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DSE price index	614.94(+0.32%)
Market capital Tk	50.81 billion
Transactions in volume	216930
Transactions in value Tk	34.84 million

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President assents to Bank Co Bill

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday assented to the Bank Company (Amendment) Bill, 1995 passed by Parliament, reports UNB.

PM donates Tk 30 lakh to HDKT

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday handed over a cheque for Tk 30 lakh to Hindu Dharma Kalyan Trust (HDKT) for renovation and development of temples and puja mandaps in the country. The amount was given from the Prime Minister's Welfare Fund on the eve of Sharadya Durga Puja. Vice-president of HDKT and State Minister for Environment and Forest Babu Goyeswar Chandra Roy received the cheque on behalf of the Trust, reports UNB.

Dacoity in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Sept 20: Armed dacoits stormed into a house at Chitupara village in Satkania thana and looted valuables, including cash and gold ornaments, worth about Tk three lakh early today. Police said a group of about 20 dacoits broke into the house of Abdus Sattar at about 1 am and decamped with the booty, injuring the housewife Ayesha Begum, 35, reports UNB.

Three muggers held

Police arrested three muggers with a homemade bomb and sharp weapons from a babytaxi at Nilkhet crossing in the city yesterday. Acting on a tip, police halted the taxi and nabbed Firoz, 24, Mokles, 25, and Razzak, 25, reports UNB.

New president's call at UNGA Streamline bureaucracy, expand membership

UNITED NATIONS, Sept 20: The UN General Assembly opened its 50th anniversary session, with its new president calling for streamlining the bureaucracy, expanding membership and re-evaluating peacekeeping, reports Reuter.

As its first order of business yesterday, former Portuguese Deputy Prime Minister Diogo Freitas Do Amaral, a 54-year old law professor, was elected president by the 185-member body by acclamation. He replaces Amara Essy of the Ivory Coast.

The United Nations had hoped to mark its 50th anniversary by enlarging the

15-member Security Council and putting its perennially gastrapped finances in order. But apart from agreeing the Council should somehow be expanded and that UN members should pay their dues on time, both objectives remain elusive.

Owed more than 3.5 billion dollars for its regular and peace-keeping budgets, the organisation continues to lead a hand-to-mouth existence while fielding nearly 70,000 blue helmets worldwide, including 46,000 in the former Yugoslavia.

Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali on Monday cited the financial crisis as

one reason for recommending replacing the 31,000 UN peacekeepers in Bosnia by an international coalition, whether or not current peace efforts there succeed.

Freitas Do Amaral, in his inaugural address, said the United Nations should be a universal body and called for holding an emergency summit with heads of state or government of the member states to decide on appropriate time and venue of the summit meeting.

He did not mention any country by name.

For the third year in a row, a move by a group of small states aimed at obtaining UN membership for

Saifur 'forced' to cancel Ctg visit

From Nurul Alam
CHITTAGONG, Sept 20: Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman had cancelled his scheduled visit here earlier this month because of "threat of demonstrations" against him, according to the president of Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industries.

Mayor of Chittagong A B M Mohiuddin Chowdhury had threatened to stage demonstrations against the minister for his reported comments earlier that the people of Chittagong were fortunate being hit by the 1991 cyclone.

Saifur Rahman was scheduled to visit Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry on September 12, said its president, Sarwar Jamal Nizam.

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OIC Secretary General Dr Hamid Al-Gabid called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office yesterday. — PID photo



An ever dependable Mohammedan custodian Ponir (grounded) successfully thwarting a rare Muktiyoddha attack during their Lifebuoy Premier Football league engagement at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Mohammedans won the crucial league tie 2-1. (Details on Page 10)

Dhaka's summit call timely, says Gabid

OIC Secretary General Hamid Al Gabid yesterday called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and termed Bangladesh's call for holding an emergency OIC summit on the Bosnia issue as a timely one, reports UNB.

Gabid, who arrived in Dhaka earlier in the day on a three-day visit, said the Bangladesh Prime Minister's proposal for the emergency summit was discussed in the recent OIC Contact Group meeting in Kuala Lumpur.

He said King Hasan II of Morocco in his capacity as the current Chairman of OIC would undertake consultations with heads of state or government of the member states to decide on appropriate time and venue of the summit meeting.

During the meeting at the PM's office, Gabid said the main purpose of his visit to Dhaka is to discuss with the leaders in Bangladesh about the proposed emergency

summit.

He told the Prime Minister that King Hasan's consultations during the current UN General Assembly session in New York would also aim to decide whether the summit would be of all member countries or of the OIC Contact Group nations.

The OIC Secretary General said it is also possible that King Hasan II would like to host the emergency summit in Morocco.

Welcoming the OIC Secretary General, Begum Zia requested him to maintain a close contact with King Hassan and inform Dhaka of the developments.

