

**BUDGET '95-96**

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Market capitalisation Tk 41.39 billion  
Turnover in volume 69932  
Turnover in value Tk 10.84 million

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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Ashura June 10**

Tomorrow is the first  
Muharram, the beginning of  
the Hijri new year. 1416. a  
press release of the Islamic  
Foundation said here last  
night. The decision was taken  
at a meeting with Religious  
Affairs Minister M. Keramat Ali  
in the chair held at the Islamic  
Foundation. The press release  
also said that the Muharram  
moon was not sighted  
anywhere in Bangladesh  
yesterday. Therefore, the first  
Muharram will be on Thursday  
and the holy Ashura will be  
observed on June 10, reports  
BSS.

**ROK investors go  
to Ctg today**

From Staff Correspondent  
CHITTAGONG, May 30: A  
16-member team of the South  
Korean investors arrives here  
tomorrow. The team will ex-  
change views with the mem-  
bers of Chittagong Chamber  
of Commerce and Industry (CCI)  
at its conference room at 3:30  
pm tomorrow. The visit of the  
Korean team is a follow-up of  
the Prime Minister's tour of  
South Korea recently.

**Illegal goods worth  
Tk 1.75cr seized**

CHITTAGONG, May 30: The  
Chittagong customs officials  
seized 574 cartons of illegally  
imported colour TV and air-  
conditioners worth Taka one  
crore and seventy-five lakh  
from the Chittagong port to-  
day, sources said. The goods  
were imported under false  
declaration as parts and com-  
ponents worth Taka six lakh  
from Singapore by a private  
party in the city, officials said.

**Current programme revised downward  
Tk 12100cr ADP outlay  
for next fiscal**

By Krishna P Roy

The Annual Development  
Programme (ADP) outlay for  
95-96 has been fixed at Tk 12100 crore, while that  
of the ADP for the current fiscal  
has now been revised downward,  
to Tk 11150 crore, official sources said.

The present ADP has been  
revised because about Tk 200  
crore still remains unutilised  
with eight ministries and 20  
agencies of the government,  
the sources said.

In the proposed ADP, Tk  
892 crore, Tk 841 crore and  
Tk 691 crore have been allo-  
cated to water resources, rural  
development and agriculture  
sectors respectively.

Allocations to these sectors  
in the revised ADP are Tk 852  
crore, Tk 749 crore and Tk  
643 crore respectively.

Power sector would get the  
second highest allocation of Tk  
1196 crore in the proposed

ADP as against Tk 1293 crore  
in the revised ADP, while the  
third highest allocation of Tk  
1154 would go to transport  
sector as against Tk 1290 in the  
revised ADP.

The 1135 crore has been allo-  
cated to Jamuna multi-purpose  
bridge project in the  
proposed ADP, while Tk 833  
crore has been allocated in the  
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**Business team to  
visit 3 E Asian  
states in June**

Star Report

A high-powered Bangladesh  
delegation is likely to visit  
three East Asian nations for  
two weeks next month to ex-  
amine the investment promotion  
programmes in those  
countries.

Sources in the Ministry of  
Industries say, the Policy Im-  
plementation and Analysis  
Group (PIAG), a USAID funded  
project under the ministry, has  
arranged the visit.

The earning from the ex-  
port of some 27.4 million kg  
of tea was Tk 152.1 crore — 4.8  
per cent less than the previous  
year's.

Readymade garments  
fetched Tk 6199.8 crore —  
10.4 per cent higher than the  
previous year's.

The main buyers of garments  
were the USA, Canada  
and the EC countries.

Knit wear and hosiery  
products fetched Tk 1052.6  
crore.

The earning from all types  
of leather exports rose by 16.6  
per cent from the previous  
year's Tk 574.6 crore to 670.2

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**News Analysis**

**Winding up of Rohingya camps  
now a matter of time**

By Farid Hossain

After many ups and downs  
the repatriation of a quarter  
million of Rohingya refugees  
from Bangladesh to Myanmar  
is now nearing completion.

Three years after the  
repatriation began in September,  
1992, a great majority of the  
refugees have travelled back  
home mainly with the help of  
the United Nations High  
Commissioner for Refugees  
(UNHCR). Though the process  
has once again slowed down,  
the UNHCR officials in Dhaka  
hope that those who are still  
languishing in the camps along  
Bangladesh's Cox's Bazar-Teknaf  
region will soon be able to  
return home.

Nearly 250,000 Rohingya  
refugees fled to Bangladesh  
starting in 1991 to escape  
what they alleged maltreatment  
by Myanmar's military.  
They found refuge in  
Bangladesh.

This is reflected in the flow  
of repatriation in past three  
months. While 16,129 refugees  
travelled back home in March,

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**Hazy maze of political funding-II**

By Asiuzzaman

budget however is always a  
top secret for every party.

Bangladesh election rules  
permits a parliamentary candi-  
date to spend a maximum of  
Tk 300,000 only and to print a  
single-colour poster during the  
election campaign. But accord-  
ing to party insiders, the  
expenditure is much higher than  
that modest official ceiling.

