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DSE price index 1040.73(+1.87%)
Market capital Tk 7066.57 cr
Transactions in volume 350308
Transactions in value Tk 9.01 cr

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CSE price index 445.71(+1.82%)
Market capital Tk 4010.35 cr
Transactions in volume 31215
Transactions in value Tk 73.22 Lakh

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NEWS BRIEFS

French envoy holds reception
The ambassador of France in Bangladesh Renee Veyret held a reception here yesterday on the occasion of the French National Day. The reception was attended, among others, by Agriculture Minister Begum Motia Chowdhury, political leaders, diplomats, high officials, journalists and elite of the city, reports BSS.

Rajuk Commercial Plot Auction Notice

Ideally located Commercial-Cum-Residential Plot No. 10A of "Bipanon" a supper business centre of the Dhaka City at Link Road between Sonargaon Road and Airport Road near Zahura Market, Dhaka measuring more or less 134.13 Sqr. metre (2 katha 3 sft.) will be allotted for 99 years lease on open auction.

Applications on prescribed form with terms and conditions to be obtained from Agrani Bank, Rajuk Bhaban Branch, Dhaka on payment of Tk. 500/- (Taka five hundred) only in cash for each set (non-refundable) and will be received by the Deputy Director (Estates) from the intending bidders up to 2.00 PM on 13-7-96.

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BNP walkout marks opening session of JS

Treasury, Opposition benches call for cooperation



The seventh parliament in its first session yesterday. — Star photo

By Staff Correspondent

The inaugural session of the country's Seventh Jatiya Sangsad yesterday witnessed Prime Minister and Leader of the House Sheikh Hasina and Leader of the Opposition Khaleda Zia seeking each others' cooperation to make the parliament effective, although the latter initially led a brief walkout by her party.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas called upon the members of the Treasury and the Opposition benches to place national interests above party interests.

The newly elected Speaker, Humayun Rashid Chowdhury, sought cooperation of the two top leaders, as well as of the Chief Whip of the ruling Awami League, the Chief Whip of the Opposition and other whips to run the affairs of Parliament effectively. He assured the House his neutrality in discharging responsibilities.

For the first time in his five-year tenure, President Biswas addressed a full House yesterday.

The inaugural session of the Sangsad witnessed its first See Page 12 col 7

President's opening speech in JS

Govt, Opposition inseparable, complementary

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday hoped that the Seventh Jatiya Sangsad, elected through a free, fair and historic election, would be able to consolidate democracy through united efforts of both the Treasury and Opposition benches, reports BSS.

In his inaugural speech in the opening session of the Seventh Jatiya Sangsad, the JS adjourned till July 18

The Jatiya Sangsad was adjourned for three days till 4 pm on July 18 after over seven hours of sitting on the opening day yesterday, reports BSS.

The newly elected Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury adjourned the House at 10.27 am after President Abdur Rahman Biswas had delivered his 35-minute speech to new Parliament.

Parliament will reassemble at 4 pm on July 18, private members' day under the rules of procedure of parliament.

President said the government and the Opposition are inseparable and complementary in a democratic set-up and both the sides should work, hand in hand, to materialise the hopes and aspirations of the people.

He said Jatiya Sangsad is the focal point for formulating policies of the state and enactment of laws. "I do hope that the Jatiya Sangsad will be the centre for discussing all national issues and seeking their solutions", he added.

President Biswas said the June 12 parliamentary election was a 'historic event' and it would remain ever-lasting in the memory of the nation. He also said that this election had attracted the attention of the whole world because observers from around the world had come to monitor it. The President also pointed out that the elections of June 12 would remain as an example for all democratic countries.

Dwelling further on the election, President Biswas said 73 per cent voters had turned See Page 2

Seen from the gallery

By Mahfuz Anam

A packed Parliament and an overflowing visitors' gallery witnessed the (tragically) commencement of 7th Parliament. The tragic side was that in many ways such an auspicious occasion was trivialised. The comic side of it was that in spite of it all, everything ended well, at least for the day. With the first, nearly two hour, walk-out within less than ten minutes of the start, Khaleda Zia's party gave a foretaste yesterday of how the BNP opposition is likely to behave in this session. Though she and her deputy leader, Dr. Baddruddoza Chowdhury, repeatedly professed to extend a hand of cooperation with the See Page 12 col 7

Obituary reference

The Jatiya Sangsad yesterday adopted obituary reference to condole the deaths of 13 former parliament members and ministers, reports BSS.

Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury proposed the resolution which was adopted unanimously by the House.

