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DSE MARKET

DSE price index	870.95 (+1.03%)
Market capital Tk	5913.78 cr
Transactions in volume	112549
Transactions in value Tk	2.57 cr

CSE MARKET

CSE price index	388.85 (+0.07%)
Market capital	Tk 3296.50 cr
Transactions in volume	465
Transactions in value	Tk 4.90 lakh

Tell activists to refrain from violence, CEC urges parties

By Staff Correspondent

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Mohammad Abu Hena yesterday said that he had personally appealed to all major political parties to issue instructions to their respective activists to follow the election code of conduct and refrain from all terrorist activities.

"I requested representatives of BNP, Awami League, Jamaat and Jatiya Party, who met me today, to issue statements from their central offices to their activists in this regard and all have responded positively," Abu Hena said while talking to a group of newsmen at the Election Commission (EC) office.

The CEC said that in the last few days, some violent incidents occurred in the country. "This should not have occurred at all, everyone wants a free and fair election."

Leaders of the parties said

that they had already instructed their activists in this regard. Abu Hena printed out.

The CEC added that by and large a visible improvement in the observance of the election code of conduct could be seen. "You see, all political parties have taken it (code of conduct) as a moral responsibility. I talked to them for over ten hours before setting the code," the CEC said.

About the candidates who failed to submit statements on the source of their election expenses, the CEC said that the law would take its own course to deal with the defaulters.

Under Article 44 (AA) of the Representation of the People Order (RPO), such a statement must be submitted to the Returning Officer within seven days after the date of withdrawal of nomination papers.

Any person, in default, might face rigorous imprisonment between two to seven years and police can arrest any defaulter without a warrant.

Reports reaching the EC from across the country indicated that many candidates failed to submit such statements. EC sources pointed out.

"The law says that if anyone contravenes the provision of law, an aggrieved person would have to lodge an FIR (First Information Report) with the police. A Magistrate will do the committal proceedings and send it for sessions," Abu Hena said adding that in this case he would expect the course of law to take over.

"Law loses all meanings if it is not applied," Abu Hena said. He also added that if a candidate is found guilty and his sentence is of minimum 2 years or more, his candidature

would be automatically cancelled even after the elections.

When asked how many candidates failed to submit the statement, the CEC said that the Returning Officers in different places were taking action in this regard and they were yet to send all reports.

About law and order, the CEC said that although a large number of arms have already been recovered within the last two months yet he felt that the drive should be geared up.

"On an average, every year some 2,500 arms are recovered in the country, but within the last two months alone, some 3,500 firearms have been recovered and this is a good news," he said.

The CEC also said that he would address the nation over Radio and Television on June 11.

Congestion in jails

Hundreds of prisoners may be freed soon

By Mizan Ali

A few thousand prisoners in different jails will walk to freedom shortly after their sentences are remitted under a government decision, sources concerned said.

The decision to give remission of sentences to some categories of prisoners will be given effect from March 31 last, the day the caretaker government started functioning, they added.

The remission is being given by the government invoking Section 401 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC).

Adviser for Law and Parliamentary Affairs, Barrister Ish-tiaque Ahmed, when asked

about the remission, told The Daily Star. "It is within the powers of the government to release prisoners on humanitarian grounds based on CrPC."

This privilege will, however, not be applicable to those convicted for murder, abduction, dacoity, rape, violation of the modesty of women, acid throwing, oppression on women and children, anti-state activities, possession and use of unauthorised arms and explosives and for those arrested under Special Powers Act, the sources explained.

There shall not be any remission for those convicted for offences under Army Act or drug and corruption related

offences, they added.

The decision is also aimed at reducing the existing congestion in various jails, one source indicated. At the moment "there exists a general understanding to keep only the serious offenders in jails as the maintenance of law and order becomes difficult when the prisons become congested," he said.

The bench-mark date for eligibility for remission of sentence is March 31 last, according to a circular prepared by the government, dated June 1. It is now in the process of despatch to the DCs and jailors.

