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DSE price index 848.84 (+0.09%)  
Market capital Tk 5763.50 cr  
Transactions in volume 227465  
Transactions in value Tk 5.01 cr

NEWS BRIEFS

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 ensuing 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 candidates 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 Razzaq, upazila chairman of Adamnighi in Bogra, and freedom fighter Mohammad Selim met Awami League president Sheikh Hasina at her Dhanmondi 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 a 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 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 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 partymen at the party's Kakrail office in the city yesterday marking joining of former Awami League presidium member Dr Alauddin in the party.

— Star photo

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.

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.

Hashi, 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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Zia would leave for Chittagong on May 11 to address four public rallies in the southern part of the district. She is scheduled to address the public rallies at Anwara at 10 am, Patia at 11 am, Satkhira at 1 pm and Bashkhali at 2 pm.

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Probe into alleged corruption demanded

## DU Senate session adjourned amid pandemonium

By DU Correspondent

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

The VC adjourned the ses-

**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.

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

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 resigna-

tion of the VC immediately.

The senators warned that

the relevant files bearing evi-

dences of their corruptions

might be removed from the of-

fices concerned.

Syed Ahmed addressed the

press conference.

The adjourned session, which began Monday, resumed at 5 pm yesterday. The proposed seat arrangement is

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held at 10 am tomorrow. The proposed seat arrangement is

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## 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 woman's reserved seats, Kal

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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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**Two Juba Dal activists shot dead in Jessor**

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, May 7: Two Jatiyatabadi 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, rounds of balloting April 27 and May 2.

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## Solidarity with AL non-cooperation

# HC showcase on govt, EC regarding 19 officials

The High Court yesterday issued a rule upon the government and the Election Commission to showcase 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, 1985, on charge of misconduct.

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

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