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DSE price index 901.49 (+0.85%)
Market capital Tk 121.12 cr
Transactions in volume 18755
Transactions in value Tk 3.87 cr

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Market capital Tk 3323.20 cr
Transactions in volume 13040
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BNP public meet today

The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) will hold a public meeting in front of its central office at Nayapalton VIP road at 3 PM today. Party Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia will address the meeting, said a press release yesterday.



Colourful processions of the Jatiyatabadi Samajik Sanskritik Sangathan (L) and Sutrapur Thana Awami League (R) in the city yesterday to campaign for their respective party candidates. — Star photo

Polls campaign ends at midnight tonight

Campaign for Wednesday's general election ends at midnight tonight, reports UNB.

Political parties and candidates were carrying on a frantic last-minute campaign that began on May 22 under a restrictive code of conduct.

The three-week official electioneering witnessed hectic meetings, rallies and processions countywide.

The stage is now set with the Election Commission having taken all the preparations for the voting, sending ballot papers and boxes to the district headquarters, and making all arrangements for ensuring law and order on the polling date.

A good number of election observers from Commonwealth, different SAARC countries, Japan and the US-based National Democratic Institute have already reached the capital to monitor the June 12 election, being held under a caretaker government.

Besides, dozens of foreign journalists from different newspapers, news agencies and news media, including radio and television, are now here to cover Bangladesh's general election, second in last four months.

Leaders of the two major political parties, particularly Begum Khaleda Zia, of BNP and Sheikh Hasina, of Awami

League, have almost completed their electioneering after crisscrossing the entire country in last three weeks.

Apart from announcing their respective election manifestos, all the political parties have made promises to turn the country 'economically self-reliant, ending discrimination, terrorism and anarchy.'

A total of 114,749 polling booths in 25,957 polling stations will be installed across the country where 56,716,937 voters are expected to exercise their franchise. Out of the voters, 28,759,995 are male and 27,956,942 female.

A total of 2,574 candidates

268 foreign monitors

A total of 268 foreign observers and diplomats will oversee Wednesday's parliamentary election. Election Commission sources here said yesterday, reports UNB.

The sources said 169 election observers are here from different foreign countries and organisations while 99 diplomats who will monitor the polls represent Dhaka-based High Commissions and Embassies of different countries.

The polls observers include

Colourful campaign processions in city

By Reaz Ahmad

With just two days left for the June 12 polls for electing the country's seventh parliament, the city wore a festive look yesterday as different political parties brought out colourful campaign processions carrying decorated election symbols, banners, festoons and posters.

Campaigners boarding traditional hackney carriages and trucks and even wearing roller skates moved along city streets to draw voters' attention, adding an extra feather to the lively ways of soliciting vote.

From the eight Jatiya Sangsad seats in this city of over eight million, 148 candidates both on party tickets and as independents in the election race, the second one under a caretaker government with the first one in 1991.

Some 25 lakh registered voters in the city are expected to exercise their franchise at 907 polling centres on Wednesday, deciding the fate of the candidates.

Of the 907 centres, some 323 were reportedly rated by the police administration as 'trouble-prone.' Other than army personnel, some 7493 police, 2,781 BDR and 11,084 Ansar personnel are to take care of the law and order in and around these centres.

Strict measures taken by law enforcing agencies to check and avert pre-polls violence and observance of the election code of conduct by the candidates and campaigneers in general contributed much to maintaining by and large a healthy atmosphere so

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BNP plans to rig polls in 105 seats: Hasina

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, June 9: Awami League president Sheikh Hasina today alleged that the BNP has planned to rig the coming elections in 105 constituencies in connivance with the President and party supporters in some government agencies.

'They had staged a mock election in February last to cling to power and are going on now with a blue-print to win the June 12 polls any how,' she alleged while addressing a huge election-projection meeting at Shaheb Bazar in the city.

In her last-day campaign swing covering five districts in the northern region, Hasina made fervent appeals to people to vote Awami League to power to establish a self-reliant economy, end corruption and to ensure rule of law.

She also bitterly criticised

AL's main power contender, the BNP, for what she called plunder of national resources and ruining the national economy.

The AL chief addressed public meetings at Iwardi (Pabna) Nagona, Natore, Gopalpur, Bagha, Charghat, Khablu, Nandigram, Dhupchachia, Alamdighi, and Manda. She flew in to Iwardi this morning by a chartered plane from Sylhet after offering *fateha* at the maazar of Hazrat Shah Jalal (R) there.

