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DSE price index	782.00(+0.46%)
Market capital Tk	48.52 billion
Transactions in volume	254025
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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Clinton's message to Khaleda**

President Bill Clinton has sent a message to Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia in response to her message of condolence on the tragic accident which took lives of three US public servants in Bosnia. In the message, President Clinton reiterated that the United States will continue to seek a just resolution to the Balkan conflict, reports UNB.

**Hartal in Habiganj today**

HABIGANJ, Sept 5: Business community has called a dawn-to-dusk shutdown for tomorrow in protest against "terrorism and extortionism" in the district town. The Habiganj Merchants' Association called the general strike demanding end to violent incidents taking place in the town over the last few days, reports UNB.

**Raphel goes to Khagrachhari today**

KHAGRACHHARI, Sept 5: US Assistant Secretary of State Robin Raphel is scheduled to arrive here tomorrow to see the resettlement of tribal refugees. Official sources said today Raphel, who will fly in here in the morning, would be taken to the local government council where she will be briefed on the functions of the body, reports UNB.

**Chandpur Town body calls hartal today**

From Our Correspondent CHANDPUR, Sept 5: The Chandpur Town Protection Committee will observe a dawn-to-dusk hartal here tomorrow to press the demand for saving the Chandpur town from river erosion.

## BNP MPs favour fresh dialogue, early polls

By Nazmul Ashraf

Most of the lawmakers at yesterday's BNP Parliamentary Party meeting favoured resumption of dialogue with the Opposition to end the political impasse and announcement of early general elections, meeting sources said.

They also urged the party Secretary General Abdus Salam Talukdar to contact the opposition parties, the Awami League in particular, to restart the process for dialogue saying "there was no alternative to dialogue for a peaceful solution to the staggering political crisis."

Several party MPs, who attended the meeting, told The Daily Star last night that the general sentiment of party lawmakers was in favour of a negotiated solution to the crisis. They were op-

posed to any confrontation, as they felt the path of confrontation would be harmful to the party ahead of the next general polls.

The speakers at the meeting, supporting the prime minister's offer for resignation 30 days before the polls,

### JS session begins today

By Staff Correspondent

The 21st session of the Jatiya Sangsad (Parliament) begins this afternoon amid an Opposition-called dawn-to-dusk hartal in the city.

