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DSE price index 778.53
 Market capital Tk 48.30 billion
 Transactions in volume 146291
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Dhaka places 3 proposals at Beijing women's confce

BEIJING, Sept 4 (UNB): Bangladesh today called for adopting national efforts supported by international action and free flow of resources to end the plight of womankind.

Addressing the formal inaugural session of the Fourth World Conference on Women here today Begum Khaleda Zia said there must be a more vigorous application of women development policies by the United Nations system and other international fora.

At the same time, she said, there must be a free flow of resources from the

developed to developing world to translate meaningfully the initiatives and Platform of Action taken in this largest women's gathering.

"Now this is an opportunity to display the universality of human fraternity. Let the world seize upon it," Begum Zia told hundreds of participants at the Beijing International Convention Centre.

Renewing her country's commitment to the advancement of the women community, the Bangladesh Prime Minister said the Platform of Action adopted in Beijing would, no doubt, have a far-reaching impact on the lives of women for decades to come.

"However, I believe, what will be of crucial significance is to ensure that there is a good, effective, visible and credible follow-up mechanism in position."

In this context, Begum Zia placed three proposals before the Beijing conference as follow-up of this international meet as she did in the Social Summit held recently in Copenhagen.

Suggesting creation of a new post of Deputy Secretary General in charge of women's affairs at the United Nations General Assembly this year, she said the new official would have specific responsibility for the implementation of the Beijing Platform of Action.

Needless to say, this post must be occupied by a woman of proven ability who would be given responsibility for coordination of all women's activities and women's pro-



A street at Mirpur in the city during the half-day hartal called by the Awami League there yesterday. — Star photo



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia giving her keynote speech at the Beijing confce. — AFP/UNB photo

'A revolution has begun'

BEIJING, Sept 4: Female martial-arts experts, acrobats, jugglers and choirs kicked off the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women today at an extravaganza show in Beijing's Great Hall of the People, report Reuters. AP.

"A revolution has begun," conference leader Gertrude Mongella declared to huge cheers from the delegates. "There's no going back. There's no going back."

One of the largest conferences ever organised by the United Nations is a Platform for Action to combat the poverty, disease, ignorance and violence that oppresses millions of women and prevents them from playing an equal role with men in society.

"This historic conference is not about business-as-usual. It is about changing the status quo that is characterised by inequality," Mongella said.

Women were no longer mere guests in the world, she said.

Thirty thousand women have flooded into Beijing for the conference and a parallel Non-governmental Organisations Forum on Women in the suburb of Huairou.

Heads of 185 government delegations, including two women prime ministers and several first ladies, were among the audience in Great Hall of the People on the edge of Tiananmen Square.

"This conference is a milestone in the history of the United Nations' work for women," United Nations Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali said in a speech delivered in his absence by Ismat Kittani, the Under-Secretary General.

"Future generations will hold us accountable, they will look for concrete signs that Beijing, in 1995, was followed by action," he said.

Dhaka, Yangon open border trade today

From Krishna P Roy

COX'S BAZAR, Sept 4: The economic and trade links between Bangladesh and Myanmar are going to have a new dimension with the much awaited border trade beginning tomorrow.

Bangladesh's Commerce and Information Minister M Shamsul Islam and Myanmar's Trade Minister Lt Gen Tun Kyi will formally inaugurate the border trade at Teknaf in Bangladesh and Mongduw in Myanmar.

The Dhaka-Yangon border trade begins under a bilateral border trade agreement signed in Dhaka on May 18 last year between the two sides.

The ministers of the two countries will first open the trade at Mongduw at 10:30

am and they will then cross the border river Naaf and again open the trade at Teknaf at noon.

Fisheries and Livestock Minister Abdullah Al Noman and his Myanmar counterpart Brig Gen Maung Maung will also attend the inaugural functions.

As per terms of the border trade agreement, the two countries will carry out trade between Teknaf region of Bangladesh and Mongduw area of the Rakheingyi state of Myanmar.

The agreement would be valid for one year, but would be automatically renewed annually unless either of the sides object to it.

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Half-day hartal at Mirpur passes off peacefully

By Staff Correspondent

A half-day hartal was observed in the city's Mirpur area yesterday protesting the killing of a rickshawpuller during the hartal hours on Sunday.

The Awami League sponsored hartal passed off peacefully amid a protest rally and procession organised by the Mirpur thana unit of the party.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Immigration men pick up 5 from ZIA

By Staff Correspondent

Immigration officials picked up five persons from Zia International Airport (ZIA) yesterday afternoon, suspecting that they were carrying forged passports. Sources said that the five passengers of an Indian Airlines flight, planned to go to Saudi Arabia via India. Immigration officials were interrogating the persons and declined to disclose their names.



Dancers and singers perform during the Chinese government's official welcoming ceremony for the UN Fourth World Conference on Women in the Great Hall of People in Beijing yesterday. — AFP/UNB photo

Dinajpur incident shocks delegates in Beijing

Shaheen Anam from Beijing

News of the rape and murder of a young girl in police custody in Dinajpur has shocked members of the NGO delegation attending the conference at Hoairu.

All members of the delegation have expressed outrage at the incident which is a criminal act deserving exemplary punishment. They noted that it also mars the image of Bangladesh.

