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DSE price index 886.89 (+1.31%)
 Market capital Tk 55.26 billion
 Transactions in volume 584674
 Transactions in value Tk 76.04 million

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CSE price index 408.00 (+0.45%)
 Market capital Tk 851988380
 Transactions in volume 745
 Transactions in value Tk 251924.45

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Opposition announces tough agitation programmes

Week-long hartal from Nov 11

By Staff Correspondent

The major opposition parties have announced a fresh package of anti-government agitation programmes including a week-long dawn-to-dusk hartal across the country from November 11 to realise their demand for general elections under a caretaker government.

The three parties — Awami League (AL), Jatiya Party (JP) and Jamaat-e-Islami — announced their almost identical three-week programmes from separate rallies in the city yesterday afternoon.

The fresh spell of the Opposition agitation will begin on October 27 with the AL-sponsored *padajatra* in the capital and continues till

November 17, the last day of the week-long hartal called by the three parties.

The agitation programmes also include barricade of roads, rail and waterways on November 6.

Besides, the parties will stage demonstrations at the thana headquarters across the country and *gherao* the offices of Thana Nirbahi Officers (TNOs) on October 28. They will *gherao* the offices of the Deputy Commissioners (DCs) on October 30.

The JP and the Jamaat will hold demonstrations in the capital from November 1 to 5, while the AL will observe 'jail killing day' on November 3 demanding trial of the killers of four AL lead-

ers in jail on that date in 1975, and hold meetings and bring out processions on November 4 and 5.

All the three parties will go for road, rail and waterways barricades on November 6.

The AL will bring out torch procession in the capital on October 10. The JP and the Jamaat have no programmes on that day.

Sheikh Hasina, Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury and Matiuur Rahman Nizami announced the programmes from their party rallies held at Bangabandhu Avenue, in front of the Jatiya Press Club and at the north gate of Baitul Mukarram mosque respectively.
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Hasina tells G-5 Dialogue possible if concept of neutral PM accepted
 Star Report

Awami League president Sheikh Hasina told the group of five eminent citizens yesterday that she was ready to sit for a dialogue with Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia if she accepted the concept of caretaker government headed by a neutral person.

Hasina expressed this view on the proposal for a dialogue when the group comprising former chief justice Kamaluddin Hossain, Barrister Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed, Professor Rehman Sobhan, Fakhruddin Ahmed and Faiz Ahmed met the AL chief at her residence yesterday evening. Eight central leaders of the AL were present at the meeting which lasted two and a half hours.

A press release issued on behalf of the group said that the eminent citizens formally

HSC results of Dhaka, Comilla Boards out

By Staff Correspondent

The results of the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations of 1995 under the Dhaka and Comilla education boards were announced yesterday.

In Dhaka Board, out of 1,53,551 examinees, 65,188 passed; 15,776 in first division, 38,138 in second division and 11,164 in third division. The percentage of pass is 42.45.

In Comilla Board, 1,12,636 students appeared, of whom, 57,249 passed; 7,892 in first division, 37,534 in second division and 11,823 in third division. The pass percentage is 50.83.

Ashfaq Rahman (Roll-103642) of Dhaka College stood first in the combined merit list of Dhaka Board scoring 967 marks while Arif Mahubb (Roll-107714) of Faudardhat Cadet College stood first in Comilla Board scoring 932 marks.

Mohammad Ahsanul Adeeab (Roll-103665) and Khondaker Mohammad Ishtiaq (Roll-103645) of Dhaka College jointly secured the second position in Dhaka Board scoring 958 marks each.

Mohammad Khairul Islam (Roll-103681) of Dhaka College became third with 952 marks followed by Sohana Tanzeem (Roll-111137) of Vigarunissa Noon College in the fourth position with 950 marks.

Nadia Afrze Ahmed (Roll-111138) of Vigarunissa Noon College and Abul Khair Mohammad Fahimuddin (Roll-103886) of Dhaka College jointly secured the fifth position securing 945 marks each.

Dhaka College secured the top 20 positions in the merit list in Dhaka Board.

