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 DSE price index 843.91(-1.07%)
 Market capital Tk 52.42 billion
 Transactions in volume 610747
 Transactions in value Tk 64.71 million

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NEWS BRIEFS
President assents to SSF Bill
 President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday assented to the Special Security Force (Amendment) Bill, 1995, passed by the Jatiya Sangsad, reports BSS.

CHT truce extended till Oct 31
 The deadline of ceasefire in the three districts of Chittagong Hill Tracts has been extended upto October 31. The government and the Parbatyia Chattagram Janasanghati Samity agreed to extend the deadline upto October 31. Under an earlier ceasefire the two sides of the ceasefire is in force till September 30, reports BSS.

Container charge reduced at Mongla
 MONGLA PORT, Sept 27: The government has reduced and refixed the charges of container and equipment storage in the Mongla Port. The reduction and refixation of charges were made for the convenience of the port users, reports BSS.

Bank holiday Oct 3
 Bangladesh Bank and all the scheduled banks will remain closed on Tuesday (Oct 3) on the occasion of Durga Puja, said a Bangladesh Bank press release yesterday, reports UNB.

Myanmar Minister leaves for home
 Myanmar Minister for Immigration and Population Lt Gen Maung Hla left Dhaka yesterday for home at the end of a four-day visit to Bangladesh. Lt Gen Maung Hla, who led a seven-member delegation, was seen off at the Zia International Airport by Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury and senior officials of the ministry, reports BSS.



A Palestinian woman and her children, expelled from Libya, sit on board a bus at the Allenby bridge in the Jordan Valley yesterday. More than 170 Palestinians arrived in the valley on their way to the Gaza Strip. — AFP/UNB photo

Dhaka tells UNGA session

South's interests being marginalised

Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman Tuesday expressed the increasing anxiety of the South that their interests were being marginalised and their potential to act as partners in revitalising the world economy was being ignored and new constraints and conditionalities were being selectively imposed, reports BSS.

The Foreign Minister's statement, read out at the 50th session of the UN General Assembly in New York by Bangladesh Permanent Representative to the UN, ambassador Reaz Rahman, said that development resources were being diverted or were dwindling.

The Foreign Minister though in New York could not himself read the statement as he had recently undergone a surgical operation.

In the statement, he said that the optimism created with the end of the Cold War for a better world had been belied by the realities of greater tension in more places, more degradation in the quality of life and more complex issues of law and ethics, management and practical cooperation.

He said that in spite of much criticism and allegations of failures by the United Nations, Bangladesh considers that the UN 'remains the only forum' where the nations of the world could meet the challenges of the future "by drawing upon our combined solidarity and willingness to confront them together."

Lending Bangladesh's support to the ongoing efforts to reform the UN to restructure and revitalise it the Foreign Minister said Bangladesh intended to actively participate

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Grand rallies in city today

By Staff Correspondent
 The mainstream opposition parties — Awami League, Jatiya Party and Jamaat-e-Islami — will hold grand rallies today in the city as part of their agitation programme to press for elections under a caretaker government.

Awami League will hold the grand rally at Manik Miah Avenue in the afternoon, while Jatiya Party and Jamaat will stage their rallies at Panthapath and Shapla Chatter respectively.

Sources said, the Opposition is planning a massive showdown mobilising 'lakhs of people' from the city's adjoining areas to demonstrate public support for their demands.

The parties which are also expected to announce a fresh course of action from the rallies held a series of meetings

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Opposition plans to announce 'tough' programmes today

By Staff Correspondent
 The three major opposition parties plan to announce a series of 'tough' programmes today to force the government to concede to their demands, a top opposition leader said yesterday.

Sources said, the three parties would sit this morning at the residence of AL leader Abdus Samad Azad to finalise their identical programmes. The parties may call for all-out agitation programmes including non-stop hartal, rail-road barricades, gherao of the Secretariat and residences of ministers, the sources added.

The three parties, after a series of action programmes over months, called three-day hartal from September 16 to 22 to press home their demands for dissolution of Parliament and holding of elections under a neutral caretaker government.

