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DSE price index	848.84 (+0.03%)
Market capital Tk	5763.50 cr
Transactions in volume	227466
Transactions in value Tk	5.01 cr

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Razzak Ali, Kibria meet CEC

Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali and BNP leader Prof Majedul Islam paid a courtesy call on Chief Election Commissioner Mohammad Abu Hena at his office in the city today. During the meeting, they discussed various issues relating to the ongoing general election, said an EC press release. It said a four-member delegation of Awami League led by Advisory Council member SAMS Kibria also met with the Chief Election Commissioner and discussed matters relating to the elections, reports UNB.

Interview of GF candidates

The interview of the candidate seeking nominations from Gano Forum begins today at the party central office. The interview for the candidates of Rajshahi, Khulna and Barisal divisions will be held today while the candidates of Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions will be interviewed on Thursday, said a party press release yesterday, reports UNB.

2 ex-UZ chairmen join AL

Two former upazila chairmen and a freedom fighter joined Awami League yesterday expressing their allegiance to the leadership of Sheikh Hasina. AKM Khairuzzaman, ex-upazila chairman and former MP of Nagarkanda, Abdur Razzak, upazila chairman of Alamdighi in Bogra, and freedom fighter Mohammad Selim met Awami League president Sheikh Hasina at her Dhamond residence and joined the party, reports UNB.

JSD interviews candidates

The Parliamentary board of the Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) yesterday started interviewing candidates seeking nomination of the party. 127 candidates from Rajshahi, Khulna and Barisal district were interviewed. Candidates from Chittagong, Sylhet and Rajshahi divisions will be interviewed today from 10 am, the press release said, reports BSS.

232 firearms recovered

The Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) recovered some 232 illegal firearms and arrested 284 people in the city during the last five weeks. Police also seized 1650 rounds of bullets, 400 cocktails and five kilograms of raw materials used in manufacturing cocktails, said police sources.

Law & order, arms recovery, political situation

DCs, SPs directed to send joint reports every week

The Cabinet Division yesterday directed the Deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police to send special weekly report on the law and order situation, illegal arms recovery and mutual relationship of political parties to the Home Ministry, reports UNB.

They have been instructed to jointly prepare the report and mention the risky areas or possible troubled spots in their respective districts, where peace may be disturbed or law and order situation created, along with causes and preventive measures taken.

According to a press release issued from the Chief Adviser's office the Cabinet Division also

asked the DCs and SPs to mention cases of the use of illegal arms and force, toll collection and intimidation.

They have also been directed to visit together the thanas under their respective districts and classify the areas as follows: a) Troubled, b)

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Risky and c) Normal. The report on illegal arms recovery should contain the name of the thana concerned, number and types of arms and explosives recovered, and information about the arrested and cases against them. Besides automatic weapons, the use of country-made arms should be mentioned.

As regards mutual relationship of political parties, the DCs and SPs have been ordered to give details of rallies, processions, election campaign and how far the code of conduct is being abided by.

If there is any incidents of damage to property, injury, abduction and killing, the report should mention the causes, venues of occurrence, and measures taken.

Chief Adviser

Another report says, Chief Adviser Muhammad Habibur Rahman yesterday asked law-enforcing agencies to intensify their crackdown on illegal arms and armsholders ahead of the parliamentary elections.

He also instructed them to step up their efforts to maintain law and order for creating a congenial atmosphere for holding the ensuing general elections in a free, fair and impartial manner.

The chief adviser made the directive when he attended his Bangladesh Secretariat office in the morning and disposed of various matters relating to different ministries.

During the office period, the secretaries of the ministries under his portfolio called on Rahman separately and brought various issues of their respective ministries to his notice.

While reviewing the overall

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BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia addressing party members at the party's Kakaill office in the city yesterday marking joining of former Awami League presidium member Dr Alauddin in the party.

BNP finalises 2 constituencies for party chief

By Staff Correspondent

BNP has finalised two of the five Jatiya Sangsad constituencies from where party chief Begum Khaleda Zia will contest in the coming parliamentary polls, party sources said.

