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DSE MARKET

DSE price index	888.42 (+0.05%)
Market capital Tk	9678.33 cr
Transactions in volume	119714
Transactions in value Tk	2.89 cr

CSE MARKET

CSE price index	431.49 (+1.87%)
Market capital Tk	1078.17 cr
Transactions in volume	1429
Transactions in value Tk	4.15 lakh

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NEWS BRIEFS
Six injured in JCD-BCL clash
SIRAJGANJ, Nov 1: Six people were injured in a clash between the activists of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and pro-Awami League Chhatra League (BCL) on the Sirajganj University College campus today.

Code of Conduct for next polls announced

By Staff Correspondent



Justice A K M Sadek exchanging views with journalists yesterday.

Chief Election Commissioner Justice A K M Sadek yesterday announced a 34-point Code of Conduct (COC) for political parties for the next general election. It includes debarment of bank loan defaulters from contesting the polls and limiting a candidate's election expenditure to Taka 3 lakh.

"We have proposed a law for debarment of the bank loan defaulters (from contesting the polls) and making the Code of Conduct a rule to compel the contesting parties to abide by those," Justice Sadek told a press conference at his office.

The Code of Conduct was finalised after several meetings with leaders of political

parties and taking their suggestions the CEC said and hoped that adherence to the COC would help ensure a free and fair election.

Meanwhile, the Law Ministry held a meeting yesterday to finalise the draft law debarment of bank defaulters from participating in elections, Election Commission sources said.

When asked whether the Election Commission would take action if any candidate violated the COC, Justice Sadek said "It is really difficult to implement all those." "But I can say, there is no lack of good intention on our part."

"It is a political understanding to follow the Code of

Conduct. Things will be easier if the political parties reach a consensus. We do not make law and we can not implement it," he said.

The issue of debarment of bank loan defaulters from contesting the polls was included in the COC as major political parties including the ruling BNP and major opposition Awami League agreed to it, he said. A proposal for enacting law in this regard has been sent to the government, he added. "We hope the government will come up with a specific law soon."

Referring to the maximum election expenditure of Taka 3 lakh, the CEC said the candidate will be required to pay

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Seventh Asian Art Biennial opens in city today

By Staff Correspondent



The 7th Asian Art Biennial Bangladesh 1995, one of the biggest art festivals in Asia, begins in the city today.

The Minister of State for Cultural Affairs, Jahan Ara Begum will inaugurate the month-long event, organised by the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, at 11:00 this morning at the Osmani Memorial auditorium.

Thirty-four countries from the Asia and Pacific region are participating in this year's event.

Some 600 works by nearly 300 artists, including 193 from Bangladesh, will be on display at galleries of the Shilpakala Academy, Osmani Memorial Hall and National Museum between November

2-30, from 2-7 pm everyday. Three Best Awards, worth Taka one lakh each, and some Honorary Awards, selected by a five-member jury board, will be presented at

the opening ceremony.

The members of the jury are: Mohammad Kibria and Aminul Islam of Bangladesh, Abdul Mannan Shama of Syria, Roger Butler of Australia and Chia Wai Hon of Singapore.

An international seminar on 'Art and Nationalism' will be held Nov 3-4 at the Shilpakala auditorium on the occasion.

A number of distinguished guests from home and abroad, including the ministers of culture of Iran and the Philippines are expected to attend the programmes.

At a press conference arranged by the organisers at the Shilpakala auditorium

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Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia went round different stalls after inaugurating the Youth Fair '95 organised on the occasion of the National Youth Day at Dhaka Outer Stadium yesterday. — PID photo

C'wealth report '95 Ninian's proposals can still help open dialogue

Chief Emeka Anyaoku, Commonwealth Secretary General in his 1995 report to the Commonwealth heads of government, said that the proposals his special envoy Sir Ninian Stephen left behind last year may still serve as 'a point of departure' should the parties in Bangladesh agree to begin a dialogue, reports BSS.

Chief Emeka's report, released in Dhaka yesterday, will be a background paper for the Commonwealth summit in Auckland, New Zealand, from November 10 to 13 this year.

The report said: The Commonwealth's good offices were also invoked by Bangladesh. During a visit to that country in September 1994, a three-point proposal made by the Secretary Gen-

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PM discusses Hasina's reply with partymen

By Staff Correspondent

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia received yesterday Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina's reply to her letter inviting the latter to sit for a dialogue with an open mind.

