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DSE price index	887.99 (-1.01%)
Market capital	Tk 8875.58 cr
Transactions in volume	162955.75
Transactions in value	Tk 3.54 cr

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NEWS BRIEFS

Indefinite sit-in
 Several hundred *musallits* yesterday began sit-in for an indefinite period in front of the Jatiya Press Club demanding immediate solution to present political crisis.

CEC discloses at meet with editors ID cards possible if polls held in March

By Staff Correspondent

"From the Election Commission's point of view, we will be most comfortable if the general elections are held sometime in the middle of March," said Justice A K M Sadeque during a discussion meeting with the newspaper editors, held at his chamber yesterday.

"This will give us sufficient time to distribute identity (ID) cards to the 5.60 crore voters who have so far been listed.

According to the EC, ten

weeks time is required to distribute the ID cards, the procedure for which has been greatly simplified. Besides the data on the ID card will be the same as the data on the voters registration form. Therefore the process of completion of ID cards has become a simple stuff, the Election Commissioner said.

Explaining further, he said, taking the month of Ramdan (January 19 to February 19) into account, the EC would prefer mid-

March as the period to hold the next elections.

The next general election should be held by April 4, 1996 because as per the Constitution, such polls are to be held within 90 days of expiry of the term of the Parliament. The CEC explained that by-elections are due by December 16 for which election schedule will have to be announced by November 22. This will, however, become unnecessary if the Parliament

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Pakistan to deport 2m illegal immigrants

ISLAMABAD, Oct 31: Pakistan said today it had launched a massive operation to deport an estimated two million illegal immigrants, while rejecting repatriation demands by tens of thousands of ethnic Biharis from Bangladesh, reports AFP.

"We will throw all the illegal immigrants out," Interior Minister Naserullah Babar told the national assembly (lower house) during a debate on the issue.

The illegal immigrants are concentrated mainly in southern Sindh province's port city of Karachi troubled by ethnic and political violence.

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Hasina's letter to PM handed over

By Staff Correspondent

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina's reply to Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia's letter was handed over to Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, the acting secretary general of the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), last night.

Information and Research Secretary of the AL, Prof Abu Sayeed, along with Hasina's assistant private secretary, Naqib Ali, delivered the reply to Mannan Bhuiyan at his Baily Road official residence at around 10 pm.

According to AL sources, in her reply to the PM's letter, Sheikh Hasina viewed that the proposed dialogue could be held if the PM ac-

cepted the concept of holding the general elections under a neutral caretaker government. Hasina had also reportedly thanked Begum Zia for acknowledging the existing political crisis in the country.

Begum Zia wrote to Hasina on Saturday inviting the latter to sit for a dialogue to resolve the political impasse and all problems relating to the holding of the ensuing general elections.

As per the decision of an emergency meeting of the AL Presidium the following day, Sheikh Hasina prepared her reply to the Prime Minister's letter and the AL leadership

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Sad story of a jilted lover

From Our Correspondent
 NARAYANGANJ, Oct 31: Disturbed at the 'betrayal' by her boyfriend, a teenaged girl, who decided to lead the life of a prostitute at the red-light area here, was handed over to police by a young man last night.

Lovely, 16, from Naogaon, later told newsmen at the Narayanganj thana that she wanted to join the brothel because she had "enough with her life."

Giving her particulars to a magistrate at the Thana Magistrate Court, she claimed that she was the daughter of a former Member of Parliament and ex-Zila Parishad

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An unauthorised construction inside the Cancer Research Institute premises at Mohakhali in the city. — Star photo

HC issues rule on Bangladesh Bank Notices against seven defaulting bank directors stayed

By SC Correspondent

The High Court Division yesterday ordered stay of operation of the notices served by the Bangladesh Bank on seven defaulting directors of private banks till December 15.

The division bench of the HC, comprising Justice Bimalendu Bikash Roy Chowdhury and Justice Muhammad Abdul Mannan upon hearing separate writ petitions also directed the Bangladesh Bank and the concerned private banks to show cause as to why the notice contending that if the defaulting directors fail to pay the outstanding loan within two months

their position as directors would stand vacated, should not be declared to be void and of no legal effect.

The court also fixed December 5 for hearing of the petitions.