The two JS seats are: Feni-1, her home constituency and Bogra-7, the home constituency of her late husband President Ziaur Rahman.

Three other seats, Khaleda Zia is planning to contest from, are likely to be two in the capital and one in the Chittagong city, they added.

Five application forms seeking BNP nomination on her behalf were submitted earlier.

The three other constituencies Begum Zia is going to contest from are expected to be finalised at the BNP standing committee meeting scheduled for this morning, the party sources said.

Former BNP MP from the women's reserved seats, K-

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JP nomination 1100 from Khulna, Rajshahi divns interviewed

By Staff Correspondent

The Parliamentary board of the Jatiya Party continued to interview nomination seekers for the coming parliamentary polls at its Banani office from 10:00 am yesterday.

The board started interviews with the aspiring candidates from Rajshahi division yesterday.

After the completion of interviews of 700 nomination seekers from the Rajshahi division at around 8 pm, the board started interviews of the intending candidates from Khulna division. A large majority of the candidates from Rajshahi division could not face the board on Monday night when the board started meeting the nomination seekers on the first day.

When contacted at around 11:00 pm, a JP official said that the board had completed interviews of the candidates from Khulna division. Some 400 applicants sought JP nominations from Khulna division, he said.

Interviews of the nomination seekers from Barisal division is scheduled to start from 10:00 am today, he said. Some 375 applications seeking party nomination were submitted from the Barisal division.

Following the interview of the nomination seekers from

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Solidarity with AL non-cooperation

HC showcause on govt, EC regarding 19 officials

The High Court yesterday issued a rule upon the government and the Election Commission to showcause within one week as to why a directive should not be issued to take disciplinary action against 19 officials who had expressed solidarity with the non-cooperation movement of the Awami League, reports BSS.

The court wanted to know why a directive should not be issued upon the Secretary, Establishment Division, to initiate disciplinary proceedings against those officials under the Government Servants (appeal and discipline) Rules, 1955, on charge of misconduct.

The court further wanted to know why a direction should not be issued to cancel the posting of Syed Ahmed,

Principal Secretary to the Chief Adviser and Saiful Alam, Deputy Commissioner and Returning Officer, Faridpur, Shajahan Siddiqui, Deputy Commissioner and Returning Officer, Nilphamari, Shah Alam, Deputy Commissioner and Returning Officer, Rangamati, Abdul Mannan, Deputy Commissioner and Returning Officer, Bhola, Serajul Huq, Deputy Commissioner and Returning Officer, Kushtia, Enamul Kabir, Deputy Commissioner, Mymensingh, Khan Mohammad Nurul Huda, Deputy Commissioner and Returning Officer, Comilla, and Abdus Sattar Khan, Deputy Commissioner and Returning Officer, Tangail.

A HC Division Bench comprising Justice A M Mahmudur Rahman and Justice

Mohammad Fazul Huq passed an interim order upon the Principal Secretary to the Chief Adviser, DC's and Returning Officers of the districts of Faridpur, Nilphamari, Rangamati, Bhola, Kushtia, Mymensingh, Comilla and Tangail restraining them from performing their functions as deputy commissioners and Returning Officers of the respective districts in which they have been posted, for 10 days.

The writ petition filed by Asaduzzaman Ripon, editor of the weekly 'Janata Dak' and and president, National Democratic Foundation, was moved by senior advocate Khondker Mahbuddin Ahmed. The petitioner said senior government officials Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, Shaifur

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Depression over Bay

Tidal water floods coastal areas

COX'S BAZAR, May 7: The low-lying areas of coastal belt in the district were inundated today by tidal surge whipped by depression over the North Bay, reports UNB.

According to villagers, standing crops in vast areas of Kutupdia island were damaged as the Bay surge washed away a big portion of a protection dam at Tabor Char.

The sea water swelled several feet above the normal astronomical tide at noon, they said.

The places which went under water include Khurushkul, Bharuakhali and Jhlonga in Sadar, Shaplapur and Dhalghata in Moeshkhali and Sabrang and Shapurir Dwip in Teknaf thanas.

