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DSE MARKET

DSE price index	884.44 (-0.56%)
Market capital Tk	5659.93 cr
Transactions in volume	428890
Transactions in value Tk	6.70 cr

CSE MARKET

CSE price index	428.36 (+0.09%)
Market capital Tk	2118.64 cr
Transactions in volume	2700
Transactions in value Tk	4.96 lakh

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Holiday Notice

The offices of The Daily Star will remain closed today on account of the National Revolution and Solidarity Day. Therefore, there will be no issue of the newspaper tomorrow.

NEWS BRIEFS

Diarrhoea claims 20

From Staff Correspondent
 SYLHET, Nov 6: At least 20 people died of diarrhoea in Barlekha thana under Moulvibazar district during last week and about 3,000 people were reportedly suffering from the disease in 12 unions of the thana. It is alleged that the Thana Health Complex could not provide treatment for the huge number of diarrhoeal patients. However, no medical team has been sent to the badly affected areas yet.

15000 more digital phones for old city

Some 15,000 more digital telephones will be installed in the old part of the city. Post and Telecommunications Minister Tariqul Islam told this while addressing a meeting of the high officials and CBA leaders of T&T Board at its conference room here yesterday, reports UNB.

One dies in Sylhet road accident

From Staff Correspondent
 SYLHET, Nov 6: One person was killed and 12 others were injured when a tempo in which they were travelling overturned on Jakiganj-Atgram road today. Of the injured, two were admitted to the Sylhet MAG Osmany Medical College with serious injuries. However, the driver escaped just after the accident.



A Dhaka-bound train from Bhairab derailed at Nintali in Tongi in the early hours of yesterday as fish plates of the track were removed Sunday night to enforce the rail-road barricade. — Star photo

9 BCL leaders held: 50 hurt in incidents Opposition barricades road, rail, waterways

By Staff Correspondent

Stray incidents of violence during the dawn-to-dusk Opposition-called rail, road and waterway barricade programmes yesterday left at least 50 people including two policemen injured while thousands of people were stranded at the bus and launch terminals and railway stations across the country as all modes of transport did not ply.

Awami League, Jatiya Party and Jamaat-e-Islami had called the barricade programme to realise their demand for holding the next general elections under a neutral caretaker government.

Nine leaders of the Awami League-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) were arrested yesterday following a clash between police and students at the Shahabagh crossing in the city.

They were identified as Ajoy Kar, Vice President of the BCL; Sujit Nandi, Pankaj Nath, Alok Boumik, Dev Dulal, Swapan Kumar Das, Tarek and Tushar Borua. The name of one other was not known.

The BCL later held a meeting near the TSC protesting the arrests. After the meeting, activists of the BCL, clashed with police,

exploding crackers and firing shots, in which two policemen were seriously injured. Police lobbed several teargas shells.

At Mahakhali, some 10 people including three newsmen were injured in a series of cracker explosions during a clash between police and pickets.

All sorts of mechanised vehicles remained off the city streets till noon. Rickshaws plied throughout the day while a large number of autorickshaws were seen on the streets in the afternoon.

An official of the Sadarghat See Page 12 Col 3

People once again give no-confidence in govt: Hasina

Sheikh Hasina yesterday said, people once again gave their no-confidence in the ruling BNP through spontaneous observance of rail-road-waterways barricade to press for elections under a neutral caretaker government headed by the Chief Justice, reports UNB.

In a statement, the Awami League President thanked the people for making the all-out success despite police action and the government sponsored terrorism across the country.

The government tried to foil the peaceful barricade by exploding bombs, using tear gas and hot water on the opposition workers, she alleged.

She alleged that BNP terrorists hurled bombs and used batons and tear gas

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Opposition may relax 6-day hartal

By Nurul Kabir

The opposition parties are likely to 'relax' their six-day dawn-to-dusk countrywide hartal from November 11 in view of the West Indies cricket team's scheduled visit to Dhaka.

The Under-19 cricket team is due to arrive in the city on November 11 for a week's visits.

