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DSE price index	763.05 (+0.84%)
Market capital Tk	47.19 billion
Transactions in volume	96558
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NEWS BRIEFS

Gold chains
 seized at ZIA
 By Staff Correspondent
 Customs officials at Zia International Airport seized gold chains worth Tk 3.52 lakh from a Bangladeshi passenger yesterday. The passenger, Shajal Kumar Badriya, arrived from Dubai by a Bangladesh Biman flight at 10:30 am. The customs surveillance recovered the gold chains weighing 850 gm after searching Shajal's body and baggage. A departmental case has been filed.

18 more Rohingyas
 repatriated
 From Our
 Correspondent
 COX'S BAZAR, July 20: Eighteen more Rohingyas returned to Myanmar today. With this, 1 lakh 92,541 Rohingyas have been repatriated to Myanmar in the last four years.

Sherpur transport
 strike ends
 SHERPUR, July 20: Transport workers called off a strike today after fruitful negotiation with Sherpur district administration on collection of toll at local bus terminal. Sarak Paribahan Samik Union enforced the strike for an indefinite period from July 16 following complexities arising out of collection of toll by the terminal leasee, reports UNB.

Presidential reference on absentee MPs SC seeks opinions of more legal experts

By Staff Correspondent
 The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday invited other interested senior legal experts to express their opinions on the Presidential reference.
 "If anybody is interested to address the court on this issue, he is welcome to make his submission on Sunday," Chief Justice ATM Afzal told the court just before adjournment of the day's hearing on the MPs' absence and vacation of seat.
 The Appellate Division had earlier notified eight leading legal experts including Attorney General Aminul Huq as *amicus curiae* to get their opinion on the reference. The AG died of a heart attack on July 13.
 In reply, Rafiqul Huq said that the procedure is clear in the Supreme Court (Appellate Division) Rule 1988, Order 28 (in part 4) of the Rule says, after the hearing of the special reference, the registrar shall transmit to the President the report of the court thereon.
 On this point Huq also said that in Malaysia the provision is that the advisory opinion should be announced in the court while in Sri Lanka even the hearing on the Presidential reference should be in camera, not in the open court.
 Yesterday was the fifth day of hearing on the Presidential reference made on the issue
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Ishtiaq's denial
By Staff Correspondent
 Barrister Ishtiaq Ahmed yesterday denied that he had seen the draft of the reference before it was sent to the President for final approval.
 He said before the Appellate Division that Additional Attorney General
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Flood victims in Lalbagh area of the city struggling for relief goods distributed by a local organisation yesterday. — Star photo

Clinton asks
 for delay of
 Congressional
 debate

WASHINGTON, July 20: A personal appeal from President Clinton to Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole to give diplomats another chance on Bosnia has won a delay in consideration of legislation to lift the arms embargo against the besieged Bosnian government, reports AP.
 Dole said Wednesday that Clinton asked "that we not have a vote on the Bosnia resolution until next week."
 The Kansas Republican, who is the Republican front-runner to challenge Clinton in 1996, said he was inclined to go along with the president's request. He said he would make a final decision after conferring with other senators.
 Later, when he talked about Thursday's Senate schedule, Dole made no mention of an early resumption of the Bosnia debate.
 Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Defense Secretary William Perry are scheduled to meet Friday in London with their counterparts from Britain, France, Germany and Russia to discuss ways to stem the Serb offensive in Bosnia.
 Clinton appealed for a delay in Senate action until after that meeting.
 The Serb forces captured Srebrenica last week and said they had overrun Zepa on Wednesday. Bosnian government officials denied late Wednesday that Zepa had fallen. Both Zepa and Srebrenica were designated "safe areas" by the United Nations. But the lightly armed UN troops were powerless to resist.

