the Fifth Parliament is likely to be summoned in the second week of next month, Parliament sources said yesterday.
 The dates would be finalised after Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia returns from South Korea, the sources said.
 Begum Zia returns on Saturday on conclusion of a three-day official visit to Seoul.
 Ruling party policy-makers earlier had hinted that the middle of June would be an appropriate time for the budget session to begin.
 The major opposition parties boycotted the budget session last year since the MPs of the Awami League, the Jatiya Party and the Jamaat-e-Islami See Page 8 Col 2

High food prices raise inflation to 4.45 pc

By Staff Correspondent
 The spiralling food prices pushed the average annual rate of inflation to 4.45 per cent during the July-March period of the current fiscal, compared to only 0.48 per cent in the corresponding period of 1993-94.
 Addressing a press conference yesterday at the Bangladesh Bank conference room, Governor Khورشید Alam felt that the current inflation rate is the "outer limit" and in another six months or so it should come down to around four per cent, along with the drop in food prices. "We would try to keep it there (at four per cent) with the monetary policy," he said.
 Releasing some selected key economic indicators for the July-March period of fiscal 1994-95, he said "All economic indicators are definitely good".
 During the period, the growth in export earnings at 37.78 per cent (2702 million US dollars) outpaced the growth in imports at 34.36 per cent (4034 million dollars) compared to the same period of 1993-94. Wage earners' remittances also increased by 9.54 per cent to 986 million dollars, the foreign exchange reserves stood at 3,447 million dollars—representing 7.46 months of imports, as against 2,829 million or 8.2 months of imports during the corresponding period of the previous fiscal—while broad money growth was 11.43 per cent at Tk 40,564 crore.
 Credit to the private sector at the end of the July-March period stood at Tk 23,871 crore, an increase of 13.82 per cent.
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Registration of voters begins

By Staff Correspondent
 The registration of voters to prepare a new electoral roll began throughout the country yesterday with enumerators making house-to-house visit to collect information.
 The individual voter registration, first of its kind in the country, was formally launched with the enumerators listing President Abdur Rahman Biswas as a voter at 10 in the morning at Bangabhaban.
 The Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Justice AKM Sadeque, Secretary of the Election Commission AZM Shamsul Alam and Additional Secretary SM Zakaria were present among others during the registration of the President.
 Chief Justice ATM Aizal was See Page 8 Col 2



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, who arrived in South Korea on a three-day official visit yesterday, being escorted by an honour guard officer during a welcoming ceremony at a Seoul airbase. — AFP/UNB photo

Khaleda, Kim formal talks today

SEOUL, May 25: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, here on a three-day tour, will have a summit with South Korean President Kim Young Sam tomorrow (Friday) covering the entire gamut of bilateral relations and regional and international issues of common concern, reports UNB.
 Possible new avenues for investment in Bangladesh, expansion of economic cooperation, increase in bilateral trade and setting up joint-venture industries in Bangladesh will figure high on the agenda.
 Newspapers and circles concerned here are attaching much importance to the talk which is expected to foster a new vista in the ties of friendship and cooperation between Dhaka and Seoul.
 A leading English-language daily, "The Korea Herald", quoted the South Korean Foreign Ministry as saying Khaleda Zia's visit will serve as an occasion to attract more South Korean investment.
 South Korea is one of the largest investors in Bangladesh with 30 companies having made cumulative investment of some 60 million US dollars.
 President Kim is expected to ask for Bangladesh's active support to Seoul on inter-Korean issue, the Korea Herald said.
 Earlier, Begum Zia was given a red carpet welcome when she arrived here this afternoon.
 She was received at the Seoul Airbase by South Korean Foreign Minister Cong Ro Nyung and other senior officials.
 As the Bangladesh leader alighted from the aircraft, she was greeted by a 19-gun salute.
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T H Khan elected to UN tribunal on Rwanda war crimes

By Staff Correspondent
 The United Nations General Assembly yesterday elected Justice T H Khan as one of the six judges of the trial chambers of the International Tribunal for Rwanda, according to a message received from New York.
 Out of the over hundred nominations received in early April from various countries, the Security Council short-listed and placed a dozen names, including that of Justice T H Khan, to the General Assembly.
 Justice Khan was elected on the first ballot of the voting by the 186 member UN General Assembly.
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Tributes paid to Nazrul

Rich tributes were paid to the memory of national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam on the occasion of his 96th birth anniversary yesterday, reports UNB.
 Thousands of Nazrul lovers placed wreaths at the poet's mazar situated on the Dhaka University campus in the morning as different socio-cultural and political organisations drawn up elaborate programmes to mark the day.
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Twenty-two-year-old Indian cricket star Sachin Tendulkar and his wife Anjali Mehta, a 27-year-old doctor, smile yesterday soon after they were married at the Jewel of India restaurant in central Bombay. — AFP/UNB photo