The House also observed one-minute silence and offered *munajat* for the peace of the departed souls. Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad conducted the *munajat*. The obituary reference was adopted on former minister M A Hoq, Dr Mrs Amena Bari, Nurur Rahman, Deawan Abdul Basit, Mang Shu Prue Chowdhury, Abdur Rahman Khan, former parliament members Abdul Berek Miah, Dahir Uddin Ahmed, S M Alauddin, Rafiq Ullah Miah, Al Mahamud and Moulana Shahabuddin Ahmed.

5-member panel of chairmen

Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury nominated a five-member panel of chairmen to preside over the parliament session in the absence of Speaker and Deputy Speaker, reports UNB.

Members of the panel are Abdul Mannan (AL), Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury (AL), Saifur Rahman (BNP), Col (Rtd) Shawkat Ali (AL), and Dr TIM Fazle Rabbi Chowdhury (JP).

Let's usher in new era in political history: PM

By Staff Correspondent

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has expressed her firm belief that the Seventh Jatiya Sangsad would usher in a new era, open up doors for new possibilities and create a new chapter in the political history of the country.

"I am seeking support from you all. Let us all build up a society free from exploitation, corruption and terrorism," Hasina said in her first speech as Leader of the House in the inaugural session of the seventh parliament yesterday.

Taking the floor at 8:45 pm to felicitate the newly-elected Speaker, Humayun Rashid Chowdhury, the Prime

Minister in her 35-minute deliberations dwelt on different aspects of the life.

The Prime Minister congratulated the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, the opposition BNP and other parties having representation in the House and said, "From today onwards, we all like to work together for the betterment of the people of the country who sacrificed a lot for a better living, an improved life."

She also paid rich tributes to Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, national leaders, martyrs of the Language See Page 12 Col 4



The new Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury, Deputy Speaker, Abdul Hamid Dy Speaker

Former Foreign Minister Humayun Rashid Chowdhury was elected unopposed Speaker of the seventh Parliament when it went into session yesterday, reports UNB.

Advocate Abdul Hamid, also a ruling party MP from Kishoreganj, was elected Deputy Speaker.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas administered oath to the new Speaker and the Deputy Speaker at parliament chamber soon after their election by the House.

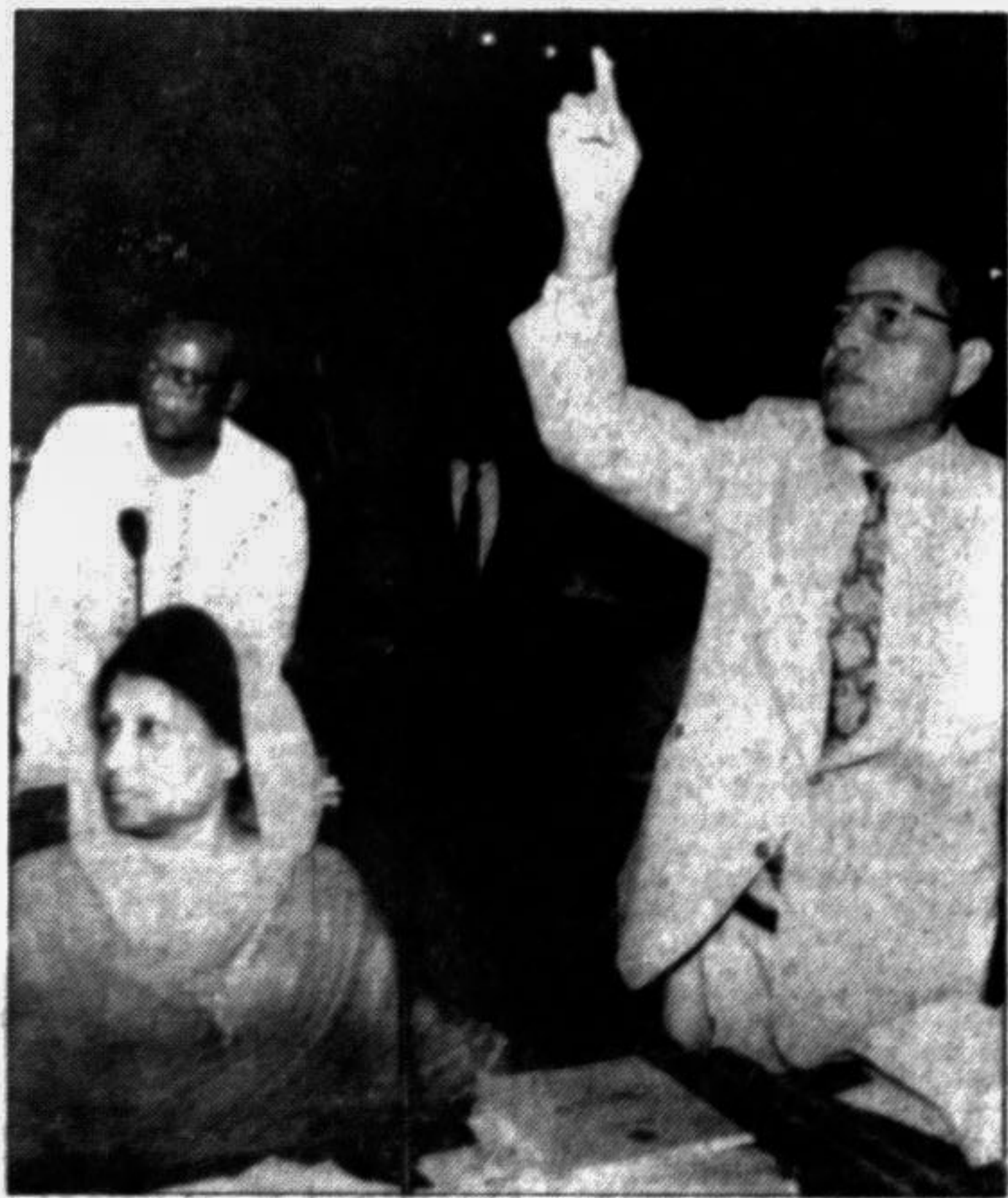
Chief Whip Abul Hasnat Abdullah earlier proposed the candidature of Chowdhury who returned from Sylhet-1 constituency. Mustafa Rashidi Suja MP seconded.