Acting secretary general of the ruling BNP Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, handed over Hasina's reply to Begum Zia at her Tejgaon office in the morning, ruling party sources said.

Earlier Mannan Bhuiyan received the reply on Tuesday night.

Neither the BNP nor the AL made the copy of Hasina's reply available to the press.

Sources in both the camps, however, said Hasina proposed that the Prime Minister accept the concept of a caretaker government for holding the next general

elections so that the proposed dialogue become meaningful.

Competent sources in the BNP told this correspondent on condition of anonymity, that in her reply Sheikh Hasina held the Prime Minister responsible for the current political crisis.

Meanwhile, the Prime Minister and BNP Chairperson had a meeting with her senior party colleagues at her Tejgaon office last night to discuss Hasina's reply and the next steps to be taken in this regard. Nothing concrete was, however, decided on the issue at the meeting that lasted about three hours.

Meeting sources said that the Prime Minister expressed dissatisfaction over parts of Hasina's reply that

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PM is buying time, says Hasina

Awami League president Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged the people to make an aloud success the planned country-wide rail-road-waterway blockade on November 6 to press for election under a neutral caretaker government, reports UNB.

Hasina was addressing a party rally at Bangabandhu Avenue a day after she had sent her reply to the Prime Minister's letter inviting the Awami League chief to resolve the problems through discussion.

"The Prime Minister is buying time and is busy planning how to steal vote using the administration, media and musclemen to perpetuate power," she said.

Hasina said her present agitation aimed at ensuring people's freedom of choice for electing a government

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8 get National Youth Award '95

Eight young men and women have been awarded with the National Youth Award '95 for their significant contribution in the socio-economic development of the country, reports UNB.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia handed over the awards to six youths and two young women yesterday.

The recipients are: Mohammad Nazmul Huq Talukder (Dhaka Division), Mohammad Musleh Uddin (Chittagong Division), Mohammad Abu Hanifa (Rajshahi Division), SM Anisuzzaman Panna (Khulna Division), Gazi Mohammad Matiuur Rahman (Barisal Division), Mohammad Abul Ahad Shaheen (Sylhet Division), Marzina Begum (Women quota) and Momtaz Begum (special award).

1.5 lakh youths to be trained a year: PM

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday said that to enable Bangladesh face the challenge of the coming century her government had already prepared a participatory perspective plan (PPP) with an outlay of Tk 1,200 crore to turn the country's youth force into an efficient and disciplined human resource, reports BSS.

Inaugurating the National Youth Day '95 at the Dhaka Outer Stadium she said that under the plan about 1.5 lakh youth, both female and male, would be provided training each year so that at least 60 per cent of them could immediately have self-employment.

The Prime Minister said that within a long-term policy framework her government had strengthened youth training programmes to remove poverty from Bangladesh.

A credit fund of Tk 165.40 crore had been created for providing collateral free

credits to the youth, she said, so that they could develop self-employment. She said that out of this fund Tk 104 crore would be provided on credit to the youths this year.

The Prime Minister called upon the youth to rededicate themselves to the task on national advancement imbued with the motto of this year's youth day celebration "The Youth are the Source of Development."

She said that her government had initiated massive programmes for the development of the youths allocating Tk 200 crore this year compared to Tk 110 crore in previous year.

Begum Zia said that youth development programmes had also been expanded to every thanas of the country this year while earlier it was limited in only 50 thanas of 30 districts.

Begum Zia also handed over national youth awards to eight self-employed youths.

Group of five meets PM

The group of five eminent citizens met Prime Minister and BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday afternoon and had a "comprehensive discussion" on the current political developments.

This was the third meeting between the Prime Minister and the group comprising former Chief Justice Kemaluddin Hossain, Barrister Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed, Prof Rehman Sobhan, Fakhruddin Ahmed and Faiz Ahmed.

A source close to the group told this correspondent last night that contents of Khaleda Zia's letter to Sheikh Hasina and Sheikh Hasina's reply also came up for discussion at the meeting at the PM's Tejgaon Office. Mentionably, contents of Sheikh Hasina's letter to the PM have not yet been disclosed to the press.

The group has been mediating between the ruling party and the Opposition since October 9 to help re-

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Memo to 2 leaders planned Garments owners hold 'grand rally' Nov 5

By Staff Correspondent

The owners of garments factories and other related industries will hold a 'grand rally' on November 5 in the capital demanding an immediate solution to the persisting political crisis.