Meanwhile, the depression over the North Bay moved north-northeast wards and was centred at 06 pm today

(Tuesday) about 220 kms south of Khulna town and 300 kms southwest of Chittagong port.

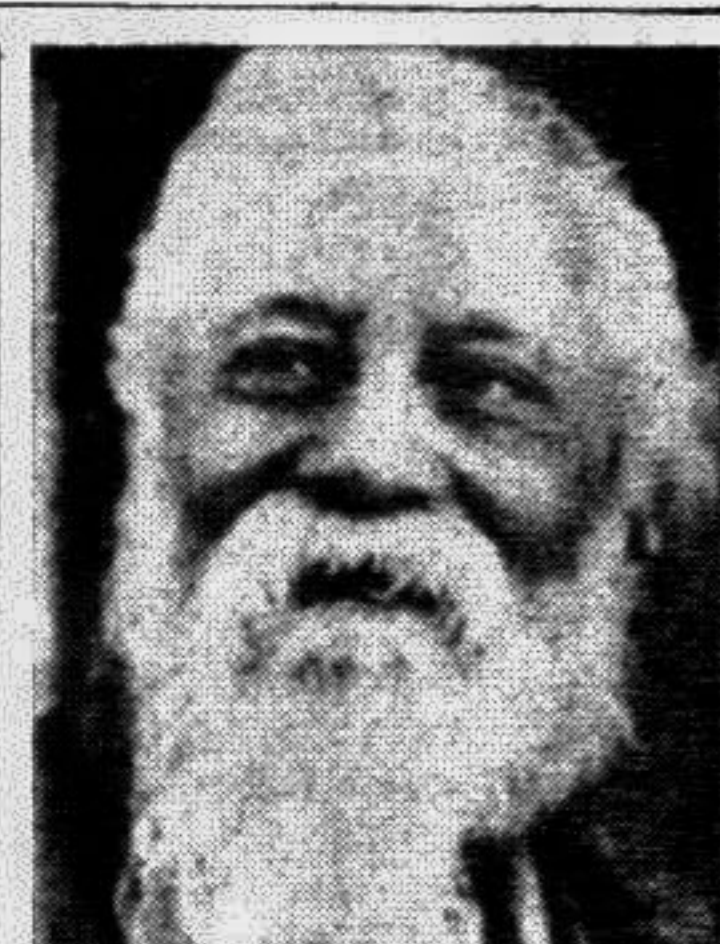
It is likely to intensify and move in a north-north-easterly direction and may cross Khulna-Barisal coast near Patuakhali after midnight Tuesday night, an official forecast said.

Maximum sustained wind within 45 kms of the depression centre is about 50 kph rising to 60 kph in gusts and squalls.

Maritime ports of Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and Mongla have been advised to keep hoisted Local Cautionary Signal Number three.

River ports of the coastal districts of Satkhira, Khulna, Bagerhat, Perajpur, Bogura, Patuakhali, Bhola, Laxmipur, Noakhali, Feni, Chandpur, Chittagong and Cox's Bazar have been advised to keep

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Tagore's birth anniversary today

Rabindra Jayanti, the 135th birth anniversary of Nobel laureate poet Rabindranath Tagore, will be celebrated today in a befitting manner, report agencies.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas and Chief Adviser Muhammad Habibur Rahman

The Daily Star special on Rabindranath Tagore's birthday will come out on Friday.

gave separate messages paying glowing tributes to the poet, known as Biswa Kabi in the subcontinent.

Different socio-cultural organisations have chalked out elaborate programmes to observe the birthday of the poet.

Chief Adviser Habibur Rahman will inaugurate a two-day national programme at 6:45 pm today at the Shilpakala Academy auditorium.

Poet Begum Sulia Kamal will be present at the function as special guest while Adviser in

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3 shot dead in Ctg

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, May 7: Three people were shot dead in separate incidents here last night, hospital and police sources said.

Shuvakar Dewanji (30), manager of the HKB Ltd an industrial enterprise at the CEPTZ, was shot dead by some terrorists at Ghatforbadeg at 9 last night. The terrorists on board a scooter fired on a microbus carrying Shuvakar.