Indian cricket star Tendulkar weds doctor

BOMBAY, May 25: Indian cricketing prodigy Sachin Tendulkar married a doctor in a private ceremony in Bombay on Thursday, reports Reuters.
 The brilliant batsman posed for photographers with his bride Anjali Mehta, 27, at Bombay's plush Nehru Centre but refused to be drawn on whether marriage would tell on his cricket.
 "I am happy," the 22-year-old Tendulkar said.
 Dressed in off-white silk Indian "kurta-pyjama" ensemble, the diminutive Tendulkar looked shy as he sat beside his Hindu bride dressed in a flowing orange silk saree.
 Tendulkar has zealously See Page 8 Col 1

New private sector bank opens Remove indiscipline in banking sector: Saifur

By Staff Correspondent
 A private sector bank—the Southeast Bank—was launched in the capital yesterday.
 Inaugurating the bank Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman urged the politicians, business community and others to work with a vision or a long term national perspective to eliminate poverty from the country.
 "The main reason for political instability is the lack of vision of politicians most of whom think of the present only and not of the future," the Finance Minister said. The same is true of the business people, bankers, bureaucrats and people from all walks of life.
 The inaugural session was also addressed by Governor of Bangladesh Bank, Khurshid Alam, chairman of the Board of Directors of the new bank MA Quasem, Vice Chairman Ragib Ali and Managing Director Syed Anisul Haq.
 Southeast bank with its slogan "A bank with vision" is the second of the six private banks See Page 8 Col 1

Mizan, 8 other JP leaders meet Ershad

Deposed president Hussain Muhammad Ershad had nearly an hour long meeting with top leaders of the Jatiya Party including its acting chairman Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury at the premises of special tribunal which is trying Ershad in a corruption case, reports BSS.
 Nine JP leaders met Ershad and discussed with him in a room of the two-storied building opposite the Central Jail which has been turned in special tribunal. The leaders included Tajul Islam Chowdhury, a former minister, ABM Shah-Jahan, former secretary general of JP, Monirul Haq Chowdhury, Mia Musa and Nur Kutub Alam.
 The meeting which was an unique event for the Jatiya Party and its leaders came following a permission by Zinat Ara, the Additional Sessions and District Judge (first court), Dhaka, who is chairing the court.
 The JP leaders were among the ten persons named as defence witnesses in the special case no 50 of 1995 which relates to repair and renovation of an abandoned house in Dhanmandi area for its use as the JP central office.

4 Shantibahini men surrender

From Staff Correspondent
 CHITTAGONG, May 25: Four Shantibahini leaders surrendered to the security forces with sophisticated arms and ammunition today at Ruma Thana under Bandarban hill district, sources said.
 They were identified as Ajaram Tripura, Anaram Tripura, Mistaram Tripura and Samdutta Tripura.

Ctg, Rajshahi city corpns announce budget

From Staff Correspondent
 officials and newsmen.
 The mayor said that a plan was underway to expand the city corporation area up to 120 square miles from the existing 60 square miles. For this, the budget allocation against development head has been raised to Taka 82 crore he said, adding various development schemes were being undertaken to translate the plan into reality.
 Mohiuddin said that the budget was made keeping in view the service to and welfare of the people in the city. He listed the exemption of corporation taxes on kutcha houses used by the owners themselves, reduction of rickshaws licence fees from Taka 70/- to Taka 35/- and exemption of rickshaw driving licence fees.
 No tax is realised new against signboards of shops.
BCC budget
 UNB adds: Rajshahi City Corporation today announced a budget of Tk 95.89cr for 1995-96 fiscal.
 City Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu presented the budget at a press conference in the corporation auditorium in the afternoon.
 Of the budgetary allocation, Tk 72.45 crore will be spent in the development sector.
 The Mayor told newsmen that industrial expansion and development of the city were being hampered for lack of adequate funds.

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২। অতএব, এখন পর্যন্ত যে সকল সম্মানিত করদাতা তাহাদের নিকট পাওনা কর পরিশোধ করেন নাই, তাহাদিগকে আদালতের মামলায় জড়ানোর মতো হয়রানীমূলক ব্যবস্থা এড়ানোর জন্য হবিলয়ে সংশ্লিষ্ট কর অফিসের কার্যালয়ে, ওয়ার্ডে নিযুক্ত রাজস্ব সুপারভাইজারের নিকট অথবা ঢাকা মহানগরীতে অবস্থিত জনতা ব্যাংক এর যে কোন শাখায় সারচার্জসহ পাওনা কর পরিশোধ করার জন্য পুনরায় বিশেষভাবে অনুরোধ করা যাইতেছে।

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