Khondker Zakaria Mahmud, Director, National Credit and Commerce Bank Limited (NCCBL), Bazal Ahmed and Abdul Gaffar Chowdhury, directors, United Commercial Bank Limited (UCBL), Habibullah and A K M Abu Taher, directors, National Bank Limited (NBL), Muhammad Yaqub and Habibur Rahman, directors, Pubali Bank Limited (PBL), filed

separate writs.

The petitions against the Governor and General Manager of the Banking Regulations and Principles Department of Bangladesh Bank, challenging the letter dated 2.10.95 contending that the orders and notices purporting to remove the petitioners from their post of directors of private banks is malafide, and was issued without lawful authority.

They also stated in the petitions that the orders and the notices of the Bangladesh Bank are in violation of the principles of natural justice

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Cancer Institute's land occupied by vested groups

By Mizan Ali

Almost half of the six acre area of the Cancer Research Institute (CRI) at Mohakhali in the city has been illegally occupied by vested groups including some employees of the Directorate of Health and the Institute and local mastans.

Besides raising a bazaar having over 40 shops and kiosks, a slum and constructing a pucca mosque in the compound, the illegal occupants are using a portion of the Institute's land as truck and rickshaw garages.

"Since the inception of the Institute we are facing the problem" complained a high official of the CRI, requesting anonymity. The matter was brought to the notice of the Health Ministry and

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First quarter of ADP Over 50pc of disbursed funds unutilised

By Inam Ahmed and R M Titumir

Despite higher local currency fund disbursements for the Annual Development Programme (ADP) during the first quarter of the current fiscal year (July-September), the line ministries have failed to utilise more than 50 per cent of the money during the period.

According to the official statement of progress of the ADP, the authorities had released Tk 1385 crore which is 20 per cent of the total taka allocation — Tk 7070 crore. But expenditure was only Tk 679 crore in the first quarter of the fiscal year.

"This was mainly due to the low performance of six line ministries," a Planning Ministry source explained.

Meanwhile, the Planning Commission has prepared letters to caution the low performing ministries. The

World Bank has also expressed its reservation regarding their performance.

Ministries with poor performance are: agriculture, energy and mineral resources, education, local government and rural development, fisheries and livestock, and water resources.

Official statistics show that the total ADP expenditure during the first quarter of the year had a slight drop of Tk 34 crore from the same period of the previous fiscal.

ADP expenditure for the current fiscal's first quarter was Tk 1158 crore.

The taka expenditure showed a rise of Tk 61 crore to Tk 679 crore compared to corresponding period of the previous fiscal.

The project aid expenditure stood at Tk 479 crore

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70 Chakma houses set ablaze in Arunachal

ITANAGAR, Oct 31: Police has been deployed in the ten settlement blocks of Chakmas in Arunachal Pradesh after miscreants set ablaze 70 Chakma houses on Saturday night, reports PTI.

The 142 Chakmas who had been rendered homeless in the fire have since been sheltered in temporary camps where rations were

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National Youth Day today

The National Youth Day will be observed today in the country, reports BSS.

Different government and private organisations have taken elaborate programme to mark the day.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will inaugurate a ceremony at the Dhaka Outer Stadium as chief guest.

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman, Fisheries and Livestock Minister Abdullah Al Noman and State Minister for Environment and Forest Goyeswar Roy will attend the function as special guests while State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain will preside over the function.

Civilians fleeing Jaffna

COLOMBO, Oct 31: Thousands of civilians were fleeing Sri Lanka's northern Jaffna peninsula today as the army moved closer to the Tamil rebel headquarters after a battle that killed 176 on both sides, the military said, reports AFP.

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An estimated 10,000 Tamil men, women and children left Jaffna and arrived in neighbouring parts of the north where there had been no fighting, travellers said as the Tigers issued an SOS for recruits to defend their Jaffna stronghold.

Canada narrowly saved from breaking apart

MONTREAL, Oct 31: Canada pulled back from the brink of breaking apart today after the French-speaking province of Quebec voted by the narrowest of margins to stay in the country, reports Reuter.

In a nail-biting conclusion to Monday's referendum, biggest threat to Canada's unity in its 128-year history, separatists were defeated by razor-thin majority, 50.6 per cent to 49.4.

