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 Market capital Tk: 52.72 billion  
 Transactions in volume: 549326  
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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Compulsion on weekly holidays suspended**

The government has suspended the compulsion in fixing the weekly holidays in shops and other commercial establishments in view of the recent situation following an understanding between the concerned owners and the employees. This decision will remain effective till March 31 next year, and official handout said yesterday, reports BSS.

**Hartal observed**

From Our Correspondent  
 JHENDIAH, Sept 25: A dawn-to-dusk hartal was observed peacefully in the town today. The hartal was called by the Jatiya Chhatra Dal.

## JCD leader shot at city court premises

By Staff Correspondent

A Jatiyatadabi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leader was shot and grievously injured by an unidentified gang at the premises of the District and Sessions Judges Court in the old part of the city yesterday morning.

The victim, Abu Morshed, 27, Joint Secretary of the JCD city unit, was shot in the chest, belly and back. He was under treatment at the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) till writing of this report late last night. Doctors said Morshed's conditions were critical and

he was put on a life-saving machine as he had difficulty in breathing.

Morshed, son of Advocate Azizullah Bhuiyan of 4/D, Bashbari, Mohammadpur, went there to appear before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's court in a case. He was accused in two cases.

Police and other sources claimed that Morshed had a long rivalry with a local group known as 'H' force in Mohammadpur area in the city.

Police said that the attack was pre-planned. The armed men were seen roaming around the court area from

the morning yesterday.

Witnesses said he was attacked by a gang of 10 unidentified armed men. When Morshed arrived in the court area at about 11 am, the gang members became active. Seeing the gang in the CMM court area, Morshed, instead of appearing before the court, rushed to the judge court premises, apparently to find his father. Having failed to locate his father, Morshed came down from the first floor, the witnesses said.

At this stage, the armed

## PM has violated Article 70 of the Constitution, says Hasina



Awami League President Sheikh Hasina participating in a party procession in the city on the first day yesterday of the Oppositions' countrywide two-day demonstration. — Star photo

Awami League president Sheikh Hasina yesterday accused the Prime Minister of violating the Constitution and said it does not benefit her to speak of protecting the Constitution, reports UNB.

"The Prime Minister has violated Article 70 of the Constitution by inducting MPs of other parties to her party," Hasina told a big rally at Dhupkhola in Gandaria before leading a mass procession.

The AL chief cited the joining BNP of a Jatiya Party MP who, she said, is better known as "Thief of Baghdad". The Election Commission, by cancelling his membership, proved that the PM had violated the Constitution, said Hasina.

Sutrapur Thana Awami League organised the rally and the mass procession to drum up support for the

### Opposition begins 2-day agitation programme

By Staff Correspondent

The mainstream opposition parties began their two-day agitation programme yesterday by holding demonstrations and bringing out processions in the city as elsewhere in the country.

The identical programme of the three major parties — Awami League, Jatiya Party and Jamaat-e-Islami — is aimed at forcing acceptance by the ruling BNP to their common demand for holding elections under a caretaker government and immediate dissolution of the 'illegal' par-

## Loan defaulters to be debarred from contesting elections

By Staff Correspondent

Bank loan defaulters will be debarred from contesting parliamentary polls by enacting laws shortly.

A consensus was reached to this effect at a meeting yesterday between the Election Commission (EC) and different political parties, including the ruling BNP, to finalise the Code of Conduct for the next general elections.

"We have agreed to debar the loan defaulters from taking part in parliamentary elections and the decision was unanimous, top BNP leader and Works Minister Rafiqul Islam Miah told

newsmen after the meeting.

A proposal of the EC to enact necessary laws or amend the existing laws for preventing the loan defaulters from participating in general elections was sent to the Prime Minister on September 9. The Awami League, which boycotted yesterday's meeting, in a letter to the EC earlier had demanded that the loan defaulters be debarred from contesting parliamentary elections. The Workers Party also raised a similar demand.

Earlier, the ruling BNP had expressed its reservation on the issue. A senior minis-

ter, at a meeting with the EC in May last disagreed to the proposal on the plea of legal complexities.

Under the existing rules, the loan defaulters cannot take part in the elections of local bodies, including that of union parishad, pourasabhas and city corporations. But there is no such provision for parliamentary elections.

With the approval of the cabinet, the proposal to debar the defaulters from contesting parliamentary elections will be sent to the Law Ministry to shape it into a bill for placing in Parliament.

The EC invited nine polit-

ical parties to the meeting held yesterday. The BNP, Gano Forum, Islami Oikya Jote and National Democratic Party attended it. The Awami League, Jatiya Party, Jamaat-e-Islami, Workers Party and JSD (Rab) boycotted the meeting.

The major opposition parties, however, conveyed their suggestions to the EC when it sent a draft code of conduct to them in August and sought their suggestions.

Rafiqul Islam Miah said they could reach consensus on many issues to ensure free and fair polls and the discus-

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Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia releasing pigeons marking the inauguration of the JCD Convention in the city yesterday. — PID photo

## I'm unable to meet Opposition demand whatever they do: PM

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday toughened her stand on the caretaker issue, cautioning that any evil-design to create anarchy or usurp the mandate given to BNP by the people would be resisted, reports UNB.