The OIC Secretary General will preside over the formal inauguration of the Islamic Institute of Technology (IIT) and its Ninth Convocation in Azampur today, Begum Zia will attend the function as chief guest.

The Islamic Centre for

Khaleda has no right to attend UNGA session, says Hasina

Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has no moral right to attend the UN General Assembly since her government and Parliament lost legitimacy with the opposition MPs' resignation, reports UNB.

"If this government had any sense of responsibility and shame, it should have quit immediately after the all out and spontaneous 72-hour hartal," said the opposition leader.

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Two muggers beaten to death

From Our Correspondent
NARAYANGANJ, Sept 20: Two muggers were beaten to death by a mob at Bhuyyapara under Shiddirganj thana this morning.

One Sanwara Begum (30) grabbed a mugger when he tried to snatch her gold chain. The mugger stabbed her on the hand. As she started screaming, local people gathered and also caught red-handed the accomplice of the mugger grabbed by Sanwara. The mob beat both of them to death.

The auto-rickshaw driver Liton (23) who carried these muggers to Shiddirganj was also seriously injured. According to him, three people had hired him for going to Shiddirganj from Dhaka.

One managed to escape.

JCD-BCL clash in Khulna: 30 injured

KHULNA, Sept 20: At least 30 students and policemen were injured in an hour-long fight between two rival groups at Hazi Mohammad Mohsin College today, reports UNB.

Fourteen students, with bullet and bomb injuries, and seven police constables injured during the clash were admitted to Khulna Medical College Hospital and police hospital respectively.

Witnesses said Jatiyatadabi Chhatra Dal and Bangladesh Chhatra League activists clashed with bombs and guns on the admission issue.

More than 50 bombs were exploded and several rounds of gunshots fired during the fighting that erupted at about 11:45 am, police said.

Narsingdi clash leaves 50 hurt

NARSINGDI, Sept 20: A pre-planned clash between two rival groups of people at Zitrapur village in Sadar thana today left at least 50 people injured, reports UNB.

Witnesses said supporters of two UP leaders — Rejon and Ledu — locked into the fierce clash at 9 am, apparently to establish supremacy in the area.

Villagers alleged, the two groups yesterday announced through loud-speakers and beating drums that they would fight a battle today.

They said 800 people from both sides joined the clash with lethal weapons like ktris, teta and ramdao.

Of the injured Shamsu Mia, 40, Abdur Rashid, 35, Ayab Ali, 38, Bellal, 45, and Babul, 32, were rushed to



Tansu Ciller resigns

ANKARA, Sept 20: Prime Minister Tansu Ciller resigned Wednesday after a key coalition member pulled out, reports AP.

Ciller, Turkey's first female prime minister, announced the resignation of her two-year, three-month-old government a few hours after the new leader of the Republican People Party, made up of social democrats, said his party was pulling out.

"The most appropriate move will be to call for early elections," said Deniz Baykal, leader of the party.

General elections are scheduled for fall 1996.

Turkey's constitution re-

Five drown as vessels collide in Karnaphuly

From Staff Correspondent
CHITTAGONG, Sept 20: At least five fishermen drowned and eleven others were injured, four of them seriously, when a fishing vessel capsized at the estuary of the Karnaphuly river this morning.

The vessel was hit by a cargo vessel "Banglar Gourab" of the Bangladesh Shipping Corporation, port officials and police said.

The bodies were recovered from the river. The victims were identified as Kamal Uddin (25), Abdul Wadud (45), Abdur Rouf (40), Ayub Ali (25) and Dil Mohammad (25).

The fishing vessel, "FV Jahangir Alam", with 16 on board was hit by the BSC ship when the two vessels were moving to the sea from the Karnaphuly river at 7:30 am. The BSC ship was bound for Mongla Port.

Immediately after the incident, port personnel and police rushed to the spot and recovered the bodies and rescued the survivors. The damaged fishing vessel was also salvaged.

The Chittagong Port Authority and the Mercantile Marine Department have formed two inquiry bodies.

2 die, 50 missing as boats collide in Brahmaputra

From Our Correspondent
JAMALPUR, Sept 20: Two children of a family died and 50 others are missing in a collision between two engine boats in the river Brahmaputra about 30 kilometers from Islampur thana last night.

The dead were identified as Jubaer, 3, and Khelna Moni, 1. They were brother and sister.

According to police one boat bound for Delwar Char from Majhi Para Ghat collided with another boat coming from Jamalpur at Char Dadna because of poor visibility at the night.

The boats could not yet be salvaged.

Police have been deployed at the spot.

'Save Dhaka, Clean Dhaka' campaign starts tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent
Bangladesh Scouts has made a fervent appeal to all the 90 ward commissioners of the city to extend their cooperation in the "Save Dhaka, Clean Dhaka" campaign starting tomorrow in each ward under the joint collaboration of the Youth Directorate, Dhaka City Corporation, BUET, The Daily Star and the Bangladesh Scouts.