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53 judges for special courts appointed

Government has appointed the District and Sessions Judges of 53 districts as judges of the Special Courts on prevention of women and children repression in their respective districts in addition to their normal functions, reports UNB.

The 53 districts are: Dhaka, Munshiganj, Manikganj, Tangail, Netrokona, Sherpur, Jamalpur, Kishoreganj, Faridpur, Gopalganj, Rajbari, Shariatpur, Madaripur, Sylhet, Habiganj, Sunamganj, Moulvibazar, Brahmanbaria, Comilla, Chandpur, Feni, Noakhali, Laxmipur, Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, Rangpur, Lalmonirhat, Gaibandha, Niphamari, Kurigram, Dinajpur, Thakurgaon, Panchagarh, Bogra, Jaipurhat, Rajshahi, Nawabganj, Pabna.

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AL presidium blasts threat to Hasina's life

The Awami League presidium in a meeting yesterday blasted the alleged threat to party chief Sheikh Hasina's life uttered from a convention of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) in the capital, reports UNB.

The Prime Minister will be held responsible for the 'threat' given by the 'terrorists' of the BNP in presence of the PM, said the meeting held at AL Dhanmondi office with Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

"Autocratic face of the BNP and its front organisations was unveiled by the threat for making a Hasina-free Bangladesh and abolishing Awami League from the country," the meeting said in a resolution.

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Khaleda at Bogra rally BNP govt still valid

ADAMDIGHI (Bogra), Sept 27: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia justified her government's legitimacy saying it was elected by the people and still commands the confidence of the majority members of parliament, reports UNB.

"That is why the government will continue to administer the country according to the Constitution and laws," she said while addressing a public meeting at Adamdighi in the district this afternoon.

Dismissing straightaway the opposition's claim that the BNP government lost credibility after the en masse resignation of opposition MPs, she asserted that the government is still constitutionally valid as it enjoys the support for the majority

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CEC seeks help of govt officials for fair polls

By Staff Correspondent
 Chief Election Commissioner Justice A K M Sadeque at a meeting with high government officials yesterday discussed preparations for holding the next parliamentary election.

Secretaries of different ministries and divisions and heads of different directorates attended the meeting held at the NEC conference room.

Addressing the officials, Justice Sadeque said the Election Commission was determined to hold the next general elections in a free and fair atmosphere. He urged the officials to extend their sincere cooperation in this regard.

Holding of free and fair election will depend on the

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Congestion at Ctg port Fines likely for taking late delivery of cargo

From Nurul Alam
 CHITTAGONG, Sept 27: The Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) is likely to impose shortly fines for taking delayed delivery of cargo, to ease the existing congestion at the country's principal port.

Talking to The Daily Star today, the acting chairman of CPA Zahir Uddin Mahmud said "we are now contemplating imposition of penal rents against those containers which are not cleared by the traders within the stipulated time, 28 days after arrival."

If the containers — both empty and fully loaded containers — are cleared by the traders by taking timely delivery then the space available at this port could accommodate three times the number of containers, the acting chairman added.

"Congestion may be averted if timely delivery of containers could be ensured," he observed. "The traders only blame the port for congestion, but they don't try to share the responsibility."

Port officials said that there is no other alternative at this moment except to go for punitive measures to help expedite the delivery of stockpiled containers to ease the congestion.

"However, such a measure may only have a temporary effect. To improve the overall

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Tanbazar tense as 3 'madams' disappear

From Our Correspondent
 NARAYANGANJ, Sept 27: A tense situation was prevailing at Tanbazar, red-light area here following the mysterious disappearance of three 'madams', popularly known as 'Mash', from the brothel since Tuesday morning.

The prostitutes of the brothel alleged that the operators of the Tanbazar red-light area had forced three of their leaders — Rita Khanam, Salma and Najma — out from the place for their agitation regarding various demands of the prostitutes.

