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Market capital Tk	6511.93 cr
Transactions in volume	206559
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#### CHT truce extended till July 31

In a bid to continue the peace process, the ceasefire in Chittagong Hill Tracts has been extended till July 31. The decision to extend the truce has been taken following an agreement between the government and Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS), said an official hand-out. The ceasefire in the hill tracts has been extended for 24 times since the declaration of the first truce on August 10, 1992, reports UNB.

#### AAG Mamun resigns

By Staff Correspondent  
Assistant Attorney General (AAG) Abdus Salam Mamun resigned yesterday on personal grounds. In a letter, addressed to the President, he prayed that his resignation be effective from July 1.

#### One killed, 60 hurt in B'baria clash

BRAHMANBARIA, June 30: One person was killed and 60 others were injured in a clash between two rival groups of people at Urkhalia in Nabinaagar thana today. The dead could not be identified immediately. Witnesses said the clash between the two rival groups erupted following a dispute over taking possession of a beam (fishing water) at about 7 am, reports UNB.

#### Speaker greets Rab, Salahuddin Yusuf

Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali has greeted Salahuddin Yusuf and ASM Abdur Rab on their assumption of office as ministers of the government. In separate messages, the Speaker felicitated the ministers and wished them good health and happiness, said a Parliament Secretariat press release yesterday. Salahuddin Yusuf and ASM Abdur Rab have been appointed Health and Family Welfare Minister and Shipping Minister respectively, reports UNB.

## Call to rise above party interest

# Join consensus govt, PM invites BNP

By Staff Correspondent

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday offered the main opposition party, Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), to join her government of national consensus.  
"Please, don't criticise our concept of national consensus. I am inviting BNP to join us in the government of national consensus," said Hasina, also the president of the ruling Awami League.  
Sheikh Hasina was addressing a mammoth post-election public meeting at the sprawling Manik Mia Avenue in the city, organised by the city unit of Awami League.  
Braving intermittent rains, people in thousands started gathering at the venue from early afternoon. Jubilant youths, elderly citizens and

women joined the meeting with colourful replicas of boat. AL's election symbol, sticks of Rajanigandha, party flags and portraits of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.  
"Awami League does not believe in politicising and is ready to sacrifice party interest for the sake of greater national interest," Hasina said amid thunderous applause and slogans.  
Awami League which come to power again after 21 years through an election under a caretaker government, has already taken two non-AL ministers in the cabinet, one from Jatiya Party and the other from JSD (Rab).  
In her 30-minute speech, often intercepted by slogans.

Sheikh Hasina recapitulated her pre-election pledges and gave a brief account of the steps she took in her seven days as Prime Minister. It was her first public meeting after the swearing-in on June 23.  
"From today, we are launching our new struggle for economic emancipation. Bangabandhu brought political independence for the nation but could not finish his task of bringing about economic emancipation of the people as he was killed on the fateful night of August 15 in 1975," said Hasina, daughter of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman who led the nation to independence.  
The Prime Minister noted that her government inherited

## Over 1500 HSC examinees expelled



HSC examinees at a city centre yesterday.

By Staff Correspondent  
As many as 1596 HSC examinees were expelled from different centres under four of the five education boards of the country for adopting unfair means on the first day yesterday of the examinations.  
No report was available from Rajshahi Board till late last night.  
The number of examinees expelled under Dhaka Board were 906, according to sources in the board. The district-wise break-up of the expelled examinees is: Dhaka 2, Narayanganj 20, Narsingdi 66, Munshiganj 18, Manikganj 103, Tangail 119, Mymensingh 127, Jamalpur 99, Kishoreganj 46, Netrakona 139, Faridpur 24, Gopalganj 29, Rajbari 19, Madaripur 82, Shariatpur 11 and Gazipur 2.  
According to officials a total of 2,05,050 students are appearing in the HSC examinations under the Dhaka Board this year.  
A total of 241 examinees were expelled from different centres of the Comilla Board.  
According to board sources 68 candidates were expelled

