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DSE price index	946.05 (+0.45%)
Market capital Tk	6423.65 cr
Transactions in volume	227557
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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**CEC meets PM**

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Mohammad Abu Hena called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office yesterday morning. The Chief Election Commissioner stayed with the Prime Minister for sometime, reports UNB.

**Today's DU Senate meet postponed**

The special requisition meeting of the Dhaka University Senate which was scheduled to be held at the administrative building at 4 pm today has been postponed due to unavoidable reasons, said a press release of the DU yesterday.

**Devashish Roy meet Hasina**

Chakma Raja Barrister Devashish Roy paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office yesterday evening. He stayed with Hasina for some time and congratulated her on her assumption of the office of the Prime Minister, reports UNB.

**BNP NEC meets today**

A meeting of the council of secretaries of the National Executive Committee (NEC) of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) will be held today at 7 pm at party central office. All concerned have been requested to attend the meeting on time, said a press release, reports UNB.



The low-lying areas in Kazipara in the city went under knee-deep water following rainfall.

— Star photo by Ani

**PM's directive to DCC Mayor Sit with utility bodies to speed up works**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday asked the Mayor of Dhaka to sit with all the utility bodies, without waiting for government decision for forming a coordinating committee, to speed up development works in the city smoothly, report agencies.

She gave the directive in a meeting with the Dhaka City Corporation commissioners. The instruction came in response to a proposal made by Mayor Mohammad Hanif with regard to coordination among various service organisations ending the mishmash in public works.

The meeting was held at the International Conference Centre in the city.

Responding to another demand placed by the Mayor in

his introductory speech, the Prime Minister said that her government would actively think over taking decision over their demand for giving the ward commissioners with the status of second class magistrate.

She said she would consider formation of a powerful coordination council comprising all utility services organisations like Wasa, T and T, PDB, Rajuk under DCC for providing better services to the city residents. In this regard, she advised the Mayor to start the process under his personal initiative till a decision to this effect was taken officially.

"Once you are elected you represent all and you should render your services to all, rising above your party and personal interests," the Prime Minister told the word commissioners.

Hasina suggested them to work with the attitude of equal treatment with all. "You can't serve the people if you can't uphold this attitude," she said.

"Remember, if you can't rise above party people will take decision about you in coming elections," she said, adding "once you are elected, you should not consider who has voted for you and who hasn't. People have become conscious and they are aware of their voting rights."

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**PM shifting to official residence Karotoa**  
Star Report

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will shift to her official residence 'Karotoa' tomorrow afternoon, said sources at the PM's present residence at Dhanmondi.

"Karotoa", earlier used as a state guest house has now been refurbished as the official residence of the Prime Minister.

According to sources, ministers and state ministers are also likely to move to their official residences by July 3.

**SEC opens public reference room**

A public reference room (PRR) was opened yesterday at the premises of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for the investing public, reports BSS.

The PRR contains company accounts, annual reports, half-yearly financial statements, prospectus of the public limited companies and other reference books and publications for the use of investors and the

**Appointment of ministers Some AL stalwarts feel 'ignored'**

By Nurul Kabir

The composition of the newly formed council of ministers of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has caused 'considerable resentment' among a section of the Awami League leadership, well-placed sources in the party said.

The 20-member council of ministers formed on June 23 did not include senior party leaders like Abdul Mannan, Abdul Momen, Salahuddin Yusuf, Sajeda Choudhury and Rahmat Ali.

On the other hand, the Prime Minister has picked as her cabinet colleagues persons like SAMS Kibria, ASHK Sadek, Lt Gen (Retd) Nooruddin Khan and Major (Retd) Rafiqul Islam, the last two joined the party very recently, while the former two joined a few years back.

Reacting to this, a senior member of the AL Central Working Committee told The Daily Star, on condition of

**Clinton praises Khaleda**

US President Bill Clinton yesterday praised BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia for her accomplishments in building up strong democratic institutions in Bangladesh, reports BSS.