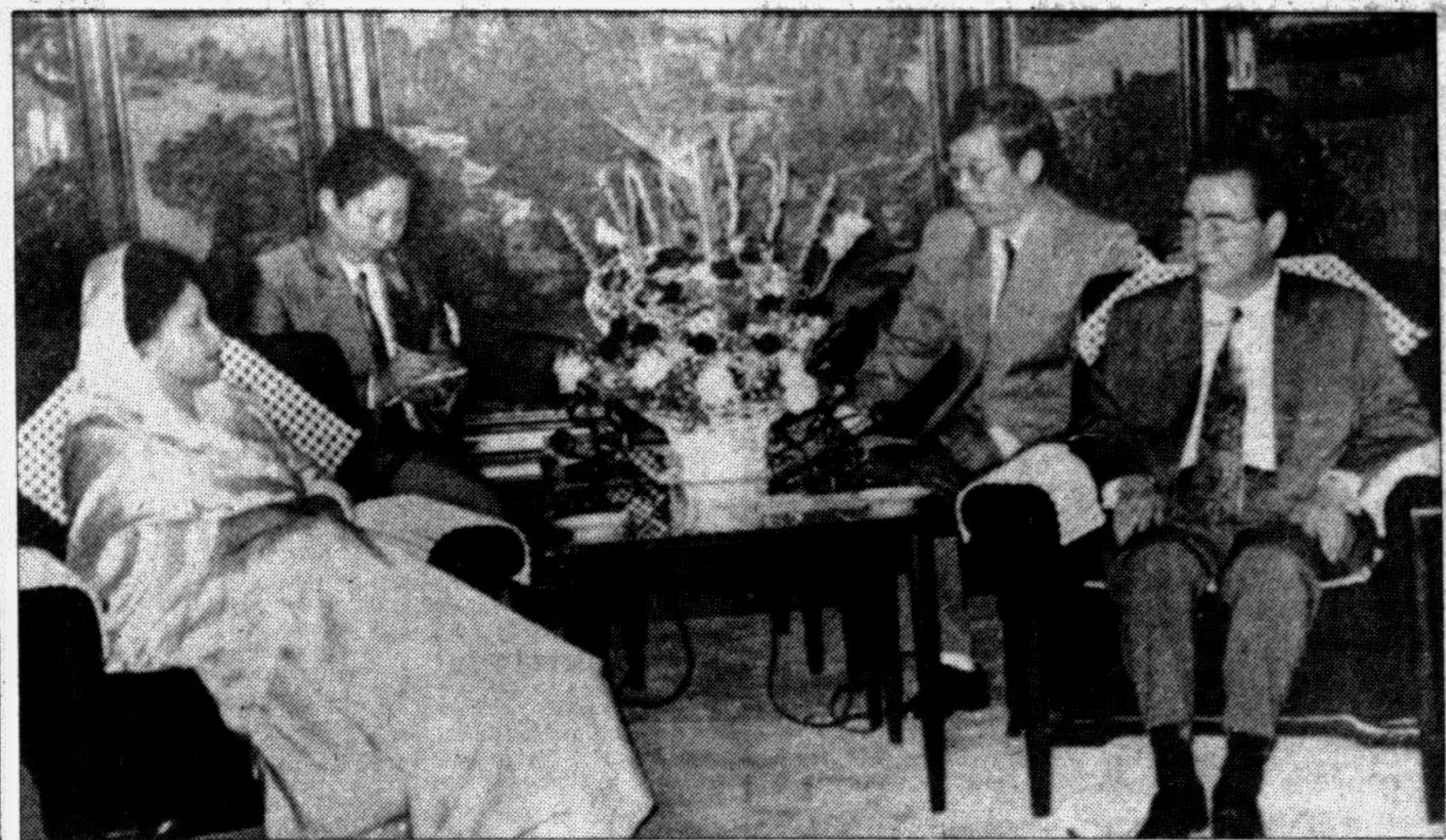
This will be the first session after the vacation of 145 Parliament seats belonging to the opposition parties. The session is scheduled See Page 12 Col 7

said implementation of the PM's commitment would be a big step towards accepting the Opposition demand.

After the resignation of the prime minister and her cabinet, the installation of an interim government, permitted by the Constitution, would be almost accepting the opposition demand for a caretaker administration, the sources quoted a minister as commenting.

Meanwhile, briefing reporters after the BNPPP meet was over at about 8.30 last night, the treasury bench Chief Whip Khandaker Delwar Hossain said that the meeting suggested the party should adopt measures to ensure a free and fair.

"There is no alternative to discussions to end the politi- See Page 12 Col 6



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia called on Chinese Premier Li Peng at his office in Beijing yesterday. — PID photo

## Border people hail trade

From Krishna P Roy

MAUNGDOWN, Myanmar, Sept 5: Opening of border trade between Bangladesh and Myanmar has generated much enthusiasm among the Myanmar people particularly those living in the bordering Maungdown area of Rakhaine province.

"The border trade will bring welfare for Myanmar in general and for Maungdown in particular," said Myindi Way, township officer of the small town Maungdown, 10 km from the Bangladesh border town, Teknaf.

Giving his reaction to The Daily Star just after formal opening of the border trade today, Myindi Way said in broken English, "We are happy to welcome the Bangladeshi brothers to trade." See Page 12 Col 7

## Border trade with Myanmar begins

TAKNAF (Cox's Bazar), Sept 5: The Bangladesh-Myanmar border trade began today in the backdrop of immense potentials for wider and diversified trade and commercial relations between the two neighbouring countries, reports BSS.

