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DSE price index	794.61 (+0.14%)
Market capital Tk	49.30 billion
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Transactions in value Tk	44.94 million

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**AL announces economic, foreign policies**

## Realise demand at any cost: Hasina

By Staff Correspondent

Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina yesterday asked her party members to intensify the on-going agitations to oust the ruling BNP for the immediate holding of general elections under a caretaker government headed by the Chief Justice.

"Let's take a fresh vow to free the nation from an autocratic, corrupt and vote-bought government and restore people's inalienable right to vote," she said in her policy statement at the special council session of the party at the Engineers Institute premises in the city.

The AL chief said the BNP has lost credibility and failed

to run the country. "We can't ask people to risk their lives and join election under BNP," she said, renewing her demand for polls under an interim administration.

### ALCWC's tenure extended

By Staff Correspondent

The tenure of the Awami League Central Working Committee (ALCWC) has been extended by another year.

AL General Secretary Zillur Rahman, proposing extension of the working committee

made on September 6, the Prime Minister will resign 90 days ahead of the election, parliament will be dissolved and the Chief Justice will head a caretaker government to perform essential state functions and finally conduct a free and fair poll.

"Remember, no demand can be realised without struggle. You have to make the movement a success at any cost," Hasina said as some 3,000 councillors raised their hand in support.

She instructed the party workers to convince the people about their demands

### Hawkers to be rehabilitated, given credit: PM

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday declared that steps would be taken to rehabilitate hawkers of the Dhaka city, reports BSS.

"Hawkers of the Dhaka city will be rehabilitated areawise so that they do not suffer on the streets or on the footpaths but can do their business in peace and with dignity," the Prime Minister told thousands of hawkers who came to 30 Hare Road in the evening to lend their support to the BNP.

Begum Zia also instructed the Home Ministry to take stern actions against the mastans or police or anybody else who would try to collect tolls from the street hawkers.

The Prime Minister assured them that her government would provide the hawkers credits to do their

### Military chiefs meet in KL OIC nations keen to send arms to Bosnia

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 11: Muslim nations are keen to send arms to help Bosnian government forces defend themselves against Bosnian Serbs, officials at an international meeting said here today, reports AFP.

Military chiefs and senior officials of Muslim nations began meeting here to consider a US-brokered peace accord for Bosnia-Herzegovina and help reconstruct the war-torn nation.

The meeting will draw up an agenda for a two-day conference beginning Thursday among foreign and defence ministers of the contact group for the 53-nation Organisation of Islamic

Conference (OIC), officials said.

"We hope to emerge with concrete proposals towards helping Bosnia both on the ground and the conference table," Ahmad Kamil Jaafar, secretary-general of the Malaysian foreign ministry told reporters.

Officials said the Muslim nations were still keen on the idea of supplying arms to Bosnia.

"We are looking at various options, we want the Bosnian government to be strong enough to face the Serbs who have a massive collection of heavy weapons," Ahmad Kamil said.

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### Cabinet okays energy policy

The Cabinet yesterday approved the National Energy Policy aimed at providing adequate energy for sustainable economic growth in all sectors, reports UNB.

The approval was given at the regular weekly Cabinet meeting held at Bangabhaban with Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia in the chair.

It also approved Bangladesh Water and Flood Management Strategy (BWFMS) which provides a framework for the development and implementation of a strategic national water management plan for the country.

It recommends a five-year programme involving an estimated cost of Tk 4,500 crore.

Approval in principle was also accorded to the proposals for amendment of the "Inland Shipping Ordinance 1976" and the "Comptroller and Auditor General (Remuneration and Privileges) Ordinance 1976."

### Deuba new Nepali PM

KATHMANDU, Sept 11: King Birendra appointed Sher Bahadur Deuba of the centrist Nepali Congress Party today as the new Prime Minister to form the kingdom's first coalition government, the state-run Radio Nepal said, reports Reuter.

Nepali Congress, supported by two other opposition parties, on Sunday defeated communist Prime Minister Man Mohan Adhikari's nine-month-old government in a vote of no-confidence.

The Congress has 85 deputies in the 205-seat parliament. Deuba's party will draw 23 votes from the Rashtriya Prajatantra Party (RPP), three from the Nepal Sadbhavana Party and one from an independent member, officials said.