President of Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) Redwan Ahmed MP announced the programme at a post-procession rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

He said they will submit memoranda to Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and former Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina on that day urging them to solve the political problem politically.

The owners of garments factories have come out on the street for the sake of this emerging sector, the ruling party MP said addressing the

garments owners following a procession. Earlier, another rally was held at the Engineers' institute.

Redwan said "Save the garments sector -- the largest foreign exchange earner of the country from ruin. Otherwise 12 lakh workers most of whom are female will be jobless."

The owners of other related industries like packaging, carton, accessories manufacturers will also be invited to attend the 'grand rally' he said.

At the rally held earlier, the garments owners vowed to launch an agitation expressing severe dissatisfaction over the situation arising out by the political impasse in the country.

They said the current political situation is severely hindering production in the

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Kidnapped schoolboy rescued

By Staff Correspondent

A seven-year old boy who was kidnapped on Thursday from his school in the city Monday was rescued by police yesterday after a 48-hour hectic drive. A Dhaka University student was arrested in this connection.

The boy, Nazmul Shakib, a student of class one of the Little Jewel Kindergarten at Purana Paltan was kidnapped from the school at about 12:30 pm.

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Later, the kidnappers telephoned Shakib's father Sanaulah Kayami, a businessman, and asked him to come to a place near the Surja Sen Hall of the Dhaka University with a ransom of Tk 5 lakh.

Sanaulah meanwhile filed a case with Mottijheel thana in this connection. The kidnappers again phoned him on Tuesday and asked him to come at the foot of the

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9 hurt in incidents of violence in city

By Staff Correspondent

At least nine persons including three minor girls were injured in several incidents of violence in the city yesterday.

The three minor girls, Sharmin, 9, Shampa, 4, and Rupa, 6, were injured, either with bullet or with bomb splinters when they were caught in a gunfight between two groups of youths at Shahidnagar under Lalbagh thana at about 12-30 pm. They were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Witnesses said the gunfight, a sequel to an earlier rivalry, also left a 14-year-old boy Bulbul with bullet injury and a youngman Rafiq with bomb injury.

Police however said on person was injured in the clash.

In another incident, Ripon, 17, a student of the New Model Degree College, was stabbed in front of the Shukrabad branch of Janata

I apologise to the people

SEOUL, Nov 1: Former South Korean President Roh Tae-woo presented himself to the chief prosecutor's office here today for questioning on a 650-million-dollar slush fund he amassed while in office from 1987 to 1993, reports AFP.

Witnesses said a grey-suited Roh, flanked by aides, walked into the lobby of the office from his car, passing a crowd of journalists and photographers who were held back by improvised tape barriers.

"I apologise to the people for the trouble. I have no further comment," he said.

Roh admitted on Friday that he had stashed away the money, mostly given by businessmen, but gave few details, and on Monday the prosecutor ordered him to appear for questioning, the first time in the country's history a former president had been summoned.

The television said prosecutors had a list of more than 70 questions

আমরা আন্তরিকভাবে কৃতজ্ঞ

ইসলাম গ্রুপের প্রতিষ্ঠাতা ও চেয়ারম্যান, আমাদের পরম শ্রদ্ধেয় আলহাজ্ব জহকুল ইসলামের মৃত্যুতে শুভানুধ্যায়ী, বন্ধুবান্ধব ও আত্মীয় পরিজন এবং প্রচার মাধ্যম সমূহ-টেলিভিশন ও রেডিও, দৈনিক, সাপ্তাহিক, পাক্ষিক ও মাসিক পত্র পত্রিকা তাঁর বিদেহী আত্মার প্রতি গভীর শ্রদ্ধা নিবেদন করেছেন এবং পরম করুণাময়ের কাছে তাঁর বিদেহী আত্মার মাগফেরাত কামনা করেছেন।

আমাদের এই শোক বিহবল মুহুর্তে আপনারা কথায় ও কাজে আমাদের পাশে সাহায্য যুগিয়েছেন যাতে করে আমরা তাঁকে হারানোর শোক কাটিয়ে উঠতে পারি। অনুপ্রেরণা দিয়েছেন, আমরা যেন শোককে শক্তিতে রূপান্তরিত করে তাঁরই আদর্শে অনুপ্রাণিত হয়ে তাঁর রেখে যাওয়া কাজ ও স্বপ্নকে সাফল্যের সংগে বাস্তবায়ন করতে পারি।

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