Thousands of people including women joined the meetings from far flung area chanting slogans in favour of Hasina, Awami League and the party election symbol boat.

The meeting at Shaheb Bazar was presided over by Mohammad Moniruzzaman, president of the Rajshahi city

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Reply befittingly with ballot bombs: Khaleda

CHITTAGONG, June 9: Former prime minister Begum Khaleda Zia today asked the people to hurl their ballot bomb on those who indulged in destructive activities causing limitless suffering to commonman, reports UNB.

'You [people] have a powerful bomb in your hand. Give befitting reply to them [Opposition] through your ballot bomb,' she said.

Begum Zia was addressing a series of election meetings in different parts of the port city. Thousands of people from all walks of life attended the meetings to listen to her.

The BNP chairperson said the peace-loving people of the country had tolerated a lot and not thrown any bombs as they did not want anarchy.

'You were held hostage by the terrorists. Now is time to make a counter bomb attack. Ballot is this bomb. June 12 is the day for charging the ballot bomb on those who destroyed

the economy and created immense suffering for the people,' Begum Zia said.

The BNP chief said people's ballot bombs would herald an era of development, peace, production, safeguard of independence and sovereignty while their [Opposition] bomb is aimed at destruction of the country.

'You cannot even sleep in peace if you fail to resist the vested quarters. You cannot open your shop and free the nation from the slavery if you do not reject them through ballot in the ensuing polls,' she told the gatherings.

During the four-hour-long campaign, Begum Zia addressed huge meetings at Steel Mill Gate in North Patenga, Boakhal, Kalurghat, Bahaddar Hat, Station Road, Shuvapur and Kadamtali. Besides, she went on a mass contact at different places in the port city.

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AL activist stabbed to death in city

By Staff Correspondent

A small trader, reportedly an activist of the Awami League, was stabbed to death at Kamrangirchar in the city yesterday.

The victim, Shamsul Huq alias Shanti, 30, sustained severe stab injuries when an unidentified gang attacked him at Shasan Ghat in Kamrangirchar early yesterday.

sources at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) said. Shamsul died at the DMCH at around 11:40 am.

A plastic trader, Shamsul, son of late Lal Miah, of Madrasa Para, Kamrangirchar, came under attack at about 12:30 am, according to people of the locality. Shamsul

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SC hearing on Ershad's speech over Radio, TV today

By SC Correspondent

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday ordered stay of the High Court Division order directing the authorities concerned to telecast and broadcast the speech of former president and Jatiya Party leader HM Ershad over the radio and television along with the other party leaders till 11:30 am today.

Justice Latif ur Rahman of the Appellate Division, upon a stay petition of the government, also fixed the matter for hearing today in the full bench of the Appellate Division.

Earlier yesterday, the division bench of the HC comprising Justice Mohammad Mozammel Huq and Justice M A Matin, upon a writ petition of Ershad, had issued a rule nisi on the Secretaries of the Ministry of Information and the Ministry of Home Affairs.

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EC examining allegation against President

The Election Commission (EC) is examining an allegation against the President of violating the election code of conduct, reports UNB.

This was stated by Chief Election Commissioner Mohammad Abu Hena at a press conference organised by OCAB in the city yesterday.

'We are examining a petition which accused the President of violating electoral code,' said the CEC replying to a question.

He, however, said the President enjoys certain immunities under the Constitution from civil and criminal proceedings.

Asked if it was morally right for the President to make promise just ahead of the election, the CEC said: 'That is a different matter. Ask your conscience for the answer.'

President Abdur Rahman Biswas last Thursday made a

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BNP activist shot in city

By Staff Correspondent

A BNP activist sustained serious bullet wounds when a gang shot him in Bangshal area in the old part of the city yesterday.

