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DOWN TO EARTH Prospects For City Transport System

It is long since one has heard any talk of doing any thing good for Dhaka's horrible public transport system...

By A S M Nurunnabi

Dhaka city is perhaps on this account that the government lately relaxed control on tariff structure for buses...

Against this backdrop, it was, therefore, a welcome piece of news that the government has decided to recast the transport system in the light of the needs of people...

While the city roads continue to suffer increasingly from congestion with the steady growth of new motor vehicles, it was recently reported that according to the authority concerned...

The DUTP consists of several components, each addressing every aspect of the problems besetting the transport sector within the purview of the short-term and long-term objectives...

BIRDEM: Implication of body

From Page 1 uponi as a slight on the government. In this particular case it may look upon as a slight on the PM's office...

many ups and downs. Finally, in the last several years it seems to have found its way again which is marked by the tremendous progress it has made lately in the expansion of its services...

As we may know the crux of the present conflict lies in the attempt by the management to introduce 'contract' service provision for future officials...

Khaleda

The BNP chairperson told them to have patience and give befitting reply politically for the attacks and harassment by intensifying organisational activities...

The BNP Standing Committee meeting was attended by Barrister Abdus Salam Talukdar, Oli Ahmed, Saifur Rahman, Dr R A Gani, Tanvir Ahmed Siddiqui, Amanullah Aman, Ehsanul Kabir and Abul Khair Bhuiyan.

Two share markets experience 'some corrections'

By Rafiq Hasan

The two share markets in the country experienced 'some corrections' last week after a steady growth over the previous weeks...

Selling pressure prevailed in the markets last week, after several weeks of booming trade, resulting in up and down in the all share price index and other market indicators...

Although the all share price index at the Dhaka Stock Exchange last week (DSE) marked a slight rise over the previous week's record...

The index rose by 13.16 points, from 1095.99 points to 1109.15 points, at the closing of last week and the market capitalisation marked an increase by Tk 167.74 crore compared to the previous weeks' record...

The All Share Price Index at Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE), however, fell 8.01 points to 459.51 points last week from the previous weeks' 451.50 points...

The market capitalisation of the CSE also declined by Tk 18 crore to Tk 4116 crore from the previous weeks' Tk 4134 crore...

Although the week (last week) had started with a bullish trend at the two share markets in the country, they became bearish in the middle of the week...

The all share price index at DSE registered a new record, reaching 1110.82 points on Saturday...

The market indicators started falling just after that day and continued for the next three days...

On Tuesday, the all share price index at DSE declined to 1088.89 points, making a total of about 21 points in three days' business...

But the share market turned positive again in the last two days of the week when the all share price index and other major indicators started returning to their earlier position...

Out of 124 average daily traded issues, prices of 62 issues gained, 58 suffered losses while 3 remained unchanged...

The average turnover in volume was more than 5 lakh 44 thousand and in value more than Tk 10 crore...

Market operators and others concerned termed the recession normal saying it was usual that the share prices of some companies which experienced much increases over the weeks might go down for correction...

The prices of some issues had gone up because the demand for shares was higher compared to the supply of those, which had created a liquidity crisis in the market...

If the budget puts emphasis on private sector and steps are taken to accelerate the privatisation process, the share market would gain further, he said...

Dudayev now in Germany?

MOSCOW July 26 Former Chechen separatist leader Dzhokhar Dudayev is living in Germany...

Dudayev fled war-torn Chechnya in April the Russian daily Kommosokskaya Pravda said today, contradicting reports of his death...

Prof Abul Ahsan, President of Bangladesh Share Investors Forum said the future of the share markets depends on the economic policies in the next budget...

Body to probe It was reported earlier that in a fire at the Chandpur Treasury, some ballot papers and related materials of Chandpur-5 constituency were burnt...

Home Minister Rafiqul Islam was elected from that constituency...

There were allegations that the fire incident was a pre-planned. A preliminary probe report, however, said the fire was caused by electric short circuit...

Maid murdered From Page 1 era was working at about 7:15 pm. All on a sudden Imran took the kitchen knife and stabbed the maid indiscriminately...

Police sent the body to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital for autopsy. A case has been filed with Shabbujah thana in this connection last night...

BNP: Floods From Page 1 on the opposition activists. Bhuiyan demanded adequate relief materials for the flood-affected people...

He also called for freeing the relief and rehabilitation activities in the flood affected areas from politicisation...

The BNP secretary general urged the party leaders and workers to dedicate themselves to the services of the flood-hit people...

Hasina From Page 1 meet the Bangladesh community here and attend a reception to be arranged by the Bangladesh embassy here...

Meanwhile, an inter-parliamentary delegation from Dhaka is due to arrive here next month. The delegation will be led by Deputy Speaker Abdul Hamid...

India imposing From Page 1 plained that melamine wares and automotive battery were routinely subjected to such penalty without any complaint from local (Indian) manufacturers...

MCCCI has already requested the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Commerce to take up the issue with their Indian counterparts...

The issue of countervailing duty came up for discussion during the visit of the Indian Foreign Secretary to Dhaka earlier this month...

MCCI has also taken up the matter with the Joint Economic Committee, formed between the Confederation of Indian Industries and the MCCCI...

