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DSE price index: 1121.34 (-0.98%)  
Market capital Tk: 7693.04 cr  
Transactions in volume: 540825  
Transactions in value Tk: 11.07 cr

### CSE MARKET

CSE price index: 471.24 (-0.04%)  
Market capital Tk: 4294.02 cr  
Transactions in volume: 76390  
Transactions in value Tk: 1.18 cr

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### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Jubo Dal leader killed in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Aug 5: A local Jubo Dal leader was killed and two members of his family were injured in a bomb explosion at his residence in Chandgaon thana of the city today.

Police said Muhammad Selim, general secretary of the local Zia Smriti Parishad, and his younger brother and sister received splinter injuries when a bomb exploded in their Wazirpara residence at about 2 pm, reports UNB.

#### Currency notes seized at ZIA

By Staff Correspondent

The security personnel at Zia International Airport (ZIA) recovered currency notes, including Bangladesh Taka, worth about Tk 19.45 lakh from a Dubai-bound passenger yesterday morning. The security operator, Shaukat Ali, during luggage scanning at the airport, noticed the notes in the luggage of the passenger. Shaukat Chowdhury, at about 7:15 am, reported the find.

Of the seized currencies, there were Bangladesh Taka notes worth Tk 17 lakh and Saudi Riyal, UAE Dirham and Qatar Riyal worth about Tk 2.45 lakh.

#### Task force on law & order

A task force on law and order has been constituted with Additional Home Secretary as its convener, said an official handout last night. The task force aiming to improve law and order will receive public opinions and suggestions from 8 am to 6 pm over telephone and fax. The telephone numbers are 866832 and 8668895 while the fax number is 864788, reports UNB.

## JS briefly adjourned to avert pandemonium

# Hasina-Khaleda hot debate

By Staff Correspondent

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday engaged in a hot and scheduled debate in the Jatiya Sangsad over the alleged autocratic practices by their predecessors in their respective parties while a remark by the latter generated uproar in the House.

Speaker Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury averted a pandemonium by abruptly adjourning the House for five minutes.

During the unscheduled debate, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said, "Tall talks of democracy did not suit the members of BNP which was born illegally."

On the other hand, Leader of the Opposition Khaleda Zia said, "It was the BNP which

freed the people from the clutches of one-party BAKSAL rule by reintroducing multi-party democracy in the country."

Interrupted by the Treasury Bench members, a visibly angry Begum Zia asked the ruling party members "not to behave like impudents."

The word 'impudents' caused immediate uproar from the Treasury Bench members.

The Chair, however, expunged the word from the proceedings of the House, requesting all concerned not to use such words for the sake of smooth functioning of the House.

Earlier, former finance minister Saifur Rahman, who was criticised by the Treasury Bench members the day before for his previous comment that

he opposed the concept of a "non-party caretaker government," took the floor to clarify that he was not opposed to the view of the caretaker government as such, "What I opposed, and still oppose, is the concept of a government comprising unelected people."

Referring to the Treasury Bench claim that he (Saifur) should have resigned on moral ground for opposing his party's view, Saifur said: "The BNP believes in pluralism which allows difference of opinions inside the party."

As soon as he finished, State Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Abdul Matin Khushru sought the floor. But the apparently unwilling Speaker told the House that Saifur had spoken on the

ground of personal clarification. "Let me allow to proceed with the scheduled business of the House," the Chair said.

But on insistence of the Law Minister, the Speaker sought cooperation of the Leader of the House and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina saying: "I would seek suggestion of the Leader of the House on this issue. If she suggests me to give the floor to any member of the Treasury Bench, only then I grant floor to him for a time fixed by her."

The Prime Minister advised the Chair in the negative. But before advising the Chair not to give the floor to anyone else, she herself made a speech accusing Saifur Rahman and the creator of his

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## 88 file nominations for Sept 5 by-polls

By Staff Correspondent

Eighty-eight candidates yesterday filed nomination papers for the September 5 by-elections to 15 vacated seats of the Jatiya Sangsad in 11 districts, according to the Election Commission here.

The nomination papers, filed with district EC offices, will be scrutinised today. The last date for withdrawal of nomination papers is August 12.

The by-elections to Bhoja-1

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is unlikely to be held on September 5 following an injunction on the by-elections there issued by the High Court on Sunday.

Ruling Awami League (AL) and Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) candidates are contesting in all the 15 seats

while Jatiya Party (JP) is contesting in 14 seats. The JP did not put candidate for the Chittagong-13 seat.