Clubs, scouts and rover scouts of different schools, colleges and universities of the city will take part in the campaign tomorrow between 9 am and 11 am.

In a separate development, conservancy inspectors have been instructed by the DCC to be present at high schools in each ward with municipal trucks between 9-10 am tomorrow. The inspectors will contact the organised groups in each ward.

The DCC contact person in this regard is Kamaleswar Pal, Phone 888347 and 814046 (DCC Control Room).

Other contact persons are — Bangladesh Scouts headquarters: Md Abul Hossain Sikder, phone 405667 and 403651; Rover Regional Scouts: Md Sayedur Rahman, phone 837971; Dhaka

Govt to meet entire expenditure Tk 250 cr Rupsha Bridge project approved

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) at a meeting yesterday approved the "Rupsha Bridge Construction Project" with a projected cost of Tk 250 crore, reports UNB.

The entire expenditure of the proposed 600-metre two-lane road bridge would be met from the government's own resources.

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman who presided over the meeting said the Rupsha Bridge was a "priority project" of the government since it would establish direct road link between the Mongla port and the rest of the country.

"In view of such importance," said the Finance Minister, "the government has decided to go ahead with the project with its own resources."

Rahman directed the executing agency concerned to complete all the formalities and implement the project within the "shortest possible time."

The meeting decided to float international tender soon and adjust the project cost after examining the bids.

Rupsha Bridge turned out to be a top development agenda of the BNP government ever since Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at a public meeting in Khulna last year made commitment to construct a bridge over the Rupsha.

The Ministry of Finance, since then, had been making frantic efforts to arrange funds from external sources for the bridge, but failed.

Only North Korea came up with an offer but tagged tough terms, compelling the government to refuse.

The proposed bridge over the river in Khulna will have a navigational clearance of 60 feet and 267-metre viaduct at either end.

Besides Rupsha Bridge, the ECNEC yesterday ap-

Pabna clash: 17 JCD activists arrested

PABNA, Sept 20: Police today arrested 17 activists of the Jatiyatadabi Chhatra Dal for their alleged involvement in bloody violence in the town in the last few days, reports UNB.

A faction of JCD, led by town unit president Sheikh Tuhin, called a half-day hartal in the town tomorrow (Thursday) protesting police

DUCSU festival opens today

The stage is set to inaugurate the DUCSU festival, marking the university's Platinum Jubilee today, reports UNB.

Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof Emajuddin Ahmed, who is also the

Dinajpur calm with faint hope of restoring faith in police

Morshed Ali Khan back from Dinajpur

The police, in a bid to cover up the whole incident came up with different ideas. Mahtab, the young SI of Kotwali thana, disclosed that OC (Watch) of the Special Branch, Motiur Rahman, told everyone that the girl was identified as Banu, a prostitute from Shetabganj village.

Local newsmen were then asked to talk to a group of "prostitutes" who claimed to have identified the girl. A police handout was then passed on to every newspaper office in Dinajpur town. Some carried the story accordingly.

But the whole town knew that the police was trying to suppress an incident which had been witnessed by a wide section of people. From the morning of August 26, people started to gather in front of the thanas. As the agitated people started pelting stones, the policemen chased the mobs who dispersed just to return in bigger numbers.

Realising that the situation was getting out of hand, the SP and the District Commissioner temporarily suspended the three cops involved. The District Commissioner, in his last effort, sat with the leaders of the Bar Association. The DC was virtually manhandled by an angry group of lawyers and had to leave the place immediately.

In the town, the people were engaged in pitched battles with the police around the thanas.

According to a police officer, senior police officers from Rajshahi and Dhaka started to phone but every time the SP reassured them about the situation. Then, at one point, he asked for riot police from the DIG.

On August 27, angry mobs

Export earnings from garments, frozen food up

By Rafiq Hasan

Export earnings from ready made garments (RMG) and frozen foods — two major export sectors of the country — recorded 42 and 45 per cent rise respectively in fiscal 1994-95 compared to that of the previous fiscal ('93-'94).

According to the latest data published by Export Promotion Bureau (EPB), the country earned 1838.83 million US dollars by exporting different types of RMG in the last fiscal, ending on June 30 this year.

The earning from this sector increased by 42.36 per cent last year over that in the previous year — 1291.65 million dollars. The earning also crossed the target of 1650 million dollars for the year by 11.44 per cent.

The share of this sector in the total export earnings stood at 52.95 per cent last year as against 50.97 per cent in the previous year.

The country earned 305.64 million dollars by exporting 78.36 million pounds of different frozen food items during the last fiscal.

The earning from this sector in the previous fiscal was 210.52 million dollars. The volume of the exported foods was 55.51 million pounds.

Of the exported foods