Hazi Delwar Hossain, 40, was attacked when he was returning to his house at 34, Hazi Abdullah Sarker Lane, at around 1 am after election campaign for Saifur Hossain, the BNP candidate contesting

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AN APPEAL

To all hardcore Mohammedan Sporting Club supporters and sports loving people of Motijheel-Sabujbagh Area, Dhaka-6

Please cast your vote in favour of Independent Candidate TANVEER BHAI in Television Symbol

A former National Cricketer, Additional General Secretary of Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club & life Member of Dhaka Club



Amra Mohammedan

FOR All Mohammedan Sporting Club Officials & Players

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বিজ্ঞপ্তি

চলতি আর্থিক বছরের ৪র্থ কোয়ার্টারের জন্য অগ্রিম আয়কর প্রদানের তারিখ ১৫ই জুন, ১৯৯৬ইং। সর্বশেষ করদাতা কর্তৃক দেয় অগ্রিম আয়কর ফরম নং আইটি-৩১(বি) (সংশোধিত)। চালান ফরমের মাধ্যমে পরিশোধ করতে হবে। এই ফরমের যে যে স্থানে '৭৪(১)' সংখ্যাটি উল্লিখিত আছে তার স্থলে '৬৪' সংখ্যাটি প্রতিস্থাপনপূর্বক চালান ফরমটি যথাযথি পূরণ করে করদাতাগণ অগ্রিম কর পরিশোধ করবেন। উল্লেখ্য, সকল শ্রেণীর করদাতার জন্য অগ্রিম আয়কর প্রদানের ক্ষেত্রে মোট আয়ের আর্থিক সীমা বর্তমানে ১,০০,০০০/- টাকা। সর্বশেষ সকল করদাতাকে ১৯৯৬-৯৭ কর বছরের জন্য চলতি আর্থিক বছরের ৪র্থ কোয়ার্টারের অগ্রিম আয়কর ১৫ই জুন, ১৯৯৬ইং তারিখের মধ্যে এই পদ্ধতিতে প্রদানের অনুরোধ জানানো যাচ্ছে।

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জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড

One killed, 90 hurt in pre-polls violence in 4 districts

Star Report

One person was killed and over 90 were injured in pre-polls violence in Bhola, Sylhet, Narayanganj and Jhenidah yesterday.

According to UNB, one man was killed and 20 others were injured in a pre-polls violence between two rival political parties in Bhola Sadar thana yesterday, police said.

The dead was identified as Nuruzzaman Shukur, 40. Leaders of Bhola district unit of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) claimed him as a worker of the party.

Witnesses said Shukur was injured when a group of BNP activists went to capture the election camp of the Awami League at Hajirhat village in Alinagar union of Bhola Sadar thana at about 2:30 pm.

Activists of both the parties clashed with lethal weapons that left Shukur and 20 others injured. Twelve people were rushed to the Bhola Sadar Hospital where Shukur was declared dead.

Bhola district BNP Joint Secretary Mostafa Kamal claimed that a group of mis-

creants of Awami League had suddenly attacked their party workers and killed Shukur.

Our Staff Correspondent from Sylhet reports: At least 50 persons, including police officials, were injured in a clash at the Jakiganj thana headquarters yesterday afternoon. Of the injured, 20 were admitted to the Thana Health Complex.

Awami League and Jatiya party nominees for the June 12 election were holding meetings at the thana head-

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Ctg: Campaign in high gear

From Nurul Alam

CHITTAGONG, June 9: Chittagong city and its surrounding areas wore a festive look as election campaign reached its climax here.

Immunerable posters have been pasted in and around the city. Election symbols hanged and camps erected mostly near the roads and highways continued playing of election related songs.

Man-to-man publicity from election camps is also on to woo vote in favour of respective party candidates. Campaigners are approaching people of various walks of life while the party candidates mobilised local youths and female workers to go for door-to-door

campaign. The campaigning youths and female workers are knocking the doors and requesting the residents for casting votes in favour of their candidates.

They are also distributing voter cards and various leaflets containing the background of the candidates.

Besides, publicity by megaphone, rallies and processions have become an every day feature.

Gossips centred mainly around the candidates of four major parties in the election race.

A total of 125 candidates are in the race in all 15 seats of Chittagong, of which 3 con-

stituencies are in the city and rest 12 located outside. According to political observers, dual fights are likely in 10 constituencies and triangular fights in five constituencies here.

A total of 28,19,753 voters will exercise their franchise, of whom 14,87,446 are male and 13,32,307 are female. Polling will be held in 1342 centres of the district where 6,131 booths have been set up, an election official said.

Forces have been deployed in all 468 vantage points of the district and 17 control rooms, including three in the city, have been opened to monitor

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