The terrorists opened fire after a row started between the drivers of the microbus and the baby-taxi over taking side on the road.

One Ranadir Nath (27) was killed last night at Anwara when a group of terrorists stormed into his house and fired on him, police said.

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Tough contest for city JS seats likely

Star Report

The capital Dhaka is expected to witness a tough electoral battle with the three major political parties fielding their strongest candidates to capture the eight Jatiya Sangsad seats in the city.

Though the parties — Awami League, BNP and Jatiya Party — are yet to come out with their final selection much enthusiasm being observed in the political circles centering their likely nominees in Dhaka.

In total, 38 aspirants sought nominations from Awami League for the eight seats in the metropolis while 39 aspi-

rants sought the BNP ticket and 33 intending candidates submitted application forms seeking the JP nomination.

Significantly, unlike the 1991 elections no central AL leader except one or two is expected to contest for the JS seats in the city, party sources said. In the fifth parliamentary polls at least six AL central leaders including its chief Sheikh Hasina lost to BNP candidates in the constituencies in Dhaka.

The names of the most likely candidates of the three parties are as follows (constituency-wise):

Dhaka-4 (Demra-Sabujbagh): Habibur Rahman Mollah (AL), Salahuddin Ahmed (BNP) and Kazi Zafar Ahmed (JP).

Dhaka-5 (Gulshan-Cantonment-Uttara): Rahmatullah (AL), Major (ret'd) Qamrul Islam (BNP) and Bahauddin Babul (JP).

Dhaka-6 (Motijheel-Sabujbagh): Saber Hussain Chowdhury (AL), Mirza Abbas (BNP) and Abdus Salam (JP).

Dhaka-7 (Sutrapur-Kotwali): Major General (ret'd) Sayed Badruzzaman (AL), Sadek Hussain (BNP) and Jahangir Md Adel (JP).

Dhaka-8 (Lalbagh): Dr. Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin (AL), Mir Shawkat Ali (BNP) and Abul Hasanat (JP).

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Two Juba Dal activists shot dead in Jessore

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, May 7: Two Jatiyatadabi Juba Dal activists were shot dead by a rival group at Khuladanga this morning.

According to police and witnesses, a group of young men opened several rounds of fire and threw bombs at Nazrul Islam, 18, and Lipu, 32, when they were going to town on a motorcycle.

Lipu died on the spot and Nazrul Islam succumbed to his

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Indian polls end

Vote counting starts today

NEW DELHI, May 7: India's staggered parliamentary elections ended today with tens of millions of people voting in the third and final round of balloting, officials said here, reports AFP.

Vote counting will start tomorrow and a clear picture of the outcome is expected by Friday.

More than 50 per cent of the eligible 210 million voters cast their ballots across half of the country's 25 states during the 10-hour polling that concluded at 5:00 pm (1130 GMT), the Election Commission said.

A total of 183 seats in the 545-member Lok Sabha, the lower house of parliament, were at stake during Tuesday's polls, which brought the curtain down on the 11th general election in the world's largest democracy.

Some 60 per cent of the remaining 100 million electorate voted in the first, and second round of balloting April 27 and May 2.

Interview concludes

Lone BNP aspirants in 71 constituencies

By Staff Correspondent

The BNP nomination board yesterday completed interviews of all the 1,122 applicants seeking party tickets for contesting in 300 Jatiya Sangsad constituencies.

Of the applicants, 71 are lone aspirants for BNP nomination from their respective constituencies.

Nearly 1,800 application

forms for BNP nomination were sold among the intending candidates earlier.

The BNP standing committee, the highest decision-making body of the party, is scheduled to meet this morning to finalise the list of BNP candidates, Office Secretary of the party, Nazrul Islam Khan, told journalists at the BNP election office at Kakrail in the city last night. The list is expected to be announced shortly, he added.

On the last day of interview yesterday, the nomination board, headed by the party chief Begum Khaleda Zia, interviewed 334 nomination seekers for 54 seats in 26 districts under Khulna and Rajshahi divisions. Of them, 119 have applied for BNP tickets from 37 seats in 10 districts of Khulna while 215 from 17 seats in 16 districts under Rajshahi division.