The prostitutes told the local newsmen today that after being evicted from the brothel, the three 'madams'

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11 killed as bus plunges into ditch in Sirajganj

By Staff Correspondent
 At least 14 people including a mother and her two year old baby were killed and 71 injured in three separate road accidents in Sirajganj, Narayanganj and Comilla yesterday.

Eleven persons were killed and 30 injured when a speedy bus plunged into a roadside ditch at Parkol under Shahjapur thana in Sirajganj.

Eight of the victims were identified as Ashraf Ali Fakir, 60, of village Moshipur, Abu Taher, 65, and Rabeya Khatun, 18, of Rajman, Belal, 2, and Shefali, 12, of Janglipur. Marium Khatun, 10, of Sempur, Rawshan Ara and Asma Khatun, 30, of Rupashi Jalalpur, three bodies could not be identified.

The injured persons were taken to Shahjapur health complex. Driver and helper of the bus escaped, reports our correspondent from Sirajganj.

In another mishap, a Dhaka bound bus from Syedpur ran over Monowara Khatun, 28, near Chandakuna food godown in Raiganj. She died on the spot. Our Narayanganj Correspondent reports, one Lovely Begum, 35 and her baby Saikat, 2 died on the spot and her young daughter Jui, 12 was injured when a speeding minibus, knocked their rickshaw near the Adamjee

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CMCH interne docs go on strike

CHITTAGONG, Sept 27: Interne Doctors' Association of Chittagong Medical College Hospital went on a non-stop strike from today demanding arrest and punishment of the outsiders living on the campus, reports UNB.

The association leaders alleged a group of outsiders assaulted some interne doctors and threatened them brandishing fire arms in the TV room of Dr Mizan Hall on Tuesday night.

They said a good number of outsiders were staying in different halls for a long time. The interne doctors will bring out a procession on the campus tomorrow to press their demand.

2000 more flats for govt employees to be built

The government yesterday approved a Tk 212 crore project to build 2,000 new residential flats in the capital by next June for providing accommodation to government officers and employees, reports UNB.

These flats will be constructed in addition to another 1,000 nearing completion in the city.

The project along with six others were approved at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC), chaired by Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman.

Approving the project, Saifur Rahman said the government is aware of the accommodation problems of the government employees and trying to do everything possible with its limited resources to solve the problem.

The minister said that with the completion of 3,000 flats, accommodation requirements of the government employees would be met substantially.

The ECNEC meeting also approved the Landless Poor Women Development Project at a cost of Tk 88 crore, including a foreign assistance component of Tk 85 crore.

The project, scheduled to be completed by 1999, is designed to improve the living condition of rural poor

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World Chess Kasparov evens score at 5-5

NEW YORK, Sept 27: World champion Gari Kasparov hit back with a stunning victory over challenger Viswanathan Anand in the tenth game of their Professional Chess Association series Tuesday to even the score at 5-5, reports AP.

"I feel better. I'm back in business," Kasparov said moments after his victory. "It's really a tough match. I hope this game will change the course of the event."

Kasparov's victory came after Anand had won the ninth game Monday to seize the lead in the 20-game contest.

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Manpower export Law drafted to check 'illegal activities'

In view of increasing fraudulent practices by unscrupulous recruiting agencies, the government is considering to make a stringent immigration law to check their 'illegal activities'.

Official sources said the Ministry of Labour and Manpower has already prepared a draft law incorporating provisions in amended form of the Emigration Ordinance 1982 as well as some new provisions.

The proposed law titled the Emigration with Overseas Employment Ordinance 1995 will soon be sent to the Cabinet for approval.

The sources said 'illegal activities' will mean willfully cheating a citizen in the name of sending him abroad and forging travel documents, visa, work permits or appointment letter, realising money from a person for sending him abroad without taking permission of the appropriate authorities.

Inducing or compelling a person to go abroad and such other crimes will also fall under the 'illegal activities', according to the sources.

