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DSE price index 951.15 (+0.53%)  
Market capital Tk 6459.30 cr  
Transactions in volume 27951  
Transactions in value Tk 6.42 cr

## CSE MARKET

CSE price index 406.26 (+0.91%)  
Market capital Tk 3665.30 cr  
Transactions in volume 4145  
Transactions in value Tk 28.80 lakh

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## NEWS BRIEFS

**Hasina addresses city rally today**

By Staff Correspondent

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will address a grand rally at Manik Mian Avenue in the city at 3 pm today. The rally, organised by the city Awami League, will be presided over by Mayor of Dhaka and city AL chief Mohammad Hanif, says a party press release.

**7 HC judges call on President**

Seven new additional judges of the High Court Division of Bangladesh Supreme Court made a courtesy call on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday.

They were Justice Iftekhar Rasool, Justice M A Aziz, Justice Hassan Ameen, Justice AK Badru Huq, Justice Mohammad Joymul Abedin, Justice M A Matin and Justice Shah Abu Nayeem Mominur Rahman, said an official handout.

**Khaleda to meet BNP ward commissioners**

BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia will hold a meeting with the BNP Ward Commissioners of Dhaka City Corporation at party's Kakrail Office at 7:30pm today. Party sources said BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan will have a meeting with the leaders of Jatiyatabadi Krishak Dal at party's central office at 6 pm today. Meanwhile, Jatiyatabadi Juba Dal Dhaka city unit will hold an emergency meeting today at its central office at 4 pm, reports UNB.

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