A Daily Star APPEAL

Stop Genocide in Bosnia
Our readers must have been observing the terrible massacre of the Bosnian people. Defenceless civilians are being brutally raped and murdered while the international community simply stands and watches.
This week, the United States Senate is debating a resolution to unilaterally lift the arms embargo. This will allow the Bosnian Muslims to obtain weapons to protect themselves against the murderous Serbian enemy.
The resolution has been introduced by the US Senate Majority Leader Senator Bob Dole. We have been informed by the Senator's office that the people of Bangladesh CAN register their support for lifting of the arms embargo by calling or faxing to the Senator's office.
Save a LIFE! Help the besieged people of Bosnia!
 Send a Fax to US Senator Bob Dole at 001-202-228-1245 (Fax) or call at 001-202-224-6521 (Phone) TODAY.
 You might want to mention the following in your fax:
Subj: The Genocide in Bosnia
Dear Mr Dole,
We would like to express our solidarity with your proposed resolution in the US Senate to lift the arms embargo imposed on the Bosnian Muslims. The genocide in Bosnia must STOP. The Bosnian people must be allowed to exercise their inherent right of self-defence.
We appreciate your firm stand and commitment on this issue. Thank you.
 Sincerely,
 (...your name and address...)
 Bangladesh

Rohingya
 refugee
 birth-rate
 12 pc?
 From Abdul Monayem Khan

COX'S BAZAR, July 20: The number of new-born babies at eight Rohingya refugee camps is increasing rapidly as some 10 to 15 babies are being born everyday, official sources said.
 Different NGOs working here, however, believe the number of new-born children is around 20 every day.
 At the same time nearly 2,000 women in these camps are at present carrying.
 In the last four years,
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City flood situation starts improving

By Staff Correspondent
 The flood situation in the capital started improving yesterday with further fall of water level of the rivers Buriganga and Turag.
 The situation in the flood-hit districts also improved further as result of the continued recession of flood waters.
 However, the affected people are badly in need of relief and rehabilitation, reports received in the city said.
 Outbreak of various water-borne diseases including diarrhoea was reported from at least eight flood-hit districts.
 According to Health Directorate Control Room, eight persons died of diarrhoea in seven districts out of the eight while about 120 others were attacked with the disease.
 The districts are — Narayanganj, Chittagong, Chandpur, Habiganj, Nilphamari, Sherpur, Magura and Naogaon.
 The Buriganga at Dhaka registered a fall by 5 cm yesterday and was flowing 6 cm below its danger level while the Turag fell by 3 cm at Mirpur and also marked a
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PM says textile sector to get soft loan

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday called for infusing modern technology as well as efficiency and craft-skill in the textile sector to exploit its enormous potential, reports UNB.
 "Entrepreneurs, technologists and engineers will have to shoulder the task of attaining self-reliance in textile sector," she said, inaugurating a grand conference of textile experts in the city.
 Institution of Textile Engineers and Technologists (ITET) organised the conference at a local hotel to discuss the technical problems of the textile and jute sectors.
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Recycle-paper unit may go into production in Dec

By Sharier Khan
 The country's first recycle-paper industry — Kamola Yousof Paper Mills Ltd. — is likely to begin production in December.
 Installation of machinery of the Tk 33 crore Bangladesh-Germany joint venture is expected to be completed by the end of next month. Managing Director of the Mills M Sanowar Hossain told The Daily Star yesterday.
 The 100 per cent export-oriented mills, to be set up on a 15-bigha plot in Munsibganj area under Alamdanga thana of Chuadanga district, will produce a maximum of 85 tons of paper per day and 25,000 tons annually worth Tk 90 crore.
 The German technology-based mills will employ some 90 workers and produce radio bond, special, writing, graphic, screen, carbon, duplex, craft papers and newsprint for export to European countries.
 The mills would require 120 tons of waste paper to produce 100 tons of paper. According to its project profile, most of the waste paper required will be imported from Europe and the rest may be procured from the local market.
 Due to high labour cost and environmental problems, many paper mills in European countries have closed down and European industrialists are presently keen to set up such mills where there is practically no prior environmental problems due to congestion of various mills and cheap labour is available, the project profile said.
 "This industry is environmentally safe. Our annual requirement of chemical is only 300 tonnes. This chemical is of alkaline type," said Sanowar Hossain.
 The Kamola-Yousof Ltd
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BCL leader murdered in Ctg