In a message to Begum Zia, President Clinton said: "The peacefulness and high turnout in the elections testify to the strong democratic institutions you have helped to build." President Clinton's message, released by BNP, said.

"As a democratically elected leader, I understand too well the feelings you must have as you leave office," adding "however, I hope you will take great pride in your accomplishment while in office." He said under Begum Zia's leadership, Bangladesh has made great strides.

President Clinton said he enjoyed working with Begum Zia and recalled with gratitude her support for Bangladesh's participation in international peacekeeping missions.

**Envoy to Saudi Arabia resigns**

By Staff Correspondent

Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin, Bangladesh Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, informed The Daily Star yesterday that he had submitted his resignation.

"I was a political appointee and I, therefore, thought it befitting democratic traditions to submit my resignation," the envoy said over telephone.

He said he hoped to be back home on August 1.

Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin, a BNP leader, was formerly Mayor of Chittagong.

**Two full moons next month**

The full moon usually occurs once a month, but it will be different in the month of July, reports BSS.

There will be two full moons in this month. The first full moon will be seen on the 1st of July and the second full moon will be seen on 30th July.

Due to apparitions of two full moons in one month, the total number of full moons to be seen this year will be 13, a Bangladesh Astronomical Society press release said here yesterday.

**Share trading regains momentum Political stability will prevail, hope investors at DSE**

By Rafiq Hasan

Political stability now prevailing in the country has contributed to the "high growth" in the share market, according to share market experts and operators.

Some leading share brokers and DSE members while talking to The Daily Star observed that although the market indicators experienced slight decline during last two to three days but the overall share trading regained momentum and achieved significant growth.

Market operators said the investors have become confident and enthusiastic after the new government's coming to power through a national election. The investors now think that peace will prevail and country's politics will follow a systematic course which will ensure growth in share trading, they said.

"The present high growth in the two stock exchanges is the direct result of the peaceful environment in the political arena," said a share broker.

Sultanuzaman Khan, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) said the present situation in the share market is "quite positive." "If this situation continues, the share market will definitely expand a lot," he said.

A large number of investors are gathering at the DSE floor everyday and huge shares and debentures are being exchanged which has made the market buoyant and pushed all market indicators to new heights.

According to the market operators, the bourse has almost overcome the "serious depreciation" which it had faced during the first quarter of the current year due to political turmoil.

The share price index of the DSE fluctuated between 761 to 796 points during that period.

But after the political stability returned, the DSE All Share Price Index reached 977.13 points on June 22 breaking all previous records. The market capitalisation stood at Tk 6634.71 crore on that day which was also that all-time-high.

Sultanuzaman Khan emphasized that the market indicators to new

**BNPPP meet postponed Khaleda falls sick, fails to take oath**

By Staff Correspondent

BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia could not take oath as Member of Parliament (MP) despite all arrangements made at the Speaker's chamber yesterday afternoon.

Explaining the reason, newly-appointed Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan told newsmen that Begum Zia "suddenly fell sick".

The BNP chief earlier refrained from taking oath on Monday when other MPs of her party were sworn in. Begum Zia explained that she did not take bath on that day as she could not decide which of the five JS seats she would retain.

Meanwhile, the scheduled meeting of the BNP Parliamentary Party (BNPPP) was also postponed. Mannan Bhuiyan told the newsmen at about 6 pm that the swearing in ceremony of the party chief was scheduled to take place at 5 pm.

Earlier, Speaker Razzak Ali, who along with some top BNP leaders including Prof AQM Badruddoza Choudhury, Mannan Bhuiyan, Jamiruddin Sircar and MK Anwar was waiting for Begum Zia, told the newsmen "she is supposed to come at 5 pm."

On receiving an information, Mannan Bhuiyan said that the BNP chief would not turn up for being administered oath due to 'sickness'.

The BNP Secretary General later went to the cabinet room of the Sangsad Bhaban to tell the party MPs there that the BNPPP meet had been postponed.

"Today's meeting has been postponed... you all go back to your respective constituencies. We will let you know the fresh date for the meeting," he told the waiting party MPs.