— Star photo

## No permit for fertiliser salt, sugar, newsprint

The government has decided not to give any permit or special allotment henceforth for essential items like fertiliser, sugar, salt, paper and newsprint, reports BSS.  
An official press release said the decision was taken at two separate meetings held yesterday at the Industries Ministry with Commerce and Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed in the chair. The meetings reviewed, the overall performance of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) and Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industries Corporation (BSFIC).  
The Commerce and Industries Minister directed BCIC to take all-out measures to ensure availability of fertiliser at the farmers' level.  
He advised all concerned to take necessary steps to ensure supply of urea fertiliser to the farmers' during the coming aman season. The minister put emphasis on necessary co-ordination with Ministry of Agriculture and said the present government is pledge-bound to

ensure availability of fertiliser at the farmers level and this a specific election-pledge of the government.  
Tofael Ahmed stressed on building buffer stock at various places during the peak season. The meeting also discussed various ways and means for increasing production of fertiliser. The minister directed BCIC to take necessary measures in formulating plan.  
The minister also had a separate meeting with Board of Directors of BSFIC.  
The meeting stressed the need for balancing, modernisation, re-placement and extension (BMRE) of different sugar mills under BSFIC in attaining self-sufficiency in sugar sector through increasing production. The meeting directed BSFIC to take necessary steps in this regard.  
The meeting took a decision to strengthen research activities for high yielding variety (HYV), and high content sugarcane so that the cost of production can be reduced.

## 2 Bangladeshis killed in Kuwait crackers blast

KUWAIT, June 30: Four Bangladeshis including two Bangladeshis were killed and seven others were injured when a truck load of firecrackers exploded and set the vehicle ablaze, the daily Kuwait Times reported today, says AP.  
The English-language newspaper said two Indians and two Bangladeshis were burned to death inside the truck at a customs storage facility in Sulabiya, west of Kuwait City. The victims were not identified by name.  
The accident occurred yesterday noon as workers were loading the last four of 255 boxes of firecrackers onto the vehicle.  
Customs had not allowed the merchandising into Kuwait, and they were being readied for reshipment to another country.  
The Kuwait Times quoted security officials as saying the explosion may have been triggered by friction caused by the forklift.

## Resist repression on BNP workers: Khaleda

BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday asked her partymen to build up strong resistance against all sorts of terrorism and repression on BNP men throughout the country, reports UNB.  
She said kidnapping, sniper killing, murder, terrorism, political attack became regular phenomena after the June 12 election in the country, particularly in Jessore, Barisal and Sylhet districts.  
"We have to face those and build vigorous resistance against repression, oppression and and unholy attack," the former prime minister said while addressing a meeting of BNP's ward commissioners of Dhaka City Corporation at party's Kakrail office in the city last night.  
Begum Zia said a massive repression came down on the BNP and its front organisations' members and BNP is not getting justice from anywhere. Instead of help from the authorities concerned, the BNP

men are being harassed and repressed by the administration throughout the country.  
She also urged the partymen to resist the terrorism, repression and injustice defying imprisonment, arrest warrant, harassment, or any other repressive measures.  
Some 35 out of 42 ward commissioners belonging to the BNP attended the meeting. Party sources said BNP bagged a total of 42 ward commissioners out of 90 in the first direct mayoral elections.  
Addressing the ward commissioners, the BNP Chairperson asked the leaders and workers of BNP and its front organisations to further consolidate the party position as BNP has its popularity in the door-step of commonman.  
She instructed her partymen to reactivate every ward, thana, mahalla, union, town and city committees for reaching BNP's politics of development, production and welfare to the people from all walks of

life.  
Begum Zia said it was proved that the BNP has a popular support among commonman, students, youths and womenfolk. This popular support should be sustained in future polls.  
The former Prime Minister instructed the BNP men to take preparation for the coming municipal election and urged party's all level leaders and workers to integrate themselves in people's welfare oriented activities.  
She also advised the BNP men to inquire about various problems like WASA, electricity, gas and public health and try to resolve those.  
The BNP chief stressed the need for proper coordination among the party units of all level and different wings. She further asked the party leaders and activists to expedite organisational activities in their respective areas maintaining strong unity in the

