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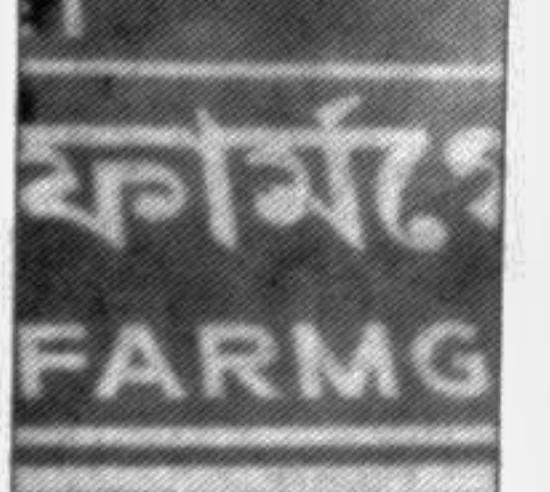
DSE price index 1044.81 (+2.80%)
Market capital Tk —
Transactions in volume 301246
Transactions in value Tk 10.58 cr

CSE MARKET

CSE price index 438.60 (+1.66%)
Market capital Tk 3928.39 cr
Transactions in volume 18655
Transactions in value Tk 1.11 cr

Metropolitan

Dhaka Day by Day



Artists of Surer Dhara rendering songs at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy auditorium in the city yesterday on the occasion of Rabindranath Tagore's death anniversary. — Star photo

'BNP to resist water
accord at cost of
country's interest'

MIRERSARA (Chittagong), July 8: BNP chairperson and Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia today said her party would resist any attempt to sign a water sharing agreement with India sacrificing the country's interest, reports UNB.

Begum Zia was addressing a series of public meetings at Baroihat, Aburhat, Abutorab and Mithachhara bazar in Mirersara south-eastern region.

"We want due share of Ganges water, we'll not accept less than what we got as per the agreement signed during the government of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman," she said.

She further said that the BNP had tried its best for resolving the water sharing issue in a just manner through bilateral meetings. "It never begged for water or bowed down to any country," she added.

The BNP chairperson warned that her party would give a befitting reply both in par-

liament and on the streets, if any quarter sells out the country's interest or ignores the fundamental rights of the people.

BNP is the ever largest opposition in the parliament and it will play a responsible role as opposition party," she said.

Begum Zia pointed out that within only a couple of weeks of the new government, the law and order had seen a serious deterioration causing concern among the people. "It reminds us of '72 '75 period," she said.

She alleged that the people cannot sleep at night as theft, cattle-lifting, dacoity, mugging, looting and killing were taking place everyday in large numbers across the country.

Relying to the Prime Minister's allegation that the country's economy was shattered during the BNP regime, Begum Zia said the country's economic base became much

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Newspaper ads
Body to formulate
guidelines

The Bangladesh Sammilita Sangbadpatra Parishad (BSSP) has formed a six-member committee to formulate guidelines for the decentralisation of advertisements in newspapers, reports UNB.

The committee was formed at a meeting of the BSSP yesterday after long discussion on the advertisement policy, emphasising on decentralisation of newspaper advertisements.

Members of the committee are Kazi Shahed Ahmed (Ajker Kagoj), Prof Majidul Islam (Dinkal), Mizanur Rahman Mizan (Khabar), Abdul Asad (Sangram), Abdul Kashem Majumder (Samachar) and Enayeturah Khan (Dhaka Courier).

Dainik Rupali Editor Mustafizur Rahman MP presided over the meeting held at the Ajker Kagoj office.

Convenor of BSSP sub-

committee on advertisement policy and Dainik Khabar Editor Mizanur Rahman Mizan presented a proposal on the subject.

The meeting also co-opted another six members in the BSSP convening committee raising its members from 16 to 22, the release added.

It was alleged that the incident was a sequel to a rivalry between Tuhin and a group of local youths, over trading of cut pieces of garment cloths.

Police recovered the body and sent it to the DMCH for autopsy.

Tuhin's elder brother alleged in the FIR that Tuhin went to the Mohakhali bazar

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Flood situation in Dhaka, 2
adjoining dists unchanged

The flood situation in Dhaka and adjoining Munshiganj and Manikganj districts remained unchanged yesterday, report agencies.

The Flood Forecasting and Warning Division said the flood situation of Sirajganj Sadar, Beluchi, Chowhali, Shahajadpur, and Kazipur of Sirajganj district, Sonatola, Dhunut and Sarakandi of Bogra district, Rowmari and Kurigram Sadar of Kurigram district, Melanda and Jamalpur Sadar of Jamalpur District, Bera and Nagarbari of Pabna district and Fulchhara, Shaghata and Gaibandha districts Sadar of Gaibandha District may also remain unchanged or improve during the next 48 hours.

Our Gaibandha Correspondent says flood situation in the district remained unchanged yesterday following heavy rain on Saturday and Sunday.

More than 70 villages in Sadar and 50 more in Nakla are now under water.

Flood engulfed at least 11 unions in Sadar and 5 in Nakla due to rain in the last two days, according to officials.

Overall flood situation in the country, however, continued to improve further yesterday as monsoon rains were less active.

The forecast said flood situation in the districts of Greater Sylhet will improve further in the next 24 hours.

Fifteen unions of Sadar, Fulchhara and Saghata thanas have gone under flood water

Very light to moderate rainfall has been recorded at most places over the Brahmaputra, the Ganges and the Meghna basins and very light rainfall at one or two places over the South-East Hill basin during the past 24 hours ending 9 am yesterday. Flood Forecasting and Warning Division said.

It said the Brahmaputra and the Ganges recorded fall at upstream points and that rivers in the Meghna and South-East Hill basins also registered fall except Kushiyara at Amalsid. However, the Brahmaputra at Bahadurabad, the Ganges at Bhagyaluk, the Surma at Kanaighat and the Kushiyara at Amalsid and Sheola are flowing above their respective danger levels.

It further said, Brahmaputra at all major points such as Chilmari, Sirajganj and Aricha is likely to flow below the danger level, while the river though likely to fall, may flow above danger level at Bahadurabad in the next 24 hours.

The arrested were identified as Moniruzzaman, Sirajul Islam, Farhad Chowdhury, Zahir, Md Mamun, Bappa, Shahin and Nasir.

Meanwhile, the HSC examinees also resorted to act of violence in the Bakshibazar area under Lalbagh thana. At least five vehicles were damaged.

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