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DSE price index 941.77 (+0.51%)
Market capital Tk 6394.81 cr
Transactions in volume 160436
Transactions in value Tk 52.09 cr

CSE MARKET

CSE price index 402.09 (-1.11%)
Market capital Tk 3026.01 cr
Transactions in volume 5070
Transactions in value Tk 10.12 lakh

NEWS BRIEFS

Ctg-Cox's Bazar road link restored

From Our Correspondent

COX'S BAZAR, June 26: Road communication between Chittagong and Cox's Bazar that remained disrupted for the last seven days, has been restored. Three bridges which were collapsed along the 160 km-way from Chittagong to Cox's Bazar got repaired by the authorities, officials said.

JU Senate budget session today

The annual budget session of Jahangirnagar University (JU) Senate will be held today at the Senate Hall of the university. The budget for the 1996-97 fiscal year will be approved by the Senate following a discussion on the opening speech of VC Prof Amirul Islam.

118 Bangladeshis among 389 injured 23 Americans killed in Saudi car bomb blast

No death report of Bangladeshis

By Staff Correspondent

The Bangladesh embassy in Riyadh has not received any report of deaths of Bangladeshis in Tuesday's car-bomb blast in Saudi Arabia, said Ambassador Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin late last night. When contacted over telephone, he said that the Labour

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DUBAI, June 26: A bomb blast rocked a Saudi Arabian military complex housing foreigners, and US officials reported today that 23 Americans were killed and more than 350 people were wounded, reports Reuter.

US President Bill Clinton said the attack appeared to be the work of terrorists and vowed to hunt down the bombers.

Saudi Arabia said today, latest information showed 19 Americans were killed and 389 people of various nationalities wounded in the blast, which ripped through Abdel

Aziz Air Base on Tuesday in the eastern city of Khobar, where 2900 Americans were located.

In Washington, a Defence Department spokesman said 23 Americans were killed and 105 were seriously injured in the blast. Lieutenant Kevin Aandal of the US navy said 240 other people had received medical treatment and been released.

A Saudi interior ministry statement, carried by the official Saudi Press Agency (SPA), said some of the wounded were in a serious condition.

"What has been confirmed until the time of issuing this is

that 19 people, all of American nationality, have been killed and 389 people of different nationalities injured, some seriously," the statement said.

The Saudi statement said among the wounded were: 147 Saudis nationals, 118 Bangladeshis, 109 Americans, four Egyptians, two Jordanians, two Indonesian and two Filipinos.

The initial results of the investigation show that the explosion was result of a car bomb and intensive security efforts continue to find the culprits, it added.

The ministry said on

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Presidential election in first week of August

By Morshed Ali Khan

The law requires that the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) would consult the Speaker of the new Parliament before announcing the schedule of the presidential election," he added.

EC sources explained that as per law the presidential election has to be held before the cut-off date of August 9," he said.

The schedule for the presidential election would be announced after Parliament is summoned, which has to be done within one month following the announcement of the official results, the EC official said.

"If we calculate from the first official results of the June 12 parliamentary elections which were announced on June 16, then parliament has to be summoned before July 16," the official said.

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tween 90 and 60 days before the expiry of tenure of the present President.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas took oath of office on October 9, 1991 so his five-year tenure concludes on October 8 this year, and the election must be held, under the existing law, sometime between July 10 and August 9, the EC sources said.

The presidential election would be held at the Sangsad Bhaban where all the MPs-elect would cast their votes in an open ballot to elect the President. The Chief Election Commissioner (CEC), as per law, will preside over the parliamentary sitting of the election day and also act as the Returning Officer.

At the end of the polling,

the CEC would oversee the counting and then announce the results instantly to the audience there, it was learnt.

Clinton greets Sheikh Hasina

President Bill Clinton has congratulated Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina saying that he looks forward to working with her and the government to deepen close cooperation between the two nations, reports BSS.

In his message, President Clinton said, "let me congratulate you on your hard-fought electoral victory and on the commitment to democracy demonstrated by the people of Bangladesh. The overall transparency and peacefulness of the election, the high turnout, the orderly transfer of power and the advent of a robust new parliament all testify to the strength and vitality of Bangladesh's democratic institutions."

He further said: "This election and the peaceful transition of power lay the groundwork for an era of strengthened democracy, domestic tranquility and economic growth. I look forward to working with you and the government of Bangladesh to deepen the traditional friendship and close cooperation between our nations."

The Prime Minister placed a wreath at the mazar of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Tungipara in Gopalganj with full state honour.

Earlier, Sheikh Hasina, who is the eldest daughter of Sheikh Mujib, flew by a helicopter to her ancestral home at the mazar.

The Prime Minister placed a wreath at 9:35 am and stood in solemn silence for some time as the national flag flew at half mast in tribute to Bangabandhu, who led the nation to its independence in 1971. He was assassinated in a military putsch on August 15, 1975.

