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**DSE MARKET**

DSE price index	897.10 (-4.86%)
Market capital	Tk 5618.06 cr
Transactions in volume	404362
Transactions in value	Tk 7.52 cr

**CSE MARKET**

CSE price index	426.56 (-4.10%)
Market capital	Tk 995.67 cr
Transactions in volume	870
Transactions in value	Tk 245440.90

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**Bustling bazaar right in front of office**  
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## 'Meet demands or face vigorous movement' Ctg Mayor gives Dec 16 deadline to govt

From Staff Correspondent  
Lalighi Maidan.  
The meeting, chaired by National Professor Dr Nurul Islam, was addressed, by among others, Dr Abu Yusuf Alam, secretary, Chattagram Nagorik Committee, Dr Anupom Sen, M A Mannan, president of city unit of Awami League, Abdul Mannan and Nurul Islam.  
The meeting was organised by Chattagram Nagorik Committee.  
The demands include expansion of the Chittagong city area, allocation of 10 per cent of revenue earned through Chittagong Port for development of Chittagong, conversion of Chittagong airport into an international one, setting up of an office of the Investment Board and branches of other government offices, making Chittagong the commercial capital of the country in the true sense, and immediate sanctioning of Tk 50 crore as declared by Fisheries Minister Abdullah Al

## PM begins tour of flood-hit N-districts

NAOGAON, Oct 30: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia today said that her government has been implementing massive programmes to rehabilitate the flood-hit people, reports BSS.  
The programmes, she said, include agricultural grants and loans, supply of seeds and fertiliser free of cost, house building grants and loans, distribution of relief materials upto November and creation of massive job opportunities for the flood-affected people.  
The Prime Minister said this while she was visiting various parts of Naogaon district to see the post-flood relief and rehabilitation programmes. From Naogaon to See Page 12 Col 1

## Hasina for dialogue only on caretaker govt issue

By Staff Correspondent  
ment, the reply said.  
The PM left Dhaka yesterday for visiting the flood-affected northern region and she is scheduled to return this afternoon.  
AL sources said, the party leaders would again seek appointment with Begum Zia on her return for delivering Hasina's reply.  
Appointment was sought yesterday for AL general secretary Zillur Rahman and two others. But until 1.30 pm, there was no response from the PM's office.  
Party sources said president- See Page 12 Col 5  
ter but no appointment was given on the day, AL sources said.  
The AL decision to reply to the PM's letter was taken at a presidium meeting on Sunday night at the party central office.  
In her reply, AL sources said, Hasina thanked Begum Zia for recognising the long-persisting political stalemate and stated that the reason behind the crisis would have to be identified first. Before sitting for any talks, the PM would have to accept, in principle, the demand for a neutral caretaker govern-



Police intercepting an opposition procession towards the DC's office in the city yesterday (Top); bomb hurled at police (Bottom).

## DC's offices gherao 30 hurt during Opposition's programme

By Staff Correspondent  
At least 30 people including five policemen were injured in the capital and at Netrokona in clashes, chase and counter-chase between police and demonstrators yesterday during the Opposition's countrywide programme of gherao of the deputy commissioners' offices.  
The gherao programme was observed by and large peacefully elsewhere in the country with the three major opposition political parties' submitting memoranda to the deputy commissioners to press their common demand for holding general elections under a caretaker government.  
The three parties — Awami League, Jatiya Party and Jamaat-e-Islami — staged demonstrations and gheraoed the DCs' offices as part of their almost identical 20-day agitation programmes, announced separately on October 21.  
The parties observed thana headquarters gherao programmes on October 28.  
In the capital, 25 people including four policemen were injured in clashes between police and Opposition activists, in Johnson Road and Bahadur Shah Park area at around noon, following explosion of a few bombs.  
Awami League activists gathered at Nawabpur intersection while Jatiya Party activists were seen at the intersection while Jatiya Party activists were seen at the intersection. See Page 12 Col 4

## Draft law on loan defaulters Cabinet defers decision on 'technical' grounds

Star Report  
The source.  
Also, the summary of any proposal placed before the cabinet requires a statement saying "It has been seen and approved" by the concerned minister.  
In this case, as the Law Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz was in his constituency in Panchagar since Saturday, this formality could not be done, sources said.  
The Law Ministry has, however, finalised the draft of the proposed law. The text of the law would be incorporated in the next meeting, they added.  
The Law Ministry had completed the draft of the law and placed it in the meeting. But the summary of the law could not be circulated to all members due to shortage of time," said one