## Fresh areas in Jamalpur, Sirajganj flooded

JAMALPUR, June 30: Ten more villages in Bakshiganj thana were submerged today due to onrush of water from across the border, reports UNB.  
According to unofficial sources, some 270 hectares of Aus seedbed and jute on about 110 hectares of land were washed away by the flood water.  
Bakshiganj-Kamalpur road was threatened with the flood as 12 km areas of the road went under water, they said.  
So far, 40 villages were submerged by the flash flood in last two days.  
Meanwhile, hundreds of homeless people, who have taken shelter in various educational institutions, were passing their days in misery due to lack of relief materials and safe water.  
Another report says, standing crops on about 1,500 acres of land in four thanas of Sirajganj were washed away by heavy rainfall and onrush of water from across the border.  
The thanas are Sadar Chowhali, Shajadpur and Kazir.

## More incentives to investors: Tofael

# Procedural bottlenecks to go

By M Anwarul Haq

The procedure to set up industries and procure raw materials shall be drastically simplified to give the much needed thrust to the industrial sector, Commerce and Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed said yesterday.  
In an interview with The Daily Star the minister expressed the government's determination to cut down on red-tapism, procedural delays, corruption and waste and increase efficiency to re-energise the country's industries.  
"The government shall not work as a businessman. It will work only as a facilitator," the minister asserted.  
The task of business and industry should be left to businessmen and industrialists. The government shall facilitate their task by acting as a co-ordinating authority, Tofael said.  
"In the past, too much of procedural bottlenecks had dampened the spirit of entrepreneurs. We shall simplify the process for the benefit of both local and foreign investors."



Tofael Ahmed

taken to do away with the system of issuing permits or special allotments for essential commodities like sugar, salt, fertilizer and paper.  
"Our efforts would be directed to reach all goods to the consumers at fair price and in an uninterrupted manner," the minister said.  
Asked what areas would be the thrust sectors, the Commerce and Industries Minister replied, "We shall fix our priorities shortly. The future industrial policy will be framed on the basis of a national consensus. It will be taken to the parliament. It will be formulated after debate and discussion in the House. And we will solicit the views of all parties."  
The minister asserted that his government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, was fully committed to restoring the total confidence of businessmen and investors.  
He said, "Government's come and government's go. But this time we will frame policies through discussion and consensus so that the policies remain. This would enjoy the confidence of businessmen and investors and ensure a harmonious growth in trade and industry."  
Tofael Ahmed said that his government's policy and administration in the industrial sector would be oriented towards achieving certain goals. "We shall look into the problems of the manufacturers and the workers but our decisions



A Kashmiri woman casting her vote during the elections for a 40-seat legislative assembly in Pakistan-controlled Kashmir in Rawalpindi yesterday. — AFP photo

## Euro '96 soccer

# Germany champion

Sports Reporter  
Germany yesterday lifted the European soccer trophy beating Czechoslovakia 2-1 in extra time.  
The match was drawing 1-1 after 90 minutes. Bierhoff scored both the goals for Germany.  
Reuter adds: Germany and the Czech Republic fought out a goalless first-half in the Euro '96 final at Wembley.  
The Germans, boosted by the unexpected return of Captain Juergen Klinsmann from injury, found it difficult to penetrate a packed Czech midfield but twice came close to breaking the deadlock through Stefan Kuntz.  
Kuntz saw his deflected shot cleared off the goal-line by Karel Rada in the 35th minute and also forced an excellent save from Petr Kouba when Christian Ziege outwitted the Czech offside trap.  
The Czechs had their moments, too, with centre forward Pavel Kukla prominent.  
His cross from the left in the 13th minute was volleyed over at full stretch by Karel Poborsky and the striker then cleverly released Pavel Nedved