According to officials of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB), the West Indies team will play a three-day series with the Under-19 Bangladesh team on November 12, 13 and 14 and two one-day matches on November 16 and 17 at the Dhaka Stadium.

The opposition parties including Awami League (AL), Jatiya Party (JP) and Jamaat-e-Islami had separately announced the hartal programmes on October 21.

The leaders of the three parties, at a joint meeting late last night, however, discussed the possible implications of the hartal during the visit of the West Indies team. Some of the leaders attending the meeting felt that hartal would create a negative impact on the cricket-loving youth community, meeting sources said.

Held at the residence of AL presidium member Abdus Samad Azad, the meeting was attended by Tofael Ahmed and Mohammad Nasim of the AL, Moudud Ahmed and An-

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Poor debt servicing Finance ministry's tough stance against corpns

A miserably poor debt servicing by sector corporations and autonomous bodies caused serious strains on the budget, prompting tough stance by the Ministry of Finance.

Official sources told UNB that the ministry was now pressing hard various defaulting corporations to pay their dues to exchequer.

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman, in a meeting with major defaulting public bodies Sunday, strongly resented their poor debt servicing. Rahman also reportedly forced payment commitment by some of the leading defaulters including the Power Development Board (PDB) and the Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC).

The Ministry is considering some administrative measures to streamline the debt-service liability of the public corporations.

According to an official source, government's budgetary management is facing serious difficulty due to 'deplorable' state of debt-service liability of various public bodies.

Fifty-six state corporations and autonomous organisations are liable to pay about Tk 3279 crore to the exchequer during the current fiscal (1995-96) against their outstanding debt to the government.

But maximum 50 per cent of the amount could be collected by the year-end, said an official quoting the cur-

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Nat'l Revolution and Solidarity Day today

The National Revolution and Solidarity Day will be observed throughout the country today, reports BSS.

Various socio-cultural organisations and institutions have taken elaborate programmes to observe the day.

The programmes of the day include placing of wreaths at the mazar of late president Ziaur Rahman, holding of seminars and discussion meetings, special prayer and cultural functions.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia issued separate messages on the occasion.

Meanwhile, the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and its front organisations have taken various programmes to observe the day.

National and party flags will be hoisted at the offices

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PM's third letter to Hasina in couple of days

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will write her third letter to Awami League president Sheikh Hasina in a couple of days, reports UNB.

"I cannot say whether her new letter will contain any new elements or whether it will start melting... what I can say is that she will write another letter in a day or two," acting Secretary General of BNP told reporters at her official residence last night, coming from a meeting with the Prime Minister.

The meeting, chaired by Begum Khaleda Zia, was attended by senior ministers and party leaders at the Tejgaon office of the Prime Minister.

Bhuiyan, who parried most of the queries from the waiting journalists, however, said he was still hopeful of resolution.

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Sombre face President Bill Clinton flanked by his wife gives a final look at the coffin of assassinated Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, outside the Knesset shortly before the funeral of the Israeli leader in Jerusalem yesterday. — AFP/UNB photo

Last respect to Rabin

JERUSALEM, Nov 6: Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was buried on Mount Herzl in West Jerusalem today at the end of a funeral attended by his grieving family and dozens of world leaders, reports AFP.

As soldiers threw buckets of earth to cover Rabin's coffin, his wife Leah shook her head in disbelief at the loss of the 73-year-old warrior turned champion of the Middle East peace process.

Eight generals carried the coffin to the Great of the Nation Square under pine trees, as a Rabbi chanted a prayer for the dead.

Leah and her daughter Dalit rested their heads again each other in consolation. King Hussein's wife, Queen Noor, joined family members

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Strike in Rhone Poulenc Indifferent attitude of labour ministry alleged

By Inam Ahmed and R M Titumir

Resumption of production has become uncertain at the Rhone Poulenc Rorer (RPR), a multi-national pharmaceutical company due to 'indifferent attitude' of the Labour Ministry towards resolving the two-month labour strike there, sources in the company alleged.