A smartly turned out contingent of the Armed Forces presented a guard of honour



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina placed wreath at the mazar of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Tungipara in Gopalganj yesterday. — PID photo

Thousands of people throng Tungipara Full state honour for Bangabandhu

By Reaz Ahmad, back from Tungipara

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Earlier, Sheikh Hasina, who is the eldest daughter of Sheikh Mujib, flew by a helicopter to her ancestral home at the mazar.

Later, she also offered fete at the graves of her grandfather and grandmother Sheikh Lutfar Rahman and Sheikh Shahera Khaton.

Maulana Yunus Mia, religious teacher of Ninth East Bengal Regiment, conducted munajat.

Thousands of people, many of them from nearby districts, thronged the usually quiet Tungipara throughout the day. It was an emotional scene as Hasina wept, while meeting Sheikh Nurul Haq Gedu Mia, a local maulana, who had conducted the namaj-e-janaza of Sheikh Mujib. The body of the great leader was brought to Tungipara by an Army helicopter on August 16, 1975.

Earlier, on her arrival, the Prime Minister was received by Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzaq, Lt. Col (retired) Faruq Khan, MP, local Awami League leaders and high officials. As she walked towards her ancestral home hundreds of people chanting 'Joy Bangla' far flung areas also gathered there.

All ministers except one, state ministers and some 100 MPs joined the Prime Minister at Tungipara and offered munajat at the mazar. Energy, See Page 12 Col 2

BNPPP likely to take important decisions today

By Staff Correspondent

The BNPPP Parliamentary Party (BNPPP) meets at 5 this afternoon at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban, a party press release said here last night.

Prior to the BNPPP meeting, party chief Begum Khaleda Zia is likely to be sworn-in as a member of the Seventh Parliament by speaker Sheikh Razzak Ali.

According to party sources, the BNPPP meet is expected to choose the Leader, the Deputy Leader, the Chief Whip and the Whips of the party in the new Parliament. BNP is the largest ever opposition party in parliament with 116 seats.

Former prime minister and BNP chief Begum Khaleda Zia is likely to be elected the Leader of the Opposition in the Parliament, the sources said.

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Mannan Bhuiyan new BNP secy gen

By Staff Correspondent



Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan

the BNP several times, was in charge of the ministries of Labour and Manpower, Food and Agriculture in the government of Begum Khaleda Zia for the past five years.

Bhuiyan, who hails from Shibpur thana of Narshingdi district, was elected in the 1991 parliamentary elections from Narshingdi-3 on BNP ticket. He was elected from the same constituency in the June 12 polls.

BSS adds, Mannan Bhuiyan, the newly appointed secretary general of the BNP expressed

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BNP legal aid body formed

BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday constituted a 10-member legal aid committee for the party to look into allegations relating to elections to the 7th parliament and render assistance for legal redress, reports UNB.

Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia will act as the convenor of the committee.

Members of the committee are: Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar, Barrister Nazmul Huda, Barrister Aminul Haq, Barrister Ziaur Rahman Khan, and advocates Abdul Wadud Khan-daker, Miftah Uddin Chowdhury Rumi, Lutfe Alam, Zainal Abedin and Humayun Kabir Bulbul.

The committee has been entrusted with the responsibility to form legal aid committee.

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England, Germany 1-1 at breather

Sports Reporter

England and Germany were locked 1-1 at halftime during the second Euro '96 semifinal at Wembley Stadium last night, according to BBC.

Striker Alan Shearer scored in the third minute to put England ahead. But the Germans replied in the 16th minute through Stefan Kuntz.

Earlier, the Czech Republic reached the final to be held at Wembley on Sunday.

Blue Panel walks out of DU budget session

By DU Correspondent

Thirty-six Blue Panel members of the Dhaka University Senate yesterday walked out of the annual budget session.

With Vice-Chancellor Prof Emajuddin Ahmed in the chair, the session started at 4 pm, at the administrative building of the university.

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Prof Akhteruzzaman submitted a "no confidence" motion urging the Vice-Chancellor not to continue the chairmanhip of the Senate.

Advocate Syed Ahmed supported the "no confidence" motion.

At this point, 36 Senate members walked out from the session out of the 62 present.

After a 15-minute adjournment of the session, the Vice-Chancellor and Senate Chairman called the meeting in motion and read out his written speech. Then the Treasurer of the University Prof M Shamsul Haque, placed the annual budget speech for fiscal 1996-97.

At a press briefing immediately after the walk out, the senators demanded the resignation of the VC and President of the Senate.

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A Sabujbagh police arrested driver Alauddin from the spot, police said.

A gang of about seven armed men intercepted the red colour car of Alamgir when he reached near the Buddhist temple at Sabujbagh at around 3:30 pm. They fired a few shots, hurled crackers and threw the businessman and his driver out of the car, police added.

Car, Tk 12 lakh snatched from businessman

By Staff Correspondent

An unidentified gang snatched a car and Tk 12 lakh from a businessman at Bishwa Road near Sabujbagh in the city yesterday.

Md Alamgir was returning to his house at Ahmedbagh after withdrawing Tk 12 lakh from the Wage Earners Branch of Sonali Bank at Motijheel, according to the FIR filed by the victim with the Sabujbagh thana.

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