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Awami League President Sheikh Hasina addressing the special council of the party in the city yesterday. On her left is Party General Secretary Zillur Rahman. — Star photo

### 'BNP looking for other options'

By Nazmul Ashraf

The ruling BNP's discussion on the formation of an interim government after the proposed resignation of the Prime Minister 30 days ahead of the election has slowed down as the party stalwarts found that the options considered were not covered under the constitution, competent sources said.

The party policy planners have virtually got confused as to what to be done if the Prime Minister resigned 30 days prior to the holding of the next general elections, an influential minister, actively involved in the intra-party discussion on the issue told The Daily Star last night.

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### CEPZ Master Plan may have to be downsized

From Nurul Alam

CHITTAGONG, Sept 11: The original Master Plan for the Chittagong Export Processing Zone (CEPZ) may have to be downsized due to the growing congestion and other problems there, according to official sources.

The Master Plan provided for 630 acres for the CEPZ. So far, 413 acres have been developed and 300 plots given to industrial units in three phases but further expansion will not be possible, a seminar official of the CEPZ told The Daily Star recently.

"We are already facing pressure and it will be unmanageable of the expansion continues as per the master plan."

Now 500 buses ply inside

the CEPZ to carry the workforce in addition to other vehicles, making traffic movement chaotic and uncomfortable, he said. Such type of pressure would mount with installation of more industrial units on the lands developed so far.

Another 40 acres have already been acquired for development and 70 plots will be ready for installation of industrial units, the official said.

If the Master Plan has to be implemented water, electricity, gas and other ancillary facilities have to be ensured to cope with increased industrial units and workforce.

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### Mixed reaction over BB move to curb inflation

By Staff Correspondent

The Bangladesh Bank's latest move to curb increasing inflationary pressures through monetary measures has evoked mixed reactions from the country's leading chambers.

"The latest decision by the central bank to raise the bank rate by 0.25 per cent is nothing significant," said Salman F Rahman, president

of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry last night.

M Anis Ud Dowla, president of the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, however, expressed concern at the central bank move. "We are concerned over the recent move to curb inflationary pressure through

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### Extortionists clash with people in N'ganj: 15 hurt

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Sept 11: At least fifteen persons were injured, two of them critically, in a clash between alleged extortionists and local people in the Sitalkha and Tamakpatti areas today.

According to eyewitnesses, a group of 30 to 35 youths from Dakhin Noluapara came to a shop and

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### Accord on 3 difficult issues at Beijing confce

BEIJING, Sept 11: The head of a UN women's conference today predicted speedy approval of an ambitious plan to improve women's lives as negotiators reached agreement on three difficult issues: sexual freedom, abortion and parental responsibility, reports AP.

After four days of bargaining, delegates at the Fourth World Conference on Women decided on language tonight that balances the rights of children and parents on issues such as teen-age access to sex education and contraception.

The agreement in the key health committee said the child's right to information,

privacy and confidentiality should be taken into account along with the responsibilities, rights and duties of parents "in a manner consistent with the evolving capacities of the child."

"It's a beautiful diplomatic balance," said Rachael Kyte, policy analyst with the New York-based International Women's Health Coalition. "Everyone was happy."

The ground-breaking provision on sexual freedom, if approved by the full conference, would recognise for the first time that women

### Remittance drops

While the number of overseas job-seekers is increasing every year, the flow of migration has shown a downtrend during the last two years, indicating a slump in remittance income, reports UNB.

According to officials, the country's manpower export faced a setback after Malaysia had put an unofficial embargo on recruiting Bangladeshi workers some six months ago alleging huge illegal migration.

This was the second setback after the 1990 Gulf War that pushed about 63,303 Bangladeshis back from

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### Developing Asian economies to grow by 6 pc in '95

Star Reporter

The growth in output in South Asia shot up from 3.2 per cent in 1993 to 5.1 per cent in 1994, according to a United Nations (UN) report on trade and development released worldwide yesterday.

The UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in its 1995 report forecasts that the growth in developing countries in Asia is expected to accelerate to 6 per cent in the current year from 5.3 in 1994, boosted by

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Former Miss Universe Sushmita Sen, 19, at a press conference in New Delhi yesterday announced her decision to join a social body devoted to the cause of promoting welfare of women and to fight corruption.

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