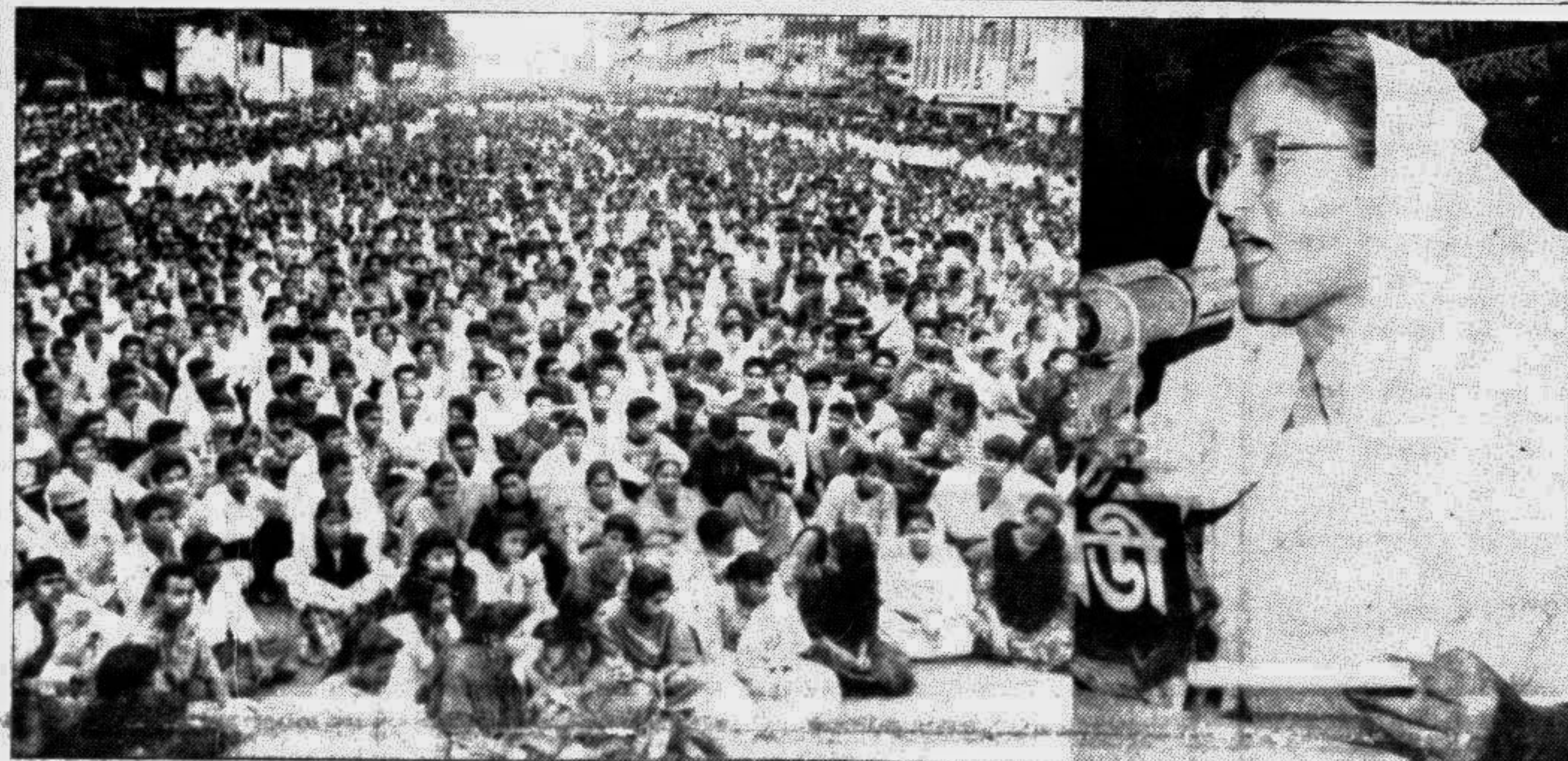
Nadia Rawshan (308668) of Rifles Public College stood first in the combined merit

Khaleda in NY UN's founding day celebrations begin today

NEW YORK, Oct 21: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia arrived here this afternoon to address the special session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) to be held October 22-23, marking the 50th founding anniversary of the world body, reports BSS.

The celebrations officially begin Sunday at the UN headquarters here. Bangladesh ambassador to the USA, Humayun Kabir, Bangladesh's permanent representative to the UN ambassador Reaz Rahman and the members of Bangladesh community living here greeted the prime minister at the JFK International Airport.

Bangladesh delegation included Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister ANM Eusuf, Mrs Raushan Ara Hena MP, Foreign Secretary Farooq Sobhan.
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Awami League President Sheikh Hasina addressing a public meeting at the Bangabandhu Avenue in the city yesterday.
 — Star photo

Agitation to go on till demand met: Hasina

By Staff Correspondent

Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina has called upon the people to continue to agitate against the government until Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia concedes to the Opposition demand for holding general elections under a non-party caretaker administration.

"Continue to agitate against the government until Khaleda Zia is compelled to meet the Opposition demand for a non-party caretaker administration for holding the next general elections," she told a public rally in the capital yesterday afternoon.

Sheikh Hasina also announced a fresh package of anti-government agitation

including roads, rail and waterways barricade on November 6 and a week-long dawn-to-dusk countrywide hartal from November 11.

The AL chief urged the authorities of schools to complete holding of the final examinations within 10 days from November 20.

The Jatiya Party (JP) and the Jamaat-e-Islami also announced almost an identical package of programme from separate rallies.

Sheikh Hasina threatened *gherao* of the residence of the Prime Minister if she failed to meet the demand for a caretaker government even after the enforcement of

Chittagong port to operate 24 hrs to ease congestion

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Oct 21: State Minister for Port and Shipping Shahjahan Siraj, briefing newsmen during his visit to the port here today, announced a package of spot decisions to overcome the persisting congestion at Chittagong Port.

The decisions include round the clock operation of the port with immediate effect, shifting of over 800 empty containers from port sheds, pressing the recently procured equipment into service from November 1 and withdrawal of congestion surcharge by Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC).