Meanwhile, Mannan Bhuiyan, who was appointed the new secretary general of the BNP Wednesday night, told the reporters that his first job would be to streamline the party upto the grassroots level.

Asked how much he could work when the party chief, he said, "The chief decides everything in consultation with all concerned."

Mannan Bhuiyan ruled out any possibility of changing the leader of the BNPPP this time.

**40 rounded up Armed group terrorises people in 3 city areas**

By Staff Correspondent

A group of armed youngmen stormed into Gopibagh, Golapbagh and Maniknagar areas of the city and exploded dozens of cocktails to terrorise the people yesterday.

Later, during a combing operation at Gopibagh, Sabujbagh and Demra thana, arrested 40 identified miscreants and extortionists.

At least 10 persons, most of them pedestrians, were injured in the violence. They were released from different clinics after first aid.

The armed gang also burnt a private car and damaged several shops near the Bangladesh Boys' Club at Gopibagh.

Local people said, the armed youths were protesting the killing of one of their associates, Taher. He was allegedly beaten to death by some unidentified miscreants in the area on the night of June 19.

The situation in the area had become volatile following the murder of Taher alias Razu, 23, police said.

Meanwhile, one Alam, 20, injured in a bomb blast in a slum at Gopibagh yesterday afternoon, was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH). He was reportedly making bombs in a room, according to hospital sources.

**General amnesty being considered: Rafiq**

By Reaz Ahmad

Home Minister Major (retd) Rafiqul Islam has spelled out a plan of action to improve the law and order in the country.

"We are planning to offer a general amnesty so that those who have gone astray due to various socio-cultural drawbacks can get a chance to be reformed and lead a healthy life," he said.

He was exchanging views with a group of journalists on Wednesday night while returning to the city from Tunjipara, Gopalganj.

Rafiq accompanied his cabinet colleagues on a visit to Tunjipara where they joined Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in offering *fateha* at the mazar of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Wednesday morning.

The Home Minister said a vigorous drive would be launched by police to track down terrorists and illegal arms holders to ensure peaceful public life.

In reply to a question on the plan for announcing a general amnesty, the minister said it was still in a premature state and added, "we need a few more days to have meetings with all the departments concerned, make an assessment of the law and order at present and examine other relevant facts".

He admitted that there were enough reasons in our society to frustrate people, particularly those in their teens and twenties. There were problems of unemployment, attraction of drugs and acute poverty which contributed to young peoples' gradual alienation from the normal life.

"Along side our long-term mission of eradicating these problems, efforts to recover illegal arms and nab terrorists will continue in order to keep

**G-7 meet opens: Statement on terrorism likely**

LYON (France), June 27: The Group of Seven (G-7) summit opened here this evening with an informal dinner of head of state and government of the member states, reports AFP.

The dinner at Lyon City Hall was to adopt a statement on terrorism after the agenda of the summit was changed following Tuesday's terrorist attack on a US military base in Saudi Arabia.

Earlier French President Jacques Chirac and US President Bill Clinton agreed that Group of Seven leaders should issue a statement on fighting terrorism at their summit today, French presidential spokeswoman Catherine Colonna said.

The statement would condemn terrorism and reaffirm the determination of the world's leading industrial democracies to fight against it, she said.

Asked about a private meeting with Clinton whether he expected a statement on the fight against terrorism would be issued today, Chirac told reporters: "yes, I think so."

**Govt plans to introduce judicial magistracy**

By SC Correspondent

The government will introduce judicial magistracy in place of the present executive magistrates, said State Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Abdul Matin Khoshru yesterday.

He was speaking to a group of lawyers during a courtesy visit to the Supreme Court Bar Association.

He said that if the government fails to amend the Constitution inserting the provisions for separation of the Judiciary from the Executive branch of government due to want of two-third majority, it would at least pass a bill for instituting judicial magistracy.

The State Minister told The Daily Star, "Practising lawyers will also be appointed judicial magistrates."

He also said that his ministry would soon send the draft of the bill seeking separation of the judiciary to the Supreme Court Bar Association for suggestions and necessary corrections.