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Aid cutback to hurt US role abroad, officials fear

From Masud Hasan Khan
 WASHINGTON, Sept 28: The deepest cutback in US foreign aid in at least a decade has sent Washington administrators and aid agency officials wondering about how much America and its influence abroad would suffer.

Non-profit voluntary organisation and aid agency workers predict that the US cutback would severely affect development programmes now going on in many poor countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Food, health, family planning, environment and small credit projects would suffer when the US pullout from aid programmes, they say.

Only the two biggest recipients of US foreign aid — Egypt and Israel — would remain unhurt by the bill.

The Republican-controlled US Senate approved the

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Police raid 3 JU halls

By JU Correspondent
 Classes were not held at Jahangirnagar University yesterday following Tuesday's armed clash between two factions of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD).

At least ten persons were injured in the clash.

Police raided the Al Beruni, Kamaluddin and Maulana Bhasani residential halls early yesterday.

A number of resident students, fearing further violence, have left the campus.

However, the viva voce examinations for admission to the first year honours classes of various faculties were held as per schedule.

Witnesses said armed JCD activists were found guarding different residential halls. One faction of the JCD took position in the Kamaluddin hall while their rivals occupied the Al Beruni hall.

The university Syndicate at a meeting Tuesday night expressed concern over the violence on the campus and asked the varsity administration to take necessary steps immediately to restore congenial academic atmosphere

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গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড
 ঢাকা

মূল্য সংযোজন কর (ভ্যাট) সম্পর্কে বিশেষ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

লক্ষ্য করা যাচ্ছে যে ভ্যাটের আওতায় নিবন্ধিত কিছু কিছু মিস্ট্রির দোকান, হোটেল, রেস্তোরাঁ, ডেকোরেশন, ক্যাটারিং, যান্ত্রিক লব্ধি, কমিউনিটি সেন্টার, স্বর্ণের দোকান, বিডিটি পার্কার ইত্যাদি তাদের সেবা মূল্য গ্রহণকালে ভ্যাট ব্যবস্থার চালানপত্র (ক্যাশমেমো) ক্রেতাকে প্রদান করছেন না। এর ফলে ক্রেতা কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত ভ্যাট সরকারী কোষাগারে জমা প্রদান নিশ্চিত হচ্ছে না।

সেবা মূল্য ও ভ্যাটের পরিমাণ আলাদাভাবে বা মূল্যের মধ্যে অন্তর্ভুক্ত করে তা উল্লেখপূর্বক প্রতি ক্ষেত্রেই ভ্যাটের নিবন্ধন সন্যাসহ নির্দিষ্ট ছকে চালানপত্র (ক্যাশমেমো) প্রদান করা আইনানুগভাবে বাধ্যতামূলক। কোন সেবার ক্ষেত্রেই চালানপত্র প্রদানের ব্যবস্থাকে শিথিল বা বাতিল করা হয়নি। কোন করদাতার ক্ষেত্রে ক্যাশমেমো তির্যক ভ্যাট ও আরোপ করা হয়নি।

সেবা মূল্যের সহিত আপনার প্রদত্ত ভ্যাট সরকারী কোষাগারে জমা প্রদান নিশ্চিত করতে এ সব সেবা প্রদানকারীর নিকট থেকে ভ্যাটের চালানপত্র চেয়ে নিন।

ভ্যাট সম্পর্কিত যে কোন বিষয়ে ৪০৬৪৮, ৪০৬৪০ ঢাকা (সোউথ), ৮৯০২ ২, ৮৯২৬০৬ ঢাকা (নর্থ), ৫০০৯৫৮, ৫০৪০৬৬ (চট্টগ্রাম), ৫৭৪২, ৫৫১২ (রাজশাহী), ৬১৯৭৩, ৬২৩৪০ (খুলনা) এবং ৫৮৭৪, ৩৫০৫ (যশোর) টেলিফোনসমূহে যোগাযোগ করুন।

আপনার প্রদত্ত ভ্যাট দেশের অর্থনৈতিক উন্নয়নে গুরুত্বপূর্ণ ভূমিকা রাখে।

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