Two ministries — finance and industries — and the Board of Investment (BOI), upon reviewing the case of RPR had suggested the labour ministry to 'actively intervene and resolve the crisis immediately through the labour court.'

The ministries and the BOI also observed that the 'crisis may have adverse effect on foreign investment in the country.'

Meanwhile, British High Commissioner in Dhaka Peter J Fowler, in a letter on November 2 to the Prime Minister's Secretariat, said that the deadlock in the RPR may have "adverse effect" on future foreign investment in the country. "The concern expressed in this letter is supported by the embassies of France and the United States of America as the RPR group also involves French and American interests," the High Commissioner said.

The month-long strike began on August 21 after the breakdown of negotiations

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Group of five meets PM

By Staff Correspondent

The group of five eminent citizens, in their bid to help resolve the political crisis, again met Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday evening and discussed the possibility of her dialogue with Awami League President Sheikh Hasina.

The group comprising former chief justice Kemaluddin Hossain, Prof Rehman Sobhan, Barrister Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed, Fakhruddin Ahmed and Faiz Ahmed, informed the Prime Minister the substance of the discussions it had with the AL-chief on Thursday.

Sources close to the group said they discussed with the Prime Minister fixation of the dialogue agenda, for which Sheikh Hasina has been insisting.

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'There's no concept of peace, only a process of war'

TEL AVIV, Nov 6: Jewish student Yigal Amir confessed in a Tel Aviv Court today to killing Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, saying: "I acted alone but maybe with God", reports Reuter.

The 25-year-old law student, appearing in Tel Aviv magistrate court, was ordered held for 15 days while police draw up charges of premeditated murder, the attempted murder of Rabin's bodyguard and participation in an illegal organisation.

Israel's secret police Shin Bet asked the court not to assign Amir a lawyer for two days while they tried to determine if he had acted alone when he broke through Rabin's cordon of bodyguards and shot him from just five feet away at a peace rally on Saturday night.

But Amir, wearing a black religious skullcap and the same clothes witnesses said he wore on Saturday, said he did not want a lawyer in any case.

Legal sources say Amir would probably face life imprisonment if convicted.

The suspect in Israel's first major assassination sat bent over, his arms crossed, flanked by two policemen.

Asked by magistrate Dan

Arbel if he acted alone, Amir said "I acted alone but maybe with God."

"He used his court appearance to air the vehement right-wing views that led process because there is no such concept as the peace process. There was only a process of war."

The police said Amir came out of the crowd in Tel Aviv's Kings of Israel Square and fired three shots with a Beretta pistol. Rabin, hit in the back and stomach, died on the operating table some 90 minutes later. The third bullet wounded a bodyguard.

Amir used outlawed 'dum dum' bullets to shoot Rabin giving him no chance of surviving the attack, police said Sunday.

The bullets which have a hollowed out tip are banned under the Geneva Convention. They explode inside the body after impact shattering into pieces and ripping through internal organs.

"It hurts but it's ok" were the last words of Rabin as he tried to cover up his pain before he slipped into unconsciousness.

Shortly afterwards he was declared dead on the operating table at the Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv.

Amir was arrested in July for taking part in violent protests by Jewish settlers of the occupied West Bank against Rabin's peace policies

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Yigal Amir, the assassin

Pakistan to help resist polls in Kashmir

ISLAMABAD, Nov 6: The Pakistan government pledged today to lend diplomatic and moral support to the Kashmiri people's resistance against India's plan to organise elections in the troubled Kashmir state, reports AFP.

The plan has been rejected by "true" representatives of Kashmiris and it cannot be a substitute for a free and impartial referendum for which they have waged an "unrelenting" struggle, a government spokesman said.

The spokesman said a plebiscite had been promised to the people of Kashmir by the UN Security Council and "this is what they have the right to get."

Shibir activist at RU stabbed, classes suspended

From RU Correspondent
 RAJSHAHI, Nov 6: Rajshahi University authorities suspended all classes from tomorrow after two Chhatra Shibir activists were stabbed on the campus today following a dispute with Chhatra Dal activists over wall-writing.

One of the injured Shibir activists was identified as M

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