"If anybody tries to create indiscipline or anarchy in the country, or disrupt the democratic process by any other means, I want to make it clear that we won't let anyone snatch the responsibility

vested in us by the people," she said.

Addressing students' representatives from across the country in Dhaka, the Prime Minister said she was unable to meet the Opposition demand for caretaker government, no matter to whatever extent they go in their agita-

tion. "I can't act beyond the Constitution, none else can... we'll remain within the bounds of law, Constitution and rules," she categorically said. "If anybody ventures to do injustice to the country, we'll do everything necessary

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### Star Roundtable on priority agenda today

By Staff Correspondent

The Daily Star Roundtable on "Priority Agenda for 1996: Options and Challenges" will be held today from 3 to 6 pm at Hotel Sonargaon.

The roundtable will be participated by M Morshed Khan, Special Envoy of the Prime Minister, A Moyeen Khan, State Minister for Planning, politicians Tofael Ahmed and SAMS Kibria of the Awami League, Moudud Ahmed of Jatiya Party, Finance Secretary, chairman of NBR and BOI, Prof Rehman Sobhan, Pierre Lendel-Mills, Chief of the World Bank Resident Mission and leading representatives from the business community (both national and international) labour organisations and NGOs.

The full transcript of the roundtable will be published within a few days.

### CSE starts 'soft-trading' from Sept 30

From Nurul Alam

CHITTAGONG, Sept 25: Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) is set for starting "soft-trading" from September 30, heralding a new era in the economic life of the port city, already declared the commercial capital of the country.

Sources in the CSE said, "We have readied the floor to

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

#### Subject: Submission of Income Tax Return for the Assessment Year 1995-96

On special consideration, the Government has fixed the last date for filing income tax returns both for normal and self assessments on 15th October 1995. Apart from existing assessee, all persons having a total income exceeding Tk 55,000 for the assessment year 1995-96, are required to file their returns of income and pay taxes on the basis of such returns by the 15th of October, 1995.

Income tax return forms are available in Head Post Offices of all districts. Returns forms for self assessment purpose are "GREEN" and for normal assessment purpose are "WHITE" in colour.

Assessee can file returns under self assessment scheme in "GREEN" return forms in accordance with the provisions of Rule 38 of the Income Tax Rules. Apart from that, the filing of normal returns in "WHITE" return forms, are open for all assessee.

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

All assessee who are required to file returns are expected to submit their income tax returns disclosing their correct income within the stipulated time, failing which they will be liable to penal action as per Income Tax Law. The Government expects that assessee will extend their wholehearted co-operation towards national revenue.

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### Faulty cataract operation Victims demand punishment to IEH director, others

By Staff Correspondent

Patients who suffered loss of their eye sight after alleged faulty cataract operations at the Islamia Eye Hospital yesterday demanded compensation for their loss and punishment to the director of the hospital and other doctors and staff members.

Mohammad Wali Ullah and Mohammad Belayet Hossain who lost sight of one of their eyes claimed at a press conference at the National Press Club that their eyes were damaged due to faulty operations and negligence of duty by doctors and other staff members of the hospital.

Some other patients who also suffered damage to eyes

and relatives of the patients who earlier sued the hospital authorities were also present on the occasion.

Belayet Hossain said he came to the IEH for removing his cataract. After the operation, he was allegedly discharged even before recovery.

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ery. Later, there was infection and the conjunctival hold of his eye was operated upon. He said, "I cannot see by that eye any more."

Another patient, Reazul Karim alleged that he was transferred from the IEH to the private clinic of Dr

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## 31 voluntary bodies in Malaysia demand probe into camp deaths

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 25: Thirty-one voluntary groups today demanded an inquiry into the deaths of 46 Bangladeshis, Indian, Indonesian and Pakistani illegal immigrants in nine detention centres across Malaysia, reports AP.

In a joint statement, the groups supported the call for an inquiry by Tenaganita, a women's rights organisation that recently uncovered the deaths after a year of research and interviews with about 350 inmates of the camps.

Such a probe would allay

fears of a cover-up by the police and the government, said R. Sivarama of the Voice of the Malaysian People, which represented the 31 groups.

He criticised a police officer for filing a defamation suit recently against Tenaganita for alleging maltreatment of the inmates and poor living conditions in the Semenyih camp, which is under that officers' command.

Most of the deaths occurred in the Semenyih camp outside Kuala Lumpur. Tenaganita says the deaths were caused by diseases resulting from unhygienic con-

### 40 injured in Delhi blasts

NEW DELHI, Sept 25: At least 40 people were injured today when two bombs exploded in a congested area of old Delhi, police said, reports AFP.

The first blast occurred around 7:30 pm at a busy intersection near the 17th century Red Fort, where Hindus were celebrating a religious festival, a police spokesman said.

The second blast took place about 45 minutes later about a kilometre away, he added.

The spokesman said the blasts were caused by "low-intensity crude bombs."

The injured, mostly pedestrians, were taken to nearby hospitals.

ditions in the camps as well as physical abuse.

The government acknowledges that inmates died in the camps but says they were malnourished and suffering from disease when they entered the country.

Lured by Malaysia's economic boom, about 300,000 illegal immigrants are believed to have sneaked into the country to work on plantations and construction sites and as odd-job labourers. There also are about 800,000 foreign workers with valid work permits.

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