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CSE price index 423.14 (+0.8070%)
Market capital Tk 2139.07 cr
Transactions in volume 2150
Transactions in value Tk 2.98 lakh

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**Schoolboy falls
from roof, dies**

By DMCH Correspondent

A schoolboy died after falling from the roof of a mosque in the city yesterday. Shohag, a student of class two of Motijheel Ideal School, received fatal injuries after falling from the roof of a mosque at Maniknagar in the city Friday afternoon. He succumbed to his injuries yesterday at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where he was under treatment.

Body recovered

By DMCH Correspondent

Police recovered the body of a housewife from a playground at Purganj village of Savar on Friday Midnight. The dead was identified as Hazera Khatun, 30, of the same village. The cause of the killing could not be known immediately. The body was sent to the DMCH for autopsy. Medical sources said that injury marks were found around the neck of the body.

**Phensidyl, hemp
seized in Barisal**

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Nov 25: Kotwali police recovered about two kg of hemp and arrested two persons — Sahajahan and Akbar — from Nuton Bazar in the town today. In another operation, police seized ten bottles of Indian phensidyl from Katpatty lane in the town and arrested one Humayun Kabir.

**Afghan govt forces
recapture 3 posts**

KABUL, Nov 25: Afghan government forces have recaptured three strategic mountain posts from the Taliban militia as the battle for control of the east of Kabul raged on, army and defence officials said today, reports AFP.

**4 Pak soldiers
killed**

MUZAFFARABAD, Nov 25: Four Pakistani soldiers died and three others were injured today when their jeep plunged into a ravine in the Pakistani controlled sector of Kashmir, police and hospital sources said, reports AFP.

Shrimp beds, crop lands inundated by tidal surge 6 killed, 300 hurt as cyclone lashes Cox's Bazar

From Our Correspondent

COX'S BAZAR, Nov 25: At least six people were killed, two missing and over 300 injured as a 115-km an hour cyclone accompanied by a tidal surge of about eight feet hit all the seven thanas of the district today.

The severe cyclonic storm that had formed over the West Central Bay with a core of hurricane had weakened when it lashed the coast at about 1:30 pm.

The cyclone and moderate tidal surge razed at least

20,000 kutchha houses, uprooted trees and inundated more than 12,000 acres of crop lands and scores of shrimp beds as it swept Cox's Bazar coast till about 6:30 pm and moved inland. Road links and power supply were disrupted and could not be restored till late night.

Since 10 am this morning people were seen leaving their homes for cyclone shelters. According to preliminary estimate about seven lakh people moved to the cy-

clone shelters.

The worst hit areas of the district were Teknaf, Ukhia, the Cox's Bazar sadar, Chokoria, Maheshkhali and Ramu.

More than twenty people were treated at the district sadar hospital till late afternoon and more were being brought in from different far-flung areas.

The trawler owners association said that 100 trawlers were missing in the Bay at Bakhkhali, two persons, Kasim and Ahmed, were killed

when their boats sank. One Tahera Begum, 25, was killed in the sadar thana when a tree fell on her.

At Saint Martin's island, Gunar Para and Nunia Chara, three persons were killed in the cyclone. Three hundred shrimp projects were washed away.

At Cox's Bazar, 26 mm rainfall was recorded during the day. Many places in the district were still under water.

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Light drizzles accompanied by slightly chilly wind yesterday due to the depression in the Bay gave the city dwellers a taste of the coming winter. — Star photo by Sk Enamul Haq

Razzak Ali tells newsmen Absolute uncertainty if crisis not resolved

By Nazmul Ashraf

Speaker of the just-dissolved fifth Jatiya Sangsad Shaikh Razzak Ali has expressed his apprehension that the country would face 'absolute uncertainty' if there was no understanding between the government and the Opposition before the ensuing general elections.

"If there is no understanding and if the (agitating) Opposition does not participate in the polls, the whole nation could be thrown into an absolute uncertainty", he said. "But (the gravity of) the uncertainty would depend on the prevailing situation."

Talking to some reporters at his official residence in the city yesterday evening, Razzak Ali accused both the ruling and the opposition parties of lacking reason.

"I think both the sides lack this. I don't mean any particular party or group", he said and hoped that good sense would prevail on the politicians.

Reacting to questions about his neutrality raised by the Opposition, Razzak Ali said, "I was not blamed during the first three years of this Parliament, when I was

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12035 under-aged workers found in garments factories

By Staff Correspondent

The number of under-aged workers in the country's garments factories are 12,035, according to a survey.

The survey was conducted under the tripartite MOU signed on July 4 last for elimination of child labour from the country's garments factories.

The under-aged workers were identified after a thorough survey of the garments factories by the 20 survey teams appointed jointly by the Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers and Exporters' Association (BGMEA), the ILO

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Project true history of '71, says Hasina

By Staff Correspondent

Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged the pro-liberation forces to project the true history of the Liberation War before the new generation.

Hasina was exchanging views with the members of the Committee for Celebration of 25 Years of Liberation War who met her at her Dhanmondi residence and briefed her on their programmes.