The State Minister, who was also an advocate of the Supreme Court, said, "Every appointment of judges shall be made in consultation with the Supreme Court."

"Only on the basis of merit and efficiency law-officers of the government in all tiers of judiciary shall be appointed," he declared.

Welcoming the State Minister, Barrister Amirul Islam suggested that in respect of appointments of the Attorney General and other government law-officers in the Supreme Court those should be consulted with the Chief Justice and senior members of the Bar Association and regarding District Courts those should be consulted with the District Judges and senior members of the respective bars.

Nazrul Islam Chowdhury, General Secretary of the Bar, said that the government should in written ask for help to the bar.

Barrister Shawkat Ali Khan, President of the Bar thanked the State Minister for his visit.

**Contempt of court rule issued on Petro Bangla officials**

By SC Correspondent

The High Court Division yesterday issued a contempt of court rule on the concerned officers of the Petro Bangla.

The division bench of the HC comprising Justice Mohammad Mozammel Huq and Justice M A Matin upon a petition of A K M Fazul Karim issued the contempt rule on S K M Abdullah, former chairman of Petro Bangla, now a Member of the Public Service Commission, Md Selim Ullah Salim, Director (Administration) and M A H Nizam, former general manager (Administration) now General Manager (Administration) of the Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Corporation.

By this rule the court directed the contempters to show cause within four weeks as to why they have violated the judgement on a writ petition of 1991 and why a contempt proceeding should not be issued against them for that violation of the judgement.

**FBI investigating Dhahran blast Sixty to be flown out to Germany for treatment**

By Staff Correspondent

No Bangladesh national has been killed or critically injured in the bomb blast that killed 19 people and injured several hundred at a military complex in Saudi Arabia on Tuesday, according to the Bangladesh embassy in Riyadh.

Talking to The Daily Star over telephone at 11 pm last night, Ambassador Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin said that reports received from embassy personnel sent to the spot indicated that fortunately not a single Bangladeshi had been killed or critically injured.

He said, "First Secretary (press) A K M Hanif and Second Secretary (labour) Kamaluddin Khan who were despatched to the place of occurrence had not found a single Bangladeshi national killed.

The ambassador said that most of the injured left hospital at El-Khobar after receiving treatment.

BERLIN, June 27: Two US Air Force C141 transport jets were expected back in Germany late today with about 60 people injured in the truck bombing outside a US military housing compound in Saudi Arabia, reports AP.

The injured, mostly suffering burns or broken bones, were to arrive about 8 pm at Ramstein Air Base in southwest Germany, said a spokesman, Capt James Law.

They will be taken to the nearby Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, the main US military hospital in Europe, for treatment, he said.

"The most serious trauma patients will still need to be stabilised in Saudi Arabia before they can be airlifted out," probably this weekend, he said.

Tuesday's blast left at least 19 Americans dead and wounded hundreds.

Meanwhile, the bodies of the US servicemen left Saudi Arabia for the United States early today as investigators shifted through the rubble of their devastated apartment block.

They were being flown to Dover, Delaware where they would be met with a 21-gun salute at around 1530 GMT.

The United States vowed it would not be deterred from military support for Saudi Arabia despite the most deadly guerrilla attack against US interests in the Middle East for 13 years.

In additions to the dead, nearly 400 people were injured when a fuel truck exploded on Tuesday at a US military complex in Khobar near the Saudi Arabian oil city of Dhahran.

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**One stabbed to death in Ctg**

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, June 27: One person was killed and Tk 1.75 crore were snatched by miscreants in three separate incidents in the port city today.

According to police sources, Sabya Sachi Barua, 32, was stabbed to death by miscreants early this morning at the Tiger Pass area.

Muggers snatched Tk 1.25 crore from a businessman at Terribazar at around 11 am today while he was going to a local bank with the money, police said. The muggers also blasted cocktails before leaving the scene, police added.

In another incident at Rahmatgonj area, some alleged terrorists snatched Tk 50,000 from a contractor when he refused to pay illegal tolls to them, police said.