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All working in close harmony for fair polls, Biswas tells Richardson

President Abdur Rahman Biswas said the Election Commission is all powerful for requisitioning the services of anybody including army personnel in aid of civil authorities for a smooth voting, reports UNB.

He was talking to Congressman Bill Richardson who is leading a two-member delegation of the US-based National Democratic Institute which arrived here Sunday for a close view of the preparations for Bangladesh's national elections.

During the meeting at Bangabhaban yesterday, Richardson told Biswas that the US President, the Congress and the NDI on whose behalf he is visiting Dhaka attached

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US Congressman and Washington based National Democratic Institute (NDI) member Bill Richardson called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday. — PID photo

Polls will be fair, hopes Richardson

By Staff Correspondent

US Congressman Bill Richardson yesterday expressed optimism that the coming parliamentary elections would be free and fair and without any violence and the results would be accepted by all parties regardless of the outcome.

Richardson who came to Dhaka on a two-day pre-poll visit as a member of the Washington-based NDI, said at a press briefing prior to his departure. "It has been a pleasure to hear Bangladeshis both within and outside the government express their commitment to the strict enforcement of the code of conduct a document created through the consensus of all political parties."

Richardson, an influential member of the Congress and a close friend of President Clin-

ton, mentioned that the US was interested in the stability of democratic institutions and economic growth which had been phenomenal in recent years and had attracted US investors.

The Congressman, who had earlier visited Bangladesh in February during the political stalemate, said that his current trip was not for the purpose of mediation but a fact-finding mission. He said he will report to his colleagues in the Congress and President Clinton about his current trip during which he found that the process of June 12 elections were in the hands of "serious, able and respected professionals deeply committed to the principles of democracy and free and fair elections."

Richardson said that during

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Mirpur thana gheraoed

By Staff Correspondent

A group of youngmen reportedly belonging to the pro-BNP Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) clashed with police near Mirpur thana in the city yesterday.

They were demanding the release of the general secretary of the Mirpur thana unit of the JCD.

The angry JCD activists gheraoed Mirpur thana and later lobbed tear gas shells to disperse them.

At least 15 people were injured in the clash that lasted about half an hour from 12.30 pm. Police arrested 10 people during the incident.

The BNP candidate from Dhaka-11 constituency, Ekhlisuddin Mollah, also rushed to Mirpur thana to demand the release of the JCD leader, Saidur Rahman Newton, police said.

Newton was picked up by police yesterday morning as he is wanted in several cases, police sources added.

NEWS BRIEFS

Army chief meets Chief Adviser

Chief of Army staff Lt General Muhammad Mahubur Rahman called on Chief Adviser Muhammad Habibur Rahman at his office yesterday. General Rahman stayed with the Chief Adviser for some time, reports UNB.

BNP meet dais in Sylhet collapses

From Staff Correspondent
SYLHET, June 3: At least 10 people, including former MP Fatema Chowdhury, were injured when the dais of a BNP meeting collapsed due to heavy load. The incident occurred while rival groups of JCD activists tried to get up on the dais forcibly during the meeting. Five of the injured have been admitted to local clinics.

Appeal by Gen Nasim's mother

Former Army Chief of Staff Lt Gen Abu Saleh Mohammad Nasim's mother yesterday called for a high powered judicial committee headed by a Supreme Court judge to go into the recent incident involving her freedom fighter son, reports UNB.

In an earnest appeal to people, government, armed forces and human rights organisation, she urged fair trial of all army officers including her son accused under what she called a mock inquiry commission.

She demanded of her compatriots to make sure that all the accused including her son were not subjected to any

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Commentary

Army leadership must think twice before allowing itself to be used politically

By Mahfuz Anam

Following the incidents in the army between 18-20 May, that led to the retirement and internment of the former army Chief of Staff (CAS), a Court of Inquiry has been constituted which, according to Inter Service Public Relation (ISPR) press release of 24 May, will "find out facts and fix responsibilities in the incidents" and also "identify the persons involved." This Court of Inquiry is supposed to complete its findings by tomorrow, 5 June '96.