The much awaited border trade will facilitate exchange of goods between the two countries via the Teknaf border of Bangladesh and Maungdown on the Myanmar side.

While declaring the border trade between the two countries open at a function here, Commerce Minister M. Shamsul Islam said it fulfilled the long-cherished desire of the people living in the bor-

der areas of the two countries.

Describing the event as a milestone and a turning point in the bilateral ties, Islam said this would go a long way in promoting the trade and

commercial ties between the two friendly countries. Speaking on the occasion, Myanmar Minister of Trade Li Gen Tun Kyi said the beginning of the border trade would serve as the "corner stone" for promotion and consolidation of the bilateral ties in the coming days.

Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Abdullah Al Noman, See Page 12 Col 8



Visiting US Assistant Secretary of State Robin Lynn Raphel called on Awami League president Sheikh Hasina at her Dhanmondi office yesterday. — Star photo

## Move against child labour praised

By Staff Correspondent

The visiting US Assistant Secretary of State stressed on implementation of the tripartite memorandum of understanding (MOU) aimed at eliminating underaged workers, while officials of the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) sought for increased export quota in the USA at a meeting yesterday.

"You have made out a very important case for the rest of the world... Congratulations for your achievement," she said, after being apprised of the memorandum of understanding (MOU) signed last See Page 12 Col 1

## Raphel holds extensive talks with Hasina

By Staff Correspondent

The visiting US Assistant Secretary of State for South Asia Robin Lynn Raphel yesterday met Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina at her Dhanmondi residence and had extensive discussions with her on the present political situation in the country party sources said.

The 90 minute discussions began at 10.45 am. AL general secretary Zillur Rahman, political advisor S A M S Kibria, international affairs secretary Abul Hasan Chowdhury and former foreign minister Humayun Rashid Chowdhury also took part in the discussions. Acting head of the United

States Embassy in Dhaka Nancy Powell and political counsellor William Hill were also present.

AL leaders who participated in the talks said they briefed Raphel about their party's strong stand regarding holding of national polls under a neutral caretaker government.

We explained to her our position and placed arguments on the caretaker issue. She was fully briefed on the subject," said a top AL leader who participated in the talks. The US Assistant Secretary was also told about Awami League's loss of confi- See Page 12 Col 4

## Dawn-to-dusk hartal today

By Staff Correspondent

Major opposition political parties — Awami League, Jatiya Party and Jamaat-e-Islami have called a dawn-to-dusk hartal in the city today to protest the killing of one person during the September 2-3 32-hour country-wide hartal and to press their demand for immediate general elections under a neutral caretaker government.

Today's hartal, announced on September 3 as part of an identical agitation programme of the parties, is also aimed at protesting the session of what they called the "illegal parliament that begins this afternoon.

Emergency services like ambulance, fire service, gas, power and water services, medicine and food shops and See Page 12 Col 5

## Khaleda urges Jiang to remove trade gap

BEIJING, Sept 5: Chinese President Jiang Zemin has lauded Bangladesh's tremendous success under the leadership of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia in achieving economic progress and safeguarding national independence and sovereignty, reports UNB.

The commendation came when Begum Zia made a courtesy call on the Chinese President at his office here this morning.

"Sino-Bangla ties have passed the test of time... the Chinese people value most the historical bonds of friendship between the two countries," the Chinese President said.

Referring to Begum Zia's participation at the 4th World Conference on Women, President Jiang said presence of Begum Zia has enhanced the importance and prestige of the conference. Begum Zia, expressing her thanks for the compliments, gave the Chinese President a resume of her government's activities which are geared up for uplift and development of Bangladesh. Recalling China's contribution to the development efforts of Bangladesh, Begum Zia expressed her gratitude to the government and the people of China for their assistance in various fields, including bridge construction, power generation and coal extraction. See Page 12 Col 1

## Opposition to announce fresh programme today

By Staff Correspondent

Awami League president Sheikh Hasina will announce the party's next action programme through a press conference after the hartal today.