Earlier, the BNP nomination board interviewed 368 applicants for 169 seats in Dhaka division, 236 for 59 seats in Chittagong division, 78 for 19 seats in Sylhet division and 106 for 23 seats in Barisal division. The process of interviewing intending party nominees for the coming polls began.

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Ex-AL presidium member joins BNP

By Staff Correspondent

BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia said here yesterday that her party was determined to build a modern Bangladesh, free from poverty and illiteracy.

She was addressing party members at the Kakrail office of BNP marking the joining of Dr Mohammad Alauddin, a former presidium member of Awami League, in the party.

Alauddin, along with his daughter Rizwan Nahar Hashi joined the BNP yesterday expressing their allegiance to the party and confidence in the leadership of Begum Zia.

Hashi, was vice-president of Rajshahi unit of Mohila Awami League.

After joining the BNP, Alauddin, 72, sought nomination from his new party for contesting in the coming polls from Rajshahi-5 constituency, party sources later told this correspondent.

Begum Zia also instructed her party leaders and workers to work unitedly for the party candidates in the coming parliamentary election 'for the sake of democracy and sovereignty of the country'.

'Prove that the nationalist forces love BNP by ensuring the party's victory in the June 12 parliamentary polls.'

Claiming that BNP was the largest party in the country, Khaleda Zia expressed her

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Probe into alleged corruption demanded

DU Senate session adjourned amid pandemonium

By DU Correspondent

The pro-Awami League Blue panel members of the Dhaka University Senate walked out of the special requisition session of the Senate yesterday amid a pandemonium protesting what they said 'the Vice-Chancellor's reluctance' in forming a committee to investigate into the alleged corruptions during his four years administration.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Emajuddin Ahmed who is also chairman of the Senate rejected the demand on the ground that such a committee could not be formed as there was no specific allegation.

The allegations, put forward by the Blue panel members in general terms, included irregularities in appointment and

promotion of teachers, partisan attitude in appointment of provosts of residential halls, partisan attitude in nomination to different selection bodies for appointment and promotion of teachers.

The VC adjourned the session till May 28.

After adjournment of the session the Blue panel senators at a hurriedly called press conference at the university teachers club urged the caretaker government to form a committee to investigate into the alleged corruptions of the VC and his administration.

They also demanded resignation of the VC immediately. The senators warned that the relevant files bearing evidences of their corruptions might be removed from the offices concerned.

Syed Ahmed addressed the press conference.

The adjourned session, which began Monday, resumed at 5 pm yesterday in a peaceful

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DU admission test tomorrow

Dhaka University authorities yesterday announced the seat arrangement of 'ga' unit of the first year admission test for the session 1995-96, reports BSS.

The admission test will be held at 10 am tomorrow. The proposed seat arrangement is

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পাঠক/গ্রাহকদের জন্য জরুরী বিজ্ঞপ্তি

আমরা অত্যন্ত দুঃখের সঙ্গে জানাচ্ছি যে, ঢাকা শহরের ইকাস সন্নিবিষ্ট জনকণ্ঠের বহুদিনের বকেয়া পাওনা টাকা পরিশোধ না করার কারণে ঢাকা বেস কিছু এলাকায় আমাদের দৈনিক জনকণ্ঠ সরবরাহ বন্ধ রাখতে বাধ্য হয়েছি।

তবে সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, এ সময়ের সমাধান না হওয়া পর্যন্ত প্রতিদিন তোর ৬টা হতে সকাল ১০টা পর্যন্ত জনকণ্ঠ কার্যালয়, ৫৫ মতিবিল বা/এ, ঢাকা হতে নগদ মূল্যে যে কোন পরিমাণ জনকণ্ঠ সরবরাহ করা হবে।

আমরা পাঠক/গ্রাহকদের কাছে এই সাময়িক অসুবিধার জন্য আন্তরিকভাবে দুঃখ প্রকাশ করছি। সেই সাথে আপনারদের পূর্ণ সহযোগিতা কামনা করছি।

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