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DSE price index 838.33 (+3.39%)  
Market capital Tk 5520.76 cr  
Transactions in volume 128167  
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## NEWS BRIEFS

## Defence ministry under President

The government has taken a decision to this effect that the Ministry of Defence and Armed Forces Division will be under the President, a PID handout said yesterday, reports BSS.

## Chief Adviser meets President

Chief Adviser Muhammad Habibur Rahman called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday afternoon. He stayed with the President for quite some time, reports UNB.

## Housewife stabbed to death in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Apr 8: A young housewife was stabbed to death by unidentified assailants at Patharghat in the city today. The victim was identified as Rekha Rani Das, 32, wife of Balai Banik, a goldsmith. Police and witnesses said a group of about six miscreants stormed their residence at about 11 am and stabbed her repeatedly. She was rushed to Chittagong Medical College Hospital where the doctors declared her dead, reports UNB.

## Jamaat public meet in Ctg Apr 15

CHITTAGONG, Apr 8: Jamaat-e-Islami today shifted the date of its planned public meeting at Lalbagh Maidan from April 14 to April 15. Chittagong city Jamaat publicity secretary Moulana Liaquat Akter Siddique said that this change was due to some unavoidable circumstances. Ameer of Jamaat Golam Azam will address the public meeting, reports UNB.

## Hasina goes to Khulna today

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina leaves here today for Khulna on a day-long organisational tour. She will address a public meeting at the Circuit House Maidan at 3 pm, a party press release said here last night. Central leaders of the party will accompany Sheikh Hasina, reports BSS.

# Faizur Razzaque appointed EC secy Abu Hena new CEC

By Staff Correspondent

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday appointed Mohammad Abu Hena, a former member of the Planning Commission, the new Chief Election Commissioner (CEC), an official announcement said.

The President will administer the oath of office to the CEC at a simple ceremony at the Bangabhaban at 10 am today. Mohammad Abu Hena replaces Justice AKM Sadeque who resigned Saturday.

Mohammad Abu Hena, who joined the civil service in 1963, had retired from the government service earlier. He completed his two-year contract service as a Planning Commission member yesterday.

Faizur Razzaque, secretary of the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources was also posted as Secretary of the Election Commission yesterday. He replaces Ershadul Huq.

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Commission post and I had an intention of going into retirement with my family," Abu Hena said.

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