The AL chief thanked the committee members for

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356 Bangladeshi troops from Bihar return tomorrow

The last batch of 356 Bangladeshi troops is scheduled to return home tomorrow from the former Yugoslavia, ending their mission under the UN Protection Force, reports UNB.

Nine hundred Bangladeshi troops in two batches already have come back from the Balkan.

A total of 1,256 Bangladeshi troops are expected to return home tomorrow.

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ADB concerned over poor rate of project implementation

By R M Titumir

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has expressed its concern over 'continued substantial' shortfall in the achievement of the 1995-agreed projections for contract awards and disbursement for projects financed by the Bank.

The ADB, in its third quarter-end report on the implementation performance of the Bank-assisted projects, cautions the government about the situation, saying, "As you know, the 1995 is a critical year from the point of view of ADF replenishment."

"The year-to-date (YTD) performances are substantially behind target, particularly during the months of September/October for both contract awards and disbursements... This is a matter of concern," it said.

"The disbursement performance needs to be improved during the remaining period of the year through concerted efforts of GOB (Government of Bangladesh)

and EAs (executing agencies)," says the ADB status report covering nine months of the calendar year.

The report, which provides this year's implementation status summary of all ADB financed projects and project-specific implementation issues, was sent to the line ministries last week.

During the nine months of 1995, the net YTD shortfall (projection minus actual) for contract awards and disbursement were 24.8 million US dollars and 49.3 million dollars respectively.

The nine months' projections, agreed between the government/EAs and ADB, for all ongoing bank-aided projects are 289.1 million dollars for contract awards and 258.2 million dollars for disbursement. According to ADB, the actual YTD contract awards and disbursement, as of September 30, 1995, are 265.1 million dollars and 208.9 million dollars respectively.

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'British trade team also to assess political situation'

By Staff Correspondent

Despite the recent 'attractive' policy changes in Bangladesh, the visiting British trade mission also wants to assess the political situation here before exploiting the untapped potentials.

British High Commissioner Peter J Fowler said yesterday. A 40-member British infrastructure and technology team, now on a week-long visit to Bangladesh, was told by the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) that Bangladesh economy was always more

open than that of the neighbouring countries and the level of tariff was low.

The two sides had a meeting at the MCCI conference room. Fowler spoke at the meeting.

Leader of the visiting mission Peter Lee said Bangladesh could benefit from the British know-how and technological development, particularly in the power, mining and the textile sectors.

"There are much potential to be explored. But recent political instability has posed

a question mark," said Fowler. He also urged the political parties to resolve the crisis before the next parliamentary polls.

MCCI president M Anis Ud Dowla said that the incentive package for foreign investors in Bangladesh was 'second to none' and urged them to utilise the opportunities. The government had recently taken wide-ranging policy initiatives to liberalise trade and investment, he pointed out.

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Hartal passes off peacefully

By Staff Correspondent

An eight-hour hartal called by the Jatiya Party in the capital yesterday passed off, by and large, peacefully barring some stray incidents of violence, that left two persons injured.

JP gave the hartal call from 6 am to 2 pm to press the demand for shifting party chairman and former president H M Ershad to a hospital from the Central Jail.

Sporadic bomb blasts and attacks on vehicles marked the shutdown. Police picked up 19 activists of the JP from various parts of the metropolis during the hartal hours.

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Requisite marks for MBBS admission tests raised

By Ripon Baig

The requisite marks for admission test in medical college has been raised, according to official sources.

According to the new rules, students securing at least 1300 marks in the SSC and HSC examinations will be eligible to sit for the admission test.

This was disclosed by Prof A K M Nurul Anwar, Director of the Health Education in the Directorate of Health. The total marks required was 1200 earlier.

The 150-mark admission tests has now been reduced to 100. Of the total marks for

the admission test, 30 marks each will be for Physics, Chemistry and Biology. The remaining 10 marks will be for English. Allocation for the viva voce exams will remain unchanged at 20 marks.

Three per cent from the SSC marks and five per cent from the HSC marks will also be added to the total marks the student will secure in the admission test.

The students who have passed the SSC and HSC examinations in 1992 and 1994 can also apply for the admission test along with the regular candidates.

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14 get life-term for murder

KHULNA, Nov 25: The District and Sessions Judge has awarded life-term to 14 people in a murder case, reports UNB.

The convicted are — Abu Syed Sheikh, Motaleb Sheikh, Khair Sheikh, Lufer Sheikh, Abu Bakar Sheikh, Shahid Sheikh, Nazrul Sheikh, Jahangir Sheikh, Mizan Sheikh, Ohidul Sheikh, Hannan Sheikh, Bokon Sheikh, Mannan Sheikh and Borhanuddin Mollah.

According to the prosecution, the convicted people chopped to death one Fazar Ali at village Lebudia in Terokhada thana of the district on February 28, 1988.

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Villagers protest FAP-20 in Tangail

TANGAIL, Nov 25: Some 3000 villagers in Tangail marched to the district town yesterday to register their protest against a controversial flood control project in their neighbourhood, reports UNB.

The protesters, including hundreds of women braved drizzles to join the march — carrying placards and banners that condemned FAP-20 the experimental flood control project.