"In some constituencies it  
can even cross the Tk  
50,000 mark for a particular  
candidate," said one leader,  
adding that the parties always  
try to field financially strong  
candidates in the election bat-  
tle.

The investigations also re-  
vealed that all the major political  
parties admitted that the  
funds for their huge election  
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parties admitted that the  
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The amount of the election

League and the Jatiya Party  
never bear the total election  
expenses of any of their candi-  
dates. Instead, they distribute  
those among the candidates  
who are financially weaker  
against their rival candidates.

"Some of the candidates are  
wealthy enough to meet their  
own expenses and also con-  
tribute to the party funds," said  
one veteran political leader,  
who was elected more than  
one Parliament said adding  
the allocation from the party  
for a candidate varies from Tk  
300,000 to 500,000."

This variation depends on  
the prospect of the candidate  
about his win. A candidate ob-  
viously add a considerable  
amount from his own re-  
sources to the fund he gets  
from the central leadership,  
the source added.

You know these are the  
investments for the parties and a  
party would not be a bad in-

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Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia placing a wreath at the mazar of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar on the occasion of the 14th anniversary of his assassination yesterday.

— PID photo

**Zia's death  
anniversary  
observed**

By Staff Correspondent

The 14th anniversary of the  
death of President Ziaur Rahman  
was observed yesterday.

On this day in 1981, Zia  
was killed by a group of army  
officers at the Chittagong Cir-  
cuit House.

People yesterday visited  
the Mazar of Shaheed Presi-  
dent Ziaur Rahman at Sher-e-  
Bangla Nagar in the city and  
placed wreaths there.

President Abdur Rahman  
Biswas first placed wreaths  
at the mazar and offered *fatihah*  
in the morning.

Later, Prime Minister Begum  
Khaleda Zia along with her  
cabinet colleagues, MPs and  
party leaders and workers  
placed wreaths and offered  
*fatihah* at the mazar.

Radio and TV put up spe-  
cial programmes while news-  
papers brought out special  
supplements highlighting the  
contributions of the late pres-  
ident.

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**JS budget session  
begins June 15**

Star Report

President Abdur Rahman  
Biswas yesterday called the  
Jatiya Sangsad into session  
from June 15. It will be the  
20th session of the Fifth Par-  
liament elected in 1991.

The enumerators selected  
by the EC would now make  
house-to-house visit till June 7  
to collect information about  
voters. The voter registration  
programme began on May 25.

The EC requested the vot-  
ers concerned to get regis-  
tered within the stipulated  
time.

**ROK to recruit  
3500 more  
Bangladeshi  
workers**

SEOUL, May 30: South Korea  
will recruit another 3,500  
Bangladeshi workers, the Korean  
Ministry of Trade, Energy  
and Industry said. reports  
UNB.

The official announcement  
to recruit more Bangladeshis  
came just two days after the  
May 25-27 visit of Bangladesh  
Prime Minister Begum Khaleda  
Zia to Seoul.

Recruitment of more  
Bangladeshi workforce was one  
of the top item in the agenda  
during Begum Zia's summit  
meeting with President Kim  
Young-Sam.

A Bangladesh delegation led  
by the Labour and Manpower  
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**High Court rejects bail  
prayer of Gen Latif**

A High Court division bench  
yesterday rejected the bail peti-  
tion of Major General (rtd) M  
A Latif, an accused in the Gen-  
eral Manzoor murder case, re-  
ports UNB.

The HC bench comprising  
Justice Mozammel Huq and  
Justice Nurul Islam, however,  
directed the jail authorities to  
allow Latif's lawyers to meet  
him in the Dhaka Central Jail  
in accordance with the jail  
code.

Earlier, appearing on behalf  
of the petitioner, Barrister A R  
Yusuf submitted that Latif was  
not directly, indirectly or even  
remotely connected with the  
murder of General Abul Man-  
zoor, killed inside the Chittagong  
cantonment on June 2, 1981.

The bail petition was moved  
in the court on May 21.

Attorney General Aminul  
Huq opposed the bail prayer,  
saying that the investigations  
might be hampered if the ac-  
cused was granted bail at this  
stage.

The arrested were identi-  
fied as Md. Alauddin, Abul  
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The case is almost ready for  
filing of chargesheet and the

accused petitioner may tamper  
with the evidence and try to  
influence the witnesses of the  
case, Huq argued.

The courts of the Chittagong  
and Dhaka Chief Metropolitan  
Magistrates and the Chittagong  
District and Sessions Judge's court  
had earlier rejected the bail  
petitions of Latif on similar  
grounds.

Major General (rtd) M A Latif is  
among the three former army  
officers who were arrested  
after a case was filed by Barrister  
Abul Mansur, brother of late  
Manzoor, killed inside the Chittagong  
cantonment on June 2, 1981.

The bench comprising Justices  
Mohammad Ismail, Md. Nurul  
Islam and Justice Abu Sayeed  
Ahmed, granted the prayer.

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**RAJUK COMMERCIAL PLOT  
AUCTION NOTICE**

Most ideally located Commercial-Cum-  
Residential Plot No-10, Gulshan North C/A,  
two sides road facilities (North Circle, by the  
side of main