As the rest of the country

Students allege computer error DB urged to re-examine HSC answer scripts

By Staff Correspondent

Complaining massive errors in the recently announced HSC results of Dhaka Education Board, some students held a demonstration in front of the Board of fice in the city yesterday demanding re-examination of their answer scripts.

They also demanded withdrawal of computer system in checking answer scripts alleging that errors have become more after introduction of the system.

After the demonstration, they organised a procession towards the Secretariat but were intercepted by police near the Shikha Bhaban.

Results of the HSC examinations held under Dhaka Board this year were announced recently.

Talking to this correspondent Mokhtar, a student of the Habibullah Bahar College (Roll 108872) claimed that he had scored 827 marks in SSC examination but failed in the HSC this year. He said that he was confident of a good result in the HSC "I will challenge the results."

Saifur Rahman (Roll 104544) who appeared from the New Model Degree College said he had scored 816

Special Announcement for Electricity Consumers of Dhaka City

With the objective of improving the overall management/efficiency and the quality of consumer services, the Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (DESA) has initiated a Census (Survey) for all categories of Electricity Consumers. Two local Consulting Institutions — M/S Associated Resources Management Company (ARMCO) and M/S Islam Aftab & Co have been appointed by DESA to execute this Census job.

Therefore all the valued consumers within the jurisdiction of DESA are hereby requested to kindly cooperate and allow access of the Field Supervisor to their holdings/premises engaged by the above two firms for conducting consumer census for their own interest as well as in the greater interest of the public. While conducting the survey, the Field Supervisors would be carrying appropriate identity cards (ID) with them.

Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (DESA)

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এতদ্বারা সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, মূল্য সংযোজন কর আইন, ১৯৯১ এর ক্ষমতাবলে যে সমস্ত পণ্য বা সেবাসমূহের উপর মূল্য সংযোজন কর আরোপযোগ্য, সেই সমস্ত পণ্য প্রস্তুতকারী কিংবা সেবা প্রদানকারীদের কাছের বার্ষিক বিক্রয়মূল্য আর্ভের পরিমাণ পনের লক্ষ টাকার বেশি না হলে উক্ত পণ্য প্রস্তুতকারী কিংবা সেবা প্রদানকারী তাঁর বিক্রয়মূল্যের উপর ১৫% (পনের শতাংশ) হারে প্রদেয় মূল্য সংযোজন করের পরিবর্তে মাত্র ২% (দুই শতাংশ) হারে টার্নওভার কর প্রদান করতে পারেন এবং এক্ষণে প্রদেয় কর মাসিক, ত্রৈমাসিক কিংবা বার্ষিক ভিত্তিতে পরিশোধ করা যায়। এই সুবিধা পাওয়ার জন্য সংশ্লিষ্ট প্রস্তুতকারক কিংবা সেবা প্রদানকারী মুসক-২ ফরমে কাটমস, এক্সাইজ ও মুসকের নিকটস্থ বিভাগীয় (Divisional) কর্মকর্তার নিকট কিংবা ১০, দিলকুশা বারিঘাটক এলাকা, ঢাকায় জীবন বীমা ভবনের ৪র্থ তলায় অবস্থিত টার্নওভার ট্যাক্স কমিশনের কাছে সরাসরি দরখাস্ত পেশ করতে পারেন। এ ব্যাপারে টার্নওভার ট্যাক্স কমিশনের সিদ্ধান্তই চূড়ান্ত বলে বিবেচিত হবে। তবে কমিশনের কোন সিদ্ধান্তে সংস্কৃত হলে সংশ্লিষ্ট কমিশনার প্রয়োজনীয় তথ্য-উপাত্ত সহকারে পূর্নবিবেচনার জন্য টার্নওভার কমিশনের কাছে সেই সিদ্ধান্ত পুনর্বিবেচনার আবেদন জানাতে পারেন। কমিশনারের আবেদনোত্তর সিদ্ধান্ত চূড়ান্ত বলে বিবেচিত হবে।

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জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড

Quebec Prime Minister Jacques Parizeu said yesterday, "We missed by this much" after the referendum.

— AFP/UNB photo