The state minister said he had given directives to the port authorities and the BSC
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Downpour disrupts city life

By Staff Correspondent

The city dwellers were caught unprepared in an off-season evening downpour yesterday that partially disrupted life and swamped many thoroughfares creating traffic jam.
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WE MOURN

WE ARE DEEPLY GRIEVED AT THE SUDDEN DEMISE OF ALHAJ JAHURUL ISLAM A RENOWNED INDUSTRIALIST AND PHILANTHROPIST WHO DIED ON 19TH OCTOBER, 1995 (INNA LILLAHE WA INNA ILAHE RAJEWON).

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ALL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF UTTARA BANK LIMITED PRAY TO ALMIGHTY ALLAH FOR THE SALVATION OF THE DEPARTED SOUL. MAY ALLAH GIVE STRENGTH TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BEREAVED FAMILY TO BEAR THE LOSS.

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NAM leaders vow to seek real decision-making role in UN

CARTAGENA (Colombia), Oct 21: Leaders of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), searching for a new role in the post-cold war era, vowed on Friday to seek reforms to the United Nations that would give developing countries not just a bigger voice but real decision-making power, reports Reuters.

They called for more representation for Africa, Asia and Latin America in the Security Council and pledged to carry this message to the UN 50th anniversary commemoration starting tomorrow in New York.

The campaign for reform of the United Nations and related world financial institutions, as well as a strong

call for nuclear disarmament, were the top priorities in a statement at the end of the 11th Non-Aligned summit in Cartagena, Colombia.

Another priority was the search for a "definitive solution" to the problem of Third World debt. The leaders also pledged to fight growing poverty and hunger and attempts by industrialised nations to erect trade barriers or impose unjust policies, conditions and models.

The closing ceremony was marred by the absence of several leading Non-Aligned heads of state such as Cuban President Fidel Castro, Pakistan Premier Benazir Bhutto and Indian Prime Minister Narasimha Rao, who all left

the meeting early.

In summit speeches, heads of state and representatives of the group's 113 member countries complained bitterly about the "undemocratic" UN Security Council, whose five permanent members — the United States, Britain, France, China and Russia — each holds veto power.

Closing the meeting, Colombian President Ernesto Samper, who assumed the chairmanship of the Non-Aligned Movement from Indonesia, said: "It's not enough that just our voices be heard. The UN reform must be aimed at making sure our vote counts."
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Ignorance makes many tall buildings fire hazards

by Dr Nizamuddin Ahmed

Lifestyle in our cities today have changed so vigorously that unless we take immediate precautionary measures against fire we may soon face the scourge of modernisation.

The possibility of a fire breaking out, the potential fire area, the likelihood of a fire starting, the possible risks to life, and the extent of damage increase with the size of a building; the increase in height can only make the situation worse.

A building need not be very tall for people to die in a fire. Saraka Garments at Mirpur, Dhaka was only on the 3rd floor of a five-storied building. On the morning of 27 December 1990, 25 people including 16 women were killed due to a minor accident that turned into a calamity.

The total ignorance and disregard to fire has made many tall buildings in Dhaka more hazardous than buildings elsewhere ten times higher but with precautionary and adequate fire-fighting measures.

Our city planners, building owners, architects, engineers and constructors should find out the limitations of our fire service, their escape ladders and water jets, before embarking on

Titanic (no pun intended) projects. Presently, in Dhaka there is only one hose which can jet water to a height of 150 feet and there is one each in Dhaka, Chittagong and Khulna which can reach a height of 90 feet.

According to a survey of Dhaka's tall buildings conducted by this author and his students at BUET, the major problems related to fire are:

1. Inadequate legislation and ineffective implementation.
2. Faulty building plan.
3. Unauthorized change in building use; residential premises turned into garments factories. Added load on minimum facilities.
4. Increasing number of air-conditioned (enclosed) spaces.
5. Use of combustible materials for finish, furnishing and interior works.
6. Inaccessibility in and out of buildings.
7. Carelessness with live ash and cigarette butts.
8. Improper and illegal electrical connections.
9. Indiscriminate use of heaters in tea rooms and high-rise canteens.
10. Locating cars/workshop (oil spill) in basement along with generator, pumps and other electrical accessories.
11. Absence of fire alarm and detection system.
12. Inadequate num-

bers of fire-fighting equipment.
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ইসলাম গ্রুপের প্রতিষ্ঠাতা ও চেয়ারম্যান পরম শ্রদ্ধেয় মরহুম আলহাজ্ব জহুরুল ইসলাম-এর কুলখানী আজ রোববার বেলা ৩-৩০ ঘটিকায় তাঁর গুলশানস্থ বাস ভবনে ইনশাআল্লাহ অনুষ্ঠিত হইবে। (বাড়ি নং ৮, সড়ক নং ৭২, গুলশান-২)।

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WINTER SCHEDULE 1995-96

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FRI	MH 196	KUL	DAC	2200	2335

DHAKA - KUALA LUMPUR

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SAT	MH 197	DAC	KUL	0050	0630

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