## JCD-BCL gunfight

# CMC closed sine die

From Staff Correspondent  
CHITTAGONG, June 30: Chittagong Medical College has been closed sine die following a gunfight today between the supporters of pro-AL Chhatra League and pro-BNP Chhatra Dal that left at least two persons injured, police and hospital sources said.  
Critically injured Abul Hasnat Mohammad Rezaul Hossain, a third year student of the college received bullet in his right chest during the clash which began at around 12-30 pm over possession of hostel seats, the sources added.  
Hasnat is also the acting general secretary of BCL. Chittagong medical college unit.  
The decision to close the college was taken at an emergency meeting of the academic council of the college this afternoon to avert further outbreak of violence, college authorities said.  
When contacted Dr Nurjahan Bhuiya, the principal of the Chittagong Medical College, said that the resident students of the troubled hostel have been ordered to vacate it by 10 tonight. Besides, female students were asked to vacate their hostel within next two days, she

## No discussion on Kashmir, says Gowda

NEW DELHI, June 30: Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda has said India would not discuss Kashmir in proposed bilateral talks with Pakistan, dashing prospects of renewed negotiations between the longtime foes, reports Reuter.  
"We have already told them that Jammu and Kashmir is a settle matter and we will not have it on the agenda for bilateral talks," Deve Gowda told the Week Magazine in an interview to be published later this week.  
The Indian leader's statement could set back hopes that New Delhi and Islamabad would soon revive high-level peace talks, suspended in early 1994.  
Those prospects were kindled shortly after the In-

## Moudud quits JP

Barrister Moudud Ahmed yesterday quit the Jatiya Party amidst speculations that he might return to BNP, reports UNB.  
Moudud, who lost the June 12 parliamentary elections, sent his letter of resignation to party's Acting Chairman Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury in the morning.  
Later addressing a press conference at the National Press Club, he said he was leaving Jatiya Party protesting the Party Chairman's decision on unconditional support to Awami League and joining the Awami League cabinet.  
"I could not agree with the party chairman's unilateral decision on two fundamental issues of national interest, so I resign," Moudud said reading out his resignation letter.  
The decision on two issues have jeopardised Jatiya Party's existence as a political party with distinctive aims and ideology," he said. "If a party slips



Moudud Ahmed

## Women's seats in JS Interview of AL candidates begins today

The Awami League Parliamentary Board will start interviewing the applicants seeking nomination of the party for the reserved seats of women in parliament today at 9 am, reports UNB.  
An AL press release said the parliamentary board headed by party President Sheikh Hasina will interview the applicants at the Central Election Monitoring Committee Office at Dhanmondi.  
BSS adds: Awami League presidium member Begum Sajeda Chowdhury in a statement yesterday condemned the attack on the Nagarkanda thana Awami Jubo League president Badal Sarder by the "BNP terrorists".  
She said that Sarder was injured seriously and still in unconscious state in Faridpur Hospital.  
In another statement party General Secretary and Local Government and Rural Development Minister Zillur Rahman yesterday condoned the sudden death of Sariakandi Thana Awami League vice-president Tabbur Rahman.

## Dacoity at Uttara: Gatekeeper killed

By Staff Correspondent  
Dacoits killed the gatekeeper and took away a car, a colour TV and VCP and other valuables from a house at Uttara in the city Saturday night, police said yesterday.  
According to Uttara thana police, Khandaker Akhter Hossen 26, gate keeper of the house at road number 13, section 4, was found slaughtered.  
The house was closed whole day Sunday before police recovered the body last night, police said.  
The owner of the house Giasuddin Murad, went abroad some days ago.  
The driver of the stolen car, lodged a case with Uttara Thana Police arrested Giasuddin's nephew Amirul Islam and his manager Zillur Rahman for questioning, police said.