## 10-pt demand adopted at rally Women's bodies vow to intensify movement

By Staff Correspondent  
The Sammilita Nari Samaj, a platform of some women's organisations, yesterday vowed to intensify its movement against all kinds of repression on women, deteriorating law and order and what it called the administration's indifference to incidents of violence against women.  
At a grand rally organised by the Nari Samaj, several thousand women gathered in front of the Engineers Institute in the city and demanded punishment of the killers of Yasmin and withdrawal of police cases against some "heroic" people of Dinajpur who had protested the incident.  
A ten-point charter of demand was adopted at the rally. The demands include removal of the Home Minister, publication of the probe committee report on the Dinajpur incidents and action against those who allegedly conspired to suppress or distort the facts.  
Speakers at the rally called upon the Prime Minister to bring about legal and See Page 12 Col 3

## Textile policy, Agri Research Council Act okayed

By Staff Correspondent  
The Cabinet yesterday approved the Textile Policy-1995 at its regular weekly meeting held at Bangabhaban with Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia in the chair.  
The Cabinet also approved two draft bills of the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council Act-1995 and the Bangladesh Folk Art and Crafts Foundation Act-1995, official sources said.  
Ministers, state ministers and secretaries of different ministries were present on the occasion.  
The much-awaited Textiles Policy identifies the private See Page 12 Col 8

## CEC announces code of conduct tomorrow

The Election Commission has decided to frame a code of conduct for holding elections in light of the consensus reached with political parties, reports UNB.  
Chief Election Commissioner Justice A K M Sadek is expected to announce the code of conduct tomorrow.  
The Commission has finalised the code of conduct on the basis of discussions with the political parties and suggestions received on the published draft code.  
The EC said codification of the norms of elections conduct was necessary for making those mandatory and implementing effectively during polls.

## HSC text books selling at 50-100pc higher prices

By Mizan Ali and Reaz Ahmad  
Bangla text books for HSC class are scarce in the market as the Text Book Board could not publish the books in time.  
The Chairman of the Board while talking to The Daily Star yesterday said, "Some publishers were given order for printing 110,000 copies of Bangla text books. They are responsible for printing and distribution of these books," he added.  
Another source in the Board claimed that printing of the books was being delayed due to short supply of paper in the market.  
Meanwhile, some unscrupulous booksellers, taking advantage of the situation, are selling their last year's stock of the Bangla Text books at double the price. They don't sell text books without note books.  
These correspondents visited some bookstalls at the New Market yesterday and found that Tk 80 was being charged for a Bangla text book whereas its retail price was fixed by the Board at Tk 40. They also charged Tk 100 to 160 for the note book.  
Prices of other text books for science, commerce and humanities groups have also gone up by at least 50 per cent.  
A set of books for the science group of intermediate class now costs Tk 1900, commerce group Tk 1500 and humanities Tk 1200.  
Talking about the price rise of books, the chairman said, "The Board now controls the prices of Bangla and English Text books, not of others". From 96-97 sessions, the Board will fix prices of all text books for intermediate class, he said.



## Filipino maid to be freed, but whipped

AL AIN, United Arab Emirates, Oct 30: An appeal court on Monday ordered the release of Filipino maid Sarah Balabagan, who had earlier faced the death sentence for killing her employer, her lawyer said, reports AFP.  
Meanwhile the appeal court today ordered Sarah See Page 12 Col 3

## Border confce with India begins

The annual border coordination conference between Bangladesh and India began at the BDR headquarters here yesterday with a view to curbing cross-border crimes, reports UNB.  
Director General of Bangladesh Rifles Maj Gen Ejaz Ahmed Chowdhury is leading the Bangladesh side in the four-day meet. Director General of Border Security Force (BSF) D K Arya is leading the Indian team.  
The key issues being discussed are transborder crimes, their specific identification and effective counter-measures.  
Matters relating to smug- See Page 12 Col 3

## HBFC to disburse Tk 350 cr this fiscal

By Staff Correspondent  
The House Building Finance Corporation (HBFC) has made significant improvement in loan disbursement and recovery in last two years.  
"The current recovery rate of the corporation, which was always low, increased to 40 per cent from 23 per cent and cumulative recovery rose to 85 per cent from 76 per cent over the last two years," said HBFC Managing Director Sohel Ahmed yesterday during a discussion with members of the Economic Reporters' Forum.  
He said the HBFC has disbursed Tk 237 crore during the 1994-95 fiscal, recording a jump of 783 per cent since it resumed credit in 1992 with a Tk 26.84 crore disbursement.  
During the first three months of the current fiscal (1995-96) HBFC disbursed Tk 82.43 crore and the target for the year has been set at Tk 350 crore, Ahmed said.  
He added that the bor- See Page 12 Col 7

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