The Turkish delegation included entrepreneurs from various sectors, including textiles, apparels, engineering and construction...

Dr Tawfik-e-Elahi Chowdhury briefed the delegation on the overall situation of the country's economic sector as well as investment prospects...

Olympics

From Page 1 best country in the world. The only way they can get us back is by cheating...

On the seventh day of the Games, the spotlight finally swung onto athletics with Jefferson Perez giving Ecuador its first ever Olympic medal...

The super-fast track could spring some real surprises at the Atlanta Games where one of the first highlights this weekend will be finding 'the fastest man and woman on earth'...

Gal Devers of the United States gave a timely reminder that she will not surrender her 100-metre sprinting crown without a struggle...

Racing in the last of seven heats, she burst out of the blocks to clock a highly respectable time of 10:92 seconds...

Her arch rival, fellow American Gwen Torrence, who won the world title last year and is the Olympic favourite in her home town, had a comfortable enough victory too, finishing in 11:17 seconds...

HSC admission From Page 1 institutions, however, are not covered under this admission rule...

The sources said that the ministry had already sent instructions to different colleges to follow the admission rules introduced last year by the government...

In its directive issued in October last year, the ministry had stated, 'The government and non-government degree colleges shall admit students on the basis of marks obtained by candidates respectively in the SSC and HSC examinations'...

Neither there shall be any test for the admission of students nor they shall be charged any fee for admission test, the directive had said...

The institutions shall declare the number of available seats prior to admission and the students shall be admitted on the basis of marks obtained by them respectively in SSC and HSC examinations...

The rules mention, 'The list of students admitted to the colleges shall have to be pasted on the college board according to the number of seats declared by them on the basis of marks obtained by candidates along with another list of 50 per cent candidates on the waiting list'...

Besides the education ministry is yet to decide how to check the answer scripts of those SSC candidates whose results were withheld due to error in filling up the set code...

Various options are being examined and the final decision is expected shortly, the sources said...

Instructions have already been sent to examination centres to identify those investigators who overlooked the errors made by students in filling up the code, they added...

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AL programmes to observe Mourning Day

By Staff Correspondent

Awami League has chalked out an elaborate programme to observe the National Mourning Day on August 15 this year...

The programme was finalised at a meeting of the party's Central Working Committee held at its central office yesterday with party chief and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair...

The programme includes hoisting of the national flag and party flag at half mast and black flag atop the Bangabandhu Bhaban and the AL central office and all other offices of the party at 5:30 am...

placings of wreaths at the portrait of Bangabandhu at 7 am, offering lachas at the graves of the martyrs of August 15 at 7:30 am, destitute feeding at different wards in the city from 12 noon to 2 pm, holding of miad mahfil and prayers at places of worship and bringing out a mourning procession in the city at 4 pm...

Discussion meetings would be held at thana and ward levels in the city throughout the first week of August. AL's front organizations will observe programmes throughout the month...

AL council

From Page 1 as a place of pilgrimage, should not be deprived. Party chief Sheikh Hasina approved the idea and expressed the view that the mortal remains should remain at the original place and a monument could be erected in the city in memory of the late leader...

At the begging of the meeting, AL General Secretary Zilur Rahman proposed a condolence on reference some eminent personalities and party leaders and workers who died or were killed after the last meeting of the ALWC...

The meeting adopted a resolution expressing profound shock at the deaths...

The Midnight File

Iberian plane with 210 aboard hijacked

WASHINGTON July 26: An Iberia airlines flight from Madrid to Havana has been hijacked to Miami, Florida. CNN television reported today quoting Federal Law Enforcement officials. The jet was carrying 210 people. CNN reported, reports AFP...

Open market

Owner of bag yet to be traced The owner of the bag from which foreign currency notes worth about Tk 2.78 crore were recovered from Zia International Airport (ZIA) late Wednesday night could not be traced till yesterday, airport sources said...

A senior official of Biman told The Daily Star last night that they would discuss the matter today and investigate the incident...

Flood

From Page 1 may continue for next 24 hours till 6pm today, local Met Office said...

The sea became rough and disrupted communications between the offshore islands and district headquarters...

Overall flood situation in Jamalpur district started improving as the river Jamuna continued receding during the last 24 hours till 6 pm yesterday...

Diarrhoea and other waterborne diseases broke out in the flood-hit areas. According to official sources, some 200 people, most of them children, were attacked by these diseases...

4 trawlers sink: 20 fishermen feared drowned

From Staff Correspondent BARISAL July 26: Twenty fishermen are feared drowned as four fishing trawlers sank in the Bay of Bengal yesterday afternoon, some 40-km south of Kuakata in Patuakhali district...

Sources in Kuakata, when contacted, said this morning that the fishing trawlers — FB Sultan, FB Salan, FB Khalil and FB Maer Dolaan — sailed from Kuakata with 45 fishermen on board. The trawlers reached deep sea in the afternoon and sank in the Bay shortly afterwards due to strong current and high waves...

Of the 45 fishermen, 25 were rescued within two hours by some fishing trawlers and were admitted to Mahipur Health Complex. The rest 20 remained missing till the filing of this report...

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