The statement of protest made by leading women activists in Bangladesh has been supported by the NGO delegation.

A special protest demonstration was organised by the South Asian Women's Groups on Violence Against Women yesterday at the NGO Forum site.

Hundreds of women wear-

Talukdar renews offer for dialogue with Opposition

BNP Secretary General Abdus Salam Talukdar yesterday once again called upon the Opposition to come forward for dialogue to end the stalemate, giving up the course of destruction and chaos," reports BSS.

Talukdar in a statement said that the present government was always very sincere for holding free and fair election and it is still so. "Keeping this in view Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has called upon the Opposition to end the crisis on constitutional way through discussions," he said.

Talukdar said Begum Zia had announced her decision to resign 30 days before the

polls in the interest of fair elections. "Even at a public meeting held on September 1 in Dhaka she reiterated her decision and made fervent appeal to the Opposition to end the impasse through discussion," he added.

Talukdar said but it was very unfortunate that the opposition parties did not pay any importance to the call of the Prime Minister and were busy in carrying out "destructive and anarchic" activities to realise their "illogical and unconstitutional" demand and were pushing the country towards destruction and anarchy in a planned way, which is not desired by the

Robin Raphel arrives in city

US Assistant Secretary of State Robin Lynn Raphel arrived here last night on a four-day visit to review bilateral ties in different fields, reports UNB.

The US official heading the South Asia desk at the State Department was received at Zia International Airport by Additional Foreign Secretary Khairul Anam.

Talking to newsmen at the airport, she described her visit as a "routine trip".

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BNPPP discusses political situation today

By Staff Correspondent

The parliamentary party of the ruling BNP meets at the Sangsad Bhaban at 5 this afternoon to discuss the prevailing political situation and the issues relating to the 21st session of Parliament.

The Parliament session, the first after the vacation of 145 opposition seats is due

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
 National Board of Revenue
 Dhaka

NOTICE

The date for advance income tax payment for the 1st quarter of the current financial year is September 15, 1995.

The advance income tax payable by the concerned taxpayer is to be paid through IT Form No IT 31(B) (Amended) Challan.

The taxpayers should pay the advance tax filling in the said Challan form as usual by replacing the figure "74(1)" with the figure "64" in as many places as it occurs in the form.

It may be mentioned that the financial limit of total income for payment of advance income tax for all classes of assessee is now Taka 1,00,000/-.

All assessee concerned are requested to pay their advance income tax for the 1st quarter of the current financial year relevant to the assessment year 1996-97 under this system by September 15, 1995. Simple interest @ 10% per annum will be leviable if the advance income tax is not paid or paid at a lesser amount than due.

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National Board of Revenue

Trade team off to USA Dhaka to seek increased garments export quota

By Rashed Mahmud Titumir

Bangladesh will try to persuade the United States Trade Representative (USTR) office to double its quota of garments export to the USA as she is the first in the world to sign agreement for eliminating under-aged workers from the industry, well placed sources said.

A five-member official delegation left for the US capital yesterday.

The team will apprise various organisations including the USTR about the

MOU (Memorandum of Understanding), signed on July 4, which calls for complete elimination of child labour from Bangladesh's garments sector by October this year and ensures stipends and schooling for them, a member of the team said. "As it has been appreciated by all including those who had earlier expressed concern and there is a growing demand for Bangladesh apparels in the USA, we shall

30 hurt in Rajshahi Govt College clash

RAJSHAHI, Sept 4: The Islami Chhatra Shibir and All-Party Student Unity activists fought a fierce gunbattle at Rajshahi Government College today, leaving 30 students injured, including three girls, reports UNB.

The clash erupted when the ruling BNP, organised the rally to protest possessing bomb materials by the Shibir activists. Police recovered the materials Sunday night from rooms at Muslim Hostel of the college, resided by Shibir men.

later the Jatlyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) also lent force to them when the Shibir activists hurled a bomb at the JCD rally in front of the Administrative Building.

The JCD, student wing of the ruling BNP, organised the rally to protest possessing bomb materials by the Shibir activists. Police recovered the materials Sunday night from rooms at Muslim Hostel of the college, resided by Shibir men.

One shot dead at Hazaribagh

By DMCH Correspondent

A rickshawpuller was murdered in the old part of the city yesterday.

Sabur Ali, father of three children, was shot dead by a group of about ten people near Kazirbagh mosque in Hazaribagh under Lalbagh thana at about 6:00 am.

Residents of the area alleged that the killing was a sequel to frequent violence in the area for more than a month. Different local groups were engaged in armed clashes for establishing domination in the area, sources said.

Sabur was gunned down

Four killed in Rangpur road accident

From Our Correspondent

RANGPUR, Sept 4: At least four persons were killed and fifty others injured when a bus fell into a roadside ditch on the Rangpur-Bogra highway near Baldipukur under Mithapukur thana this morning.

The Rangpur-bound bus with over sixty passengers on board met with the accident as the driver lost control of his vehicle while trying to make way for a rickshaw, witnesses said.

দৈনিক জনকণ্ঠ

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সকল বড় বড় বাধা বিপত্তি পেরিয়ে

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একটি শিখ চায় নিশ্চিত মনের কোম।
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