We are not sure what happens after that. Does the report go to the CAS or to the

ministry of defense or directly to the President himself? We have no idea as to how much progress the Court has made, whether the Court is about to complete its work or whether the proceedings got started at all. When contacted yesterday ISPR said it had nothing more to add to what was released earlier. To the best of our knowledge nothing about the Court of Inquiry has been made public including the names of its members and also who is heading it, except that it would be someone of the rank of Maj. Gen. A few newspapers carried their own stories but we have had nothing official on the workings of this body.

The events of 18-20 May have both military and political sides to it. In fact, as another

ISPR press release of 26 May makes it amply clear, it is the political origin of the problem that got the President to act as he did. Therefore, it is only logical that the work of the Court of Inquiry also will have its military and political sides.

The military side does not concern us (in principle, and as a practice in democracy it should), but the political side does. Normally the proceedings of this Court would be of peripheral interest to us. But this case is different for the simple reason that the parties involved are very important and the time when the Court of Inquiry is doing its work coincides with our much awaited national elections.

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Khaleda summoned by Barisal polls enquiry body

From Staff Correspondent
BARISAL, June 3: Barisal district electoral enquiry committee today summoned to former prime minister and BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia to appear before the committee on June 8 at 10 am, in person or through her representative to answer her complaints lodged against her earlier. See Page 12 col 8

Gen Mahbub promoted

Chief of Army Staff Major General Muhammad Mahubur Rahman PSC has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant General with effect from June 3, according to a notification issued by the Ministry of Defence in the city yesterday, reports BSS. He was ceremonially adorned with the badges of rank of Lieutenant General at the Bangabhaban, ISPR said. See Page 12 Col 1

Nor'wester hits Sailkupa: One killed, 20 hurt

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, June 3: A woman was killed and at least 20 people were injured when a nor'wester swept Sailkupa thana of the district yesterday evening.

Rahima Khatun, 65, of village Fulahari, was killed on the spot when her house collapsed on her.

According to witnesses, the storm started at about 6:45 pm Sunday and lasted for about half an hour. The nor'wester damaged at least 800 katcha and semi-pucca houses including educational institutions, mosques and mandirs, according to district admin officials.

The affected villages were identified as: Fulahari, Tamina-gar, Sailkupa, Ganaganj, Nityanandapur, Charia, Khaikula, Khalalia, Bahir-Royera, Khudra Royerah, Sekhra, Bolla, Khari-baria, Laxmipur and Pathan-para.

Sobinaye Jante Chai to be telecast today

By Staff Correspondent
The BTV programme 'Sobinaye Jante Chai' participated by Jamaat-e-Islami, which was due to be aired yesterday will be telecast today. BTV sources said the postponement was done to facilitate participation of greater number of parties. The pro- See Page 12 col 7

Ward commissioner murder Mir Shawkat granted ad-interim bail

Star Report

Former minister Lt. Gen. (Rtd) Mir Shawkat Ali, an accused in the Shahabuddin murder case, was granted ad-interim bail till June 20, following an appeal by him at the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court yesterday.

A S M Shahabuddin, information secretary of the city unit of Awami League (AL) and commissioner of ward no 41 was shot dead by a group of unidentified youngsters at Agargaon in the city Friday afternoon.

According to police sources, 18 people were named in the FIR. Of them, 10 were accused and eight others, including Mir Shawkat Ali, were alleged to be conspirators behind the murder. Shahabuddin's wife Rokeya filed a case with Mohammad-

pur thana Friday night under Sections 302, 109 and 34 of the Penal Code, said police.

Without ruling out any political motive behind the killing, a senior police official told The Daily Star yesterday that they were also investigating other probable factors.

During a visit to the locality this correspondent met some local people, AL activists and the family members of Shahabuddin. Most of those talked to alleged that the killing was politically motivated and that Shahabuddin was very popular in the area and a sincere man.

"Identified criminals in the locality are now absconding following the killing," a local man said.

Police, on the other hand, claimed that they have identified See Page 12 col 8

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