The AL chief will meet the press at the conference room of the Jatiya Press Club at seven this evening. Addressing 1,500 delegates to the UN-sponsored Fourth World Conference on Women, Mrs Clinton said, "It is indefensible that many women in non-governmental organizations who wished to participate in this conference have not been able to attend or have been prohibited from fully taking part."

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## Time to break the silence: Hillary

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## Over 100 die in Indian floods, landslips

NEW DELHI, Sept 5: More than 100 people have died in floods and landslips caused by heavy monsoon rains that have inundated hundreds of villages in northern India, officials and news agencies said Tuesday, reports AP.

Continuous downpours since Saturday at the tail end of the annual monsoon season devastated farmlands, washed away bridges and blocked highways.

Air Force helicopters dropped food packets and medicines to prevent waterborne diseases such as gastroenteritis over scores of villages that have disappeared under vast lakes of water in Punjab and Haryana states, news agencies said.

## 16 Punjab ministers resign

LAHORE, Sept 5: Sixteen provincial ministers from Pakistan's ruling coalition in Punjab resigned today citing differences with Chief Minister Manzoor Ahmed Watto, reports AFP.

The move, announced by the ministers at a news conference, signalled the start of a political tussle in the country's most important province, analysts said.

The province has been ruled by a coalition, including Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party (PPP) and Pakistan Muslim League-Junejo (PML-J), to which Watto belongs. Top provincial minister, Makhdoom Altaf, said that he See Page 12 Col 8

## Fresh NATO airstrikes against Bosnian Serbs

SARAJEVO, Sept 5: NATO warplanes unleashed new airstrikes today against Bosnian Serbs, who refused to bow to demands and move their big guns out of range of Sarajevo, reports AP.

Warplanes zoomed over the western part of the Bosnian capital, followed by several loud explosions in the city's Serb-held southwestern suburbs, and huge clouds of smoke were visible.

Detonations were also heard in the Bosnian Serb headquarters of Pale, about 15 kilometers southeast of Sarajevo, but they appeared to be outside the rebel Serb stronghold.

Sarajevans rushed out of their homes, looking skyward for the planes attacking their Serb foes. People ran along the streets for a better view. After an initial wave of airstrikes that began last

Wednesday, many had begun to worry that NATO action would not continue.

"The airstrikes will last as long as necessary," said UN spokesman Philip Arnold in Zagreb, Croatia.

"We hope this doesn't have to be a long bombing, that the Bosnian Serbs will truly understand what is happening to them and come around," said NATO spokesman Capt Jim Mitchell in

Naples, Italy.

It was not immediately clear what targets had been attacked, or whether the planes had hit their targets. One area that appeared to be a target was Lukavica, where the UN said Serbs were gathering weaponry for a possible pullout.

The Bosnian Serb military said in a statement that targets in Lukavica were hit twice. Serbs reported one

explosion near their headquarters in Pale, southeast of Sarajevo, six or nearby Mount Jahorina, six more around the suburb of Hadzici southwest of Sarajevo, and one at Hresa, just northeast of Sarajevo.

It did not say what was attacked, but claimed that there was extensive damage and civilian casualties. There was no confirmation of the claims.

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

### Notice

**Subject: Submission of income tax return for the assessment year 1995-96.**

Attention of the assessee is drawn to the fact that the Finance Act 1995 provides that if an assessee other than a public company declares income which is more than 10% of the assessed income for the assessment year 1994-95 or where income for assessment year 1994-95 has not been assessed to tax if an assessee declares income by a further sum of 10% over the pending assessment year the assessee will be assessed to tax without appearing for hearing. Those who want to avail of this facility may submit their returns in "GREEN" return forms used for "Self Assessment" purpose with the words "as per section 82A" inserted at the top of such return forms.

Assessee filing the returns are requested to obtain acknowledgement slips in prescribed forms from the concerned tax offices.

The Government expects that the assessee will appreciate the advantages of new provision for acceptance of returns without an appearance for hearing and extend wholehearted co-operation towards national revenue.

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