From Staff Correspondent
 CHITTAGONG, July 20: A pro-Awami League Chhatra League leader was murdered at Halishahar here last night.
 The victim — Jahangir Alam (24) — was the ex-VP of Chittagong Commerce College.
 Police arrested two persons, Jakir Hossain and Osman Ali, on charge of killing Jahangir.
 Police said, Jahangir was beaten mercilessly when he asked for Tk 10,000 borrowed from his elder brother by Abul Kalam in Chhoto Pool area of Halishahar on Wednesday.
 Later, acting on a tip, po-
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Government school teachers brought out a procession in the city yesterday to press their 10-point demand. — Star photo

Blast kills 20 in Kashmir

JAMMU (India), July 20: At least 20 people were killed and about 60 injured today when a bomb exploded in the main commercial district of Jammu, the winter capital of the troubled Indian state of Kashmir, police said, reports AFP.
 Police said the 7:05 pm (1335 GMT) blast was caused by a powerful bomb planted in a scooter parked outside a state-run school.
 There have been no claims of responsibility.
 Witnesses said three shops adjoining the school were destroyed and another seven damaged in the powerful explosion which could be heard from a distance of two kilometres.
 Dehvi told reporters that negotiations would be successful only if the government stopped or reduced its use of force.
 Police and bomb experts
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Indian troops search for mines on a road yesterday in Pahalagam where Kashmiri militants abducted five Western tourists over two weeks ago. — AFP photo

Manzur Murder Case shifted to Ctg District Judge's court

CHITTAGONG, July 20: The sensational General Manzur Murder Case was shifted to Chittagong District and Sessions Judge's court from the CMM court today, reports UNB.
 Earlier, during the last hearing on July 16, the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate said the case would be sent to the Sessions Judge's court by July 24.
 Meanwhile, a lawyer, pre-
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Canadian counsel not allowed to meet Ershad

By Staff Correspondent
 The government yesterday did not permit Canadian lawyer Marcel Danis to meet his client former President H M Ershad.
 Danis, who arrived in Dhaka on July 17 to defend Ershad in the Manzur Murder case, had sought permission of the Home Ministry to meet his client.
 An official of the ministry told The Daily Star last night that the government had turned down the request of Marcel Danis. But he did not elaborate on what ground the request was rejected.
 A letter in this respect from the Home Ministry was handed over to Danis at his Sonargaon Hotel suite at about 4 pm, said S M Salam, press secretary to Danis.

Karachi violence claims 33

KARACHI, July 20: The death toll in Karachi from 24 hours of violence rose to 33 today as seven more people were gunned down, only hours before the government and rebels were due to resume talks on ending the bloodshed, police said, reports AFP.
 Twenty-two people died in different areas on Wednesday, and four more were killed overnight, officials said.
 Gunfire resumed today, killing two people, including a 70-year-old man, in the Gulbahar neighbourhood of central Karachi, one person in Orangi, a western suburb, and one in the eastern industrial zone of Korangi.
 Among the 33 fatalities were five security personnel, including two paramilitary fighters. Police said the two were abducted Wednesday and their bodies were dumped in a taxi cab found on the highway leading to the airport.
 More than 2,000 people, including more than 100 police and security officers, have died in the past 18 months in Karachi during clashes between authorities and the Mohajir Qaumi Movement (MQM), which represents the Mohajir community of migrants from India.
 Peace talks between Bhutto's law minister Nabi Dad Khan and a five-member MQM team led by Ajmal Dehvi are to resume in Islamabad late Thursday.
 Dehvi told reporters that negotiations would be successful only if the government stopped or reduced its use of force.

Fresh threat to kill hostages

SRINAGAR (India), July 20: Kashmiri militants holding five Western hostages said today that talks with Indian officials for their release had broken down, reports Reuters.
 The Al-Faran group said in a hand written statement the first it had issued since the expiry of its deadline on Monday, that it would kill the hostages if Indian security forces tried to search for them.
 "Al-Faran has no contact (any longer) with the government of India," the group said in a statement delivered to the office of an international news agency in Srinagar.
 "Those nations which have appealed to us to release the hostages should press the Indian government to fulfill our demands and tell them not to follow our freedom fighters. This could lead to the hostages being killed any time," it said.
 The group has been holding an American, two Britons, a Norwegian and a German for more than two weeks, demanding the Indian government release 20 jailed colleagues.
 Meanwhile, a Pakistani religious leader left for New Delhi today after the US and British embassies here called on his help to secure the release of five Western hostages.