They went to the Deputy Commissioner's office after marching through the town and handed over a memorandum to ADC (General) Shafiq Alam Mehdi.

Witnesses said the demonstration had blocked traffic on the Tangail-Dhaka highway for about two hours.

The demonstrators came from unions and villages of Gaha, Bhagil, Karotia, Elengha, Shibpur, Kogra, Gharinda, Dhayna, Patrail, Porabari, Charabari, Khaladbari and Shantosh, according to organisers of the protest.

The experimental FAP-20 (Flood Action Plan) envisages protection of the villagers from floods and recommends controlled flooding in Tangail

district.

But local villagers alleged that the project implementers were going ahead with FAP-20 without seeking their opinion, particularly that of the rural poor.

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Handover power to caretaker govt : Mizan

By Staff Correspondent

Jatiya Party acting chairman Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury yesterday called for immediate handover of power to a caretaker government as demanded by the Opposition.

"Only election under a caretaker authority will solve the present political crisis and carry forward the democratic process," he said addressing a post-hartal rally at Baitul Mukarram Square in the city where he also announced

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Rail link with N'dists suspended

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA, Nov 25: The rail communication between the capital and the country's northern districts has been suspended today as water level in the Jamuna river fell rapidly affecting the ferry services between Bahadurabad and Tistamukh ghats.

The water level declined sharply near Kalasonar char, eight kilometres from Tistamukh ghat, where depth of water stands at 4 feet only compelling the authorities to suspend ferry services.

The ferry services between Bahadurabad and Tistamukh ghats.

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Fall in water level Ferry services at Aricha may be suspended

SAVAR, Nov 25: Ferry services in Aricha-Nagarbari and Aricha-Daulatdia routes may be suspended at anytime due to fall in water level and emergence of shoals in the rivers Padma and Jamuna, reports UNB.

Ferries and launches are now moving at risk near Daulatdia ghat, as the depth of water is only 10-12 feet there. The minimum depth required for smooth moving of ferries is 15 feet.

The ferries cannot ply

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Shrimp exporters asked to improve quality

By Govinda Shil

Many importers of shrimp and prawn from Bangladesh have asked the local exporters to improve the quality of these frozen food and maintain it sources concerned said.

Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) has received at least 10 complaints this year against a section of shrimp traders, the sources pointed out.

The buyers had raised questions over the role played by the Fish Inspection and Quality Control (FIQC) wing of the Fishery Directorate and the agents involved in the Pre-shipment

inspection (PSI), they said.

"Due to absence of adequate legal provisions against dishonest traders, the authorities can not take punitive measures," said an EPB official. He said that in the recent times, the quality of exportable shrimp has fallen sharply.

The country's exportable shrimp is popular throughout the world, for its taste, sources said, adding, the country earned about Tk 237 crore by exporting 1.27 crore pounds of shrimp during July-August this fiscal.

During the corresponding

period of the last fiscal 1994-95 the country exported 1.41 crore pounds of shrimp and earned over Tk 250 crore, according to EPB statistics. The major importers of Bangladeshi shrimp are the United States, Japan and European countries.

Explaining the causes of quality degradation of exportable shrimps in the recent years, another EPB official said that the number of shrimp exporters had increased sharply but supply had not increased. As a result, the frozen food processing units as well as the

traders were involved in an unhealthy competition, affecting maintenance of quality.

The country has some 108 frozen food processing units which primarily depend on the coastal shrimp farms. Of the 813 hectares of shrimp farms, most use semi-intensive methods of culture, sources said.

"Difference in variety, change in counts, mixing de-composed shrimps and shrimps not cleaned properly are some of the aspects of quality degradation of the exportable," said the official.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়

একটি বিশেষ ঘোষণা

শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয় সকল শিক্ষা বোর্ডের ১৯৯৫ সালের এইচএসসি পরীক্ষার বিজ্ঞান, মানবিক ও বাণিজ্য শাখা ও বাংলাদেশ মাদ্রাসা শিক্ষা বোর্ডের আলিম পরীক্ষায় সম্মিলিতভাবে ১ম থেকে ২০তম স্থান অধিকারী ছাত্রছাত্রীদের আগামী ২রা ডিসেম্বর '৯৫ইং রোজ শনিবার সকাল ১১.০০ টায় ঢাকাস্থ ওসমানী স্মৃতি মিলনায়তনে সংবর্ধনা প্রদান করবে।

সংবর্ধনা অনুষ্ঠানে অংশগ্রহণের জন্য এইচএসসি ও আলিম '৯৫ইং পরীক্ষায় সম্মিলিত মেধা তালিকাভুক্ত ১ম থেকে ২০তম স্থান অধিকারী ছাত্রছাত্রীদের রেজিস্ট্রেশনের জন্য আগামী ১লা ডিসেম্বর '৯৫ইং রোজ শুক্রবার বিকাল ২.০০ টায় স্ব স্ব শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠান প্রধানসহ ওসমানী স্মৃতি মিলনায়তনে উপস্থিত হওয়ার জন্য অনুরোধ জানানো যাচ্ছে।