The Chief Whip also proposed the name of Advocate Hamid.

Chowdhury and advocate Hamid were elected by voice votes. There was no candidate from the Opposition for either of the offices. See Page 12 col 8



Prime Minister and Leader of the House Sheikh Hasina addressing the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday. — Star photo



Deputy Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Baddruddoza Chowdhury raising a point of order in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday, as Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia looks on. — Star photo

Stop repression to get cooperation: Khaleda

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday offered cooperation to the government provided the ruling party 'acts impartially and stops repression' on the workers of her party, BNP, report agencies.

Felicitating the new Speaker, Begum Zia also demanded of the government to continue the unfinished programmes initiated by her party while in power.

"We worked for the people while in power... and will work for them being in Opposition," the former prime minister said. "We appealed for cooperation while in power, but had been denied. Yet we're ready to cooperate," she said.

Begum Zia, however, cautioned the BNP would resist, at all costs, any attack on the country's sovereignty and independence.

"Independence was not achieved through anybody's mercy, people had fought and earned it. We'll resist any attack on sovereignty and independence," she said.

The BNP chairperson alleged that workers and leaders of her party were being harassed and repressed across the country.

"I can produce the victims even before this August House. One supporter who voted for BNP was tied to a tree and a dog was let loose on him and he is now fighting for life. Is it the example of the call of cooperation? A student leader of JCD was tortured with drill machine is it the example of curbing terrorism?" she posed the questions.

She said real culprits are not brought to book, instead innocent people are being arrested. Begum Zia cited the case of a news report regarding the shop-lifting of the wife of a mayor and said that lady was not brought to book but the innocent salesman was arrested.

Questioning neutrality of the government, Begum Zia said the Prime Minister had politicised her office by employing her own men. "The Prime Minister can prove her hatred for politicisation only by getting rid of these partisan elements," she said.

On the government's pledge to allow the parliamentary committees to be headed by the MPs, not by ministers, Begum Zia said the Opposition MPs should be given the opportunity. See Page 12 Col 1

15 ordinances tabled

Fifteen ordinances were placed in the House on the first day of the first session of the seventh parliament for ratification, reports UNB.

State Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Advocate Abdul Matin Khasru tabled the ordinances in the form of bills. See Page 12 col 8

PSC report '95 placed in JS

The annual report of Bangladesh Public Service Commission (PSC), 1995, was placed before the Jatiya Sangsad last night, reports BSS.

The Education Minister, ASHK Sadeq, placed the report before the House in the opening session of the seventh Jatiya Sangsad.

JP not part of AL govt, says Ershad

By Staff Correspondent

Jailed former president and Jatiya Party (JP) chief H M Ershad said yesterday that his party had lent unconditional support to the Awami League for smooth continuation of the constitutional process in the country and he did not see any problem in his party's joining the government.

