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Market capital Tk 7798.59 cr
Transactions in volume 684721
Transactions in value Tk 13.83 cr

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CSE price index 475.75 (+1.39%)
Market capital Tk 4335.96 cr
Transactions in volume 57025
Transactions in value Tk 83.90 cr

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NEWS BRIEFS

Old man chopped to death in Jhenidah

JHENIDAH, Aug 3: An old man was chopped to death by miscreants at his Noapara village home in Shailakupa thana of the district early today. Police said some eight miscreants attacked Ali Ahmed, 70, at midnight while he was sleeping at the verandah of his house and chopped him to death. Police recovered the body this morning and sent it to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy. reports UNB.

Fake HSC examinee arrested in city

A special squad of detective police yesterday arrested a fake HSC examinee from the Mohammadpur Central College centre, in the city. Jane Alam, 28, was appearing in the ongoing HSC examination under Dhaka Board on behalf of one Abdur Rahman, an examinee from Mirpur Bangla College. On interrogation, Alam confessed to police that he is a third year student of Political Science Department at Jagannath University. said a DMP press release. reports UNB.

2 children drown

COMILLA, Aug 3: Two children, Monir Hossain, 4, and Saleha, 5, drowned in a pond close to their home eyewitnesses said.

The bodies were recovered after two hours.

11 schoolgirls killed in Iran

TEHRAN, Aug 3: Eleven high schoolgirls were killed and 59 others seriously injured when two buses collided head-on in eastern Iran, the news agency IRNA reported today. says AFP.

Kibria, Saifur debate over state of economy

Supplementary budget passed in Parliament

By Staff Correspondent

The Jatiya Sangsad (JS) yesterday, unanimously passed the Tk 2,965 crore 10 lakh and 63 thousand supplementary budget for fiscal 1995-1996, following a lively debate between Finance Minister S A M S Kibria and his predecessor M Saifur Rahman over the present state of the national economy.

Of the supplementary grants, Tk 2,715 crore 17 lakh and 19 thousand are revenue heads and the rest on development accounts.

Contesting Kibria's contention that the government of Sheikh Hasina has inherited a "fragile economy," Saifur argued that the government of Khaleda Zia had given a sound footing to the economy.

In his concluding speech, Kibria introduced the Consolidated Fund (Supplementary Grants and Appropriation) Bill, 1996, in the House after a three-day general discussions on the supplementary budget.

Opposition BNP members moved some 62 cut motions, but Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury used his discre-

tionary power to guillotine those to save time.

Earlier, Kibria and Saifur, who was finance minister in the Khaleda Zia administration engaged in a debate over the national economy. Both of them, however, agreed that a consensus between the Treasury and the Opposition benches on various national issues was imperative for socio-political and economic advancement.

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He mentioned the liberalisation programmes and said the stockmarket had grown tremendously in last five years.

The market capitalisation which was only 25 million dol-

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PM seeks WB aid for poverty alleviation

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said yesterday that her government had given top priority to poverty alleviation through spread of education and downscaling the population growth, reports BSS.

"We are looking forward to assistance from the World Bank in this regard," she said when Ms Mieko Nishimizo, director of the Bank's South Asia region, called on her at her office.

Chief of the World Bank Resident Mission in Bangladesh Pierre Landell Mills, ERD Secretary Dr Mashtur Rahman and Secretary to the Prime Minister Dr Mahiuddin Khan Alamgir were also present on the occasion.

Sheikh Hasina said, education is necessary as well as reduction of population growth is vital for ridding the nation of the clutch of poverty.

She also referred to the World Bank assisted Food for Work programme in Bangladesh and stressed the need for its expansion in the greater interest of the people.

The Prime Minister also referred to several problems identified by Ms Mieko Nishimizo in various sectors in Bangladesh and said her government was taking steps to remove bottlenecks for their solution.

Tk 7037.62 crore advance grant for '96-97 okayed

Parliament yesterday approved advance grant to the tune of Tk 7,037 crore 62 lakh and one thousand, earlier allowed by a Presidential Ordinance, for fiscal 1996-97, reports UNB.

Finance Minister Shah A M S Kibria introduced the Consolidated Fund (Grant in Advance and Appropriation) Bill, 1996, seeking approval of the

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Rival transport workers clash in Barisal : 20 hurt

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Aug 3: The road communication between Barisal and other districts and places, including Dhaka, was disrupted today following clashes between rival groups of transport workers that left some 20 people injured.

The disruption in road communication came following a series of clashes between the Barisal District Road Transport Workers Union and the Barisal District Auto-rickshaw and Tempo Drivers Union.

According to hospital sources, some 20 persons were injured, 2 of them seriously, during the clashes. Majibar Rahman Sarwar, a former MP, and president of the Barisal district road transport workers union was among the injured. The other injured — Hira, 20, Biplob, 22, Ibrahim, 24, Altaf, 40, and Chottu, 18 — were admitted to the Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital.

At least 5 buses and 3 auto-rickshaws and tempoos were damaged. The office of the Barisal district auto-rickshaw and auto tempoos drivers union was ransacked. A case was filed with Kotwali police in this connection.

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submerged in Nazirpur, Swarupkuthi, Mathbaria and Sadar thanas of Pirojpur district. A large portion of an embankment at Telikhali has been washed away. The local people say, no relief has reached the affected areas.

In Hizla, Mehendiganj, Agailjhara, Gournadi and Babuganj thanas of Barisal, more than five thousand acres of cropland have gone under water with nearly three hundred families homeless. New areas in these thanas are still being inundated everyday.

According to official sources, nearly 40 thousand people in Barisal district were affected by floods during the last 4 days.

Relief goods have been distributed in the affected areas.

In Patuakhali, the flood situation in Baulaf, Sadar and Mirjaganj thanas areas remained unchanged. The people of 14 unions are badly affected. Nearly one hundred families have been marooned there. According to the local people, no relief goods has reached the area.

Among them, 7,000 people were affected in Anawara where over 3,000 villagers were rendered homeless, the officials said.

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In Baulaf, the worst affected areas are the town area and six unions of Patharghata thana. Sher-e-Bangla Road, Bangabandhu Road and Bazar Road have been inundated by about 2 feet of water.

In Jhalakathi thana, the flood situation is improving with the recession of water from the affected areas.

UNB adds: the flood situation in and around Dhaka and Narayanganj is likely to improve further in the next 24 hours while the situation in Manikganj and Munshiganj will also improve further, the Flood Information Centre bulletin said in its next 24 hours' warning.

In the Brahmaputra basin, the Turag recorded further fall by 4 cm each at Mirpur and Tongi and the river was flowing only 1 cm above its danger mark at Mirpur during the last 24 hours.

The rivers including the Brahmaputra, the Teesta, the

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Enver Pasha's remains flown to Turkey

ISTANBUL, Aug 3: The remains of Turkish national hero Enver Pasha were flown to Istanbul from Tajikistan today, 74 years after he was killed there in a last stand against Bolshevik troops.

The plane arrived with his body at around 1 pm (1000 GMT) at the military terminal, a spokesman at Istanbul's Ataturk Airport told Reuters.

He said a small military ceremony was held for the arrival ahead of an official reburial ceremony to be attended by Turkish President Suleyman Demirel on Sunday, the anniversary of Enver's death.

Enver Pasha died aged 41 in a hall of machine gun bullets as he led Muslim guerrillas against Soviet forces in Central Asia. He was buried in an unmarked grave.

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