Earlier on the day, Ershad was released on parole to enable him to attend the Jatiya Sangsad session.

"JP is not part of the (AL) government and certainly it will sit in the Opposition Bench and its role will be to work for nation building," he said, adding that his party would support the government's good initiative and oppose its wrongdoings.

Ershad was talking to newsmen at the JP parliament

party office at the Sangsad Bhaban.

Asked about JP Secretary General Anwar Hossain Manju's joining the cabinet he said, "There is no confusion within or outside the party about this. He (Manju) joined the cabinet following his instructions and in response to the willingness of the AL to form a government of national consensus, Ershad added.

The JP chief expressed his optimism that in the next elections, his party would be able to muster sufficient strength to form a government. The intra-party conflict would be overcome by strengthening the organisation at the grassroots level, he said, adding "people had showed their support for the JP in the See Page 12 Col 4

Flood situation in 5 districts worsens

By Staff Correspondent

Flood situation in five districts of the country's northern region has worsened further inundating fresh areas.

The districts are Rangpur, Gaibandha, Bogra, Sirajganj and Lalmonirhat.

According to the Flood Information Centre, the water levels at all point in the rivers of Brahmaputra and the Ganges basins are increasing.

The Brahmaputra at Bahadurabad, the Dharla at Kurigram, the Teesta at Kaunia, the Ganges at Bhagyaluk, the Purnabata at Dinajpur and the Karatoa at Panchagarh were flowing above danger level yesterday, the Flood Information Centre said.

Our Rangpur Correspondent reports: army has been called into help civil administration to gear up rescue operation in the worst hit Gangachara thana

where at least one thousand families are marooned by flood water. Boats and other kinds of river crafts are being used in rescue operation. Most of these marooned families are being given shelter on the flood control embankment and other safe places. The Teesta river flood control embankment at Kolkond Mohipur has breached at several points.

At Kaunia and Pirgacha, flood water has inundated vast areas.

More than two hundred houses were swept away by flood water. In Doani Teesta barrage area, another 50 houses have been devoured by flood waters.

Our Gaibandha Correspondent writes: The flood situation in the district worsened further rise of water level at all See Page 12 Col 3

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বর্তমানে প্রচলিত মোটর ভেহিক্যালস্ অর্ডিন্যান্স, ১৯৮৩ সংশোধনযোগী ও আধুনিকীকরণের লক্ষ্যে উক্ত অর্ডিন্যান্স বিলিটি করে প্রয়োজনীয় সুপারিশ প্রণয়নের নিমিত্তে সরকার, যুগ্ম-সচিব (বেলা), সড়ক ও রেলপথ বিভাগ এর নেতৃত্বে একটি কমিটি গঠন করেছেন। এ কমিটি ইতোমধ্যে কাজ শুরু করেছেন। মোটর ভেহিক্যালস্ অর্ডিন্যান্স, ১৯৮৩ তে প্রধানতঃ (১) বাংলাদেশ রোড ট্রান্সপোর্ট অথরিটির গঠন, দায়-দায়িত্ব, ইত্যাদি (২) মোটর ভাইসিং লাইসেন্স (চালকের দক্ষতা, লাইসেন্স ইস্যু/নবায়ন, ইত্যাদি) (৩) বাস কন্ডাক্টর লাইসেন্স (ইস্যু/নবায়ন, ইত্যাদি) (৪) মোটরব্যান রেজিস্ট্রেশন (রেজিস্ট্রেশন, কিটনেস সার্টিফিকেট ইস্যু/নবায়ন, ইত্যাদি) (৫) পরিবহন যানের পারমিট (কেট পারমিট ইস্যু/নবায়ন, ইত্যাদি) (৬) মোটরব্যান নির্মাণ ও বক্ষণাবেক্ষণ (৭) ট্রাফিক নিয়ন্ত্রণ (পার্কিং, পতিসীমা, ট্রাফিক সাইনস্-সিগনালস্, বাস্তব প্রতিবন্ধকতা, ওভার লোডিং ইত্যাদি) (৮) দেশে সাময়িকভাবে মোটরব্যানের আশ্রয় ও নির্মাণ (৯) মোটরব্যানের বীমা (সড়ক দুর্ঘটনায় আহত-নিহতদের ক্ষতিপূরণ) (১০) অসুস্থ বা (জরিয়ানা, কারাসন্দ), ইত্যাদি বিষয়ের আইন সন্নিবেশিত রয়েছে।

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