The by-elections will take place in the following seats: Rangpur-2, Rangpur-5, Rangpur-6, Kurigram-2, Bogra-6, Bogra-7, Pirojpur-2, Bhoja-1, Bagerhat-1, Khulna-1, Laxmipur-2, Sylhet-4, Chittagong-1, Chittagong-13, Sirajganj-1, Shariatpur-1.

The seats were vacated by JP Chairman H M Ershad, BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia, AL President and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Industries and Commerce Minister Tofael Ahmed, Irrigation, and Water Resources Minister Abdul Razzak, Post and Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim, BNP leader.

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## 55th anniversary of death of Tagore today

By Staff Correspondent

The 55th anniversary of death of Poet Rabindranath Tagore will be observed today.

Different socio-cultural organisations have drawn up

elaborate programmes on the occasion.

The Bangla Academy will hold a discussion at its premises at 11 am. Dr Biswajet Ghosh will present a paper titled 'Gadyashilpi Rabindranath' in the discussion which will be participated by, among others, Dr Masuduzzaman and Prof Shahin Akhtar. Prof Md Anisur Rahman will be in the chair. The discussion will be rounded off with a musical soiree, beginning at 5:30 pm.

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## Demirel's visit postponed

By Staff Correspondent

The visit of Turkish President Suleyman Demirel to Bangladesh early next month has been postponed, it was learnt from diplomatic sources yesterday.

It was not immediately known what prompted the postponement of the visit, but informed sources said a new date was likely to be announced later.

According to sources, the Turkish President's scheduled visit to the South Asian countries, beginning on September 2, now stands postponed. Besides visiting Bangladesh between September 6 and 9, the Turkish president was to visit the Philippines and Malaysia.

## JCD threatens fresh strike as DMC reopens

By Staff Correspondent

The Dhaka Medical College (DMC) reopened yesterday after 25 days unscheduled closure but no classes were held as the pro-BNP Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) enforced a day-long students' strike on the campus, according to sources in the college.

The JCD had earlier called the strike to press its six-point demand including withdrawal of the ban on students' politics in the college and announcement of the schedule for election of the DMC students' union (DMCSU) before re-

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## Businessman shot, robbed of Tk 2 lakh in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Aug 5: A businessman was shot and robbed of Tk 2 lakh by hijackers at Mazharhat in Doublenmoring thana today, reports UNB.

Police said the hijackers riding in an autorickshaw waylaid Ahmed Noor, 50, and snatched the money when he was returning from Mazharhat branch of Janata Bank at about 11 am. He was critically injured as the muggers shot him while leaving the spot.

On hearing hue and cry, local people rushed to the spot and caught three of the muggers — Mahfuz, taxi driver.

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## Concern at BIRDEM incidents

By Staff Correspondent

Thirty-two poets, writers, artists, intellectuals and university teachers in a joint statement yesterday expressed their concern over the recent incidents at the BIRDEM Hospital in Dhaka.

The hospital, established by the late national Professor Dr Md Ibrahim, is recognised as an ideal institution for treatment and research. It has also enhanced the country's image in the field of health care, they said in their statement.

They expressed their full confidence in the ability of the Bangladesh Diabetic Society to run the hospital with its non-government structural system. They condemned any attempt to distort the hospital's image and appealed to all concerned to uphold the interest of the organisation.

## Police-terrorists gunfight in city: 11 held

By Staff Correspondent

Police arrested 11 persons and recovered arms and wireless sets during a gunfight with terrorists at Jurine in the city yesterday.

The terrorists opened fire when a team of Detective Branch (DB) police raided a biscuit factory at Jurine under Demra thana at about 9 am, police said.

At least 40 rounds of gun shots were fired during the fight while extra police personnel from Demra thana and the Police Control Room cordoned off the area to nab the terrorists.

However, according to police, there were no casualties.

The recovered weapons include three foreign-made guns, 15 rounds of bullets, chemicals used in manufacturing bombs, gun powder and two advanced wire sets, police added.

Police raided the area after getting information that a gang of terrorists was preparing to go for action in New Jurine area.

## Strike at RU begins

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY, Aug 5: The first day of the 13-day strike of the officers and employees of the university that began today, completely paralysed the administrative works on the campus.

Almost all offices at the administrative building and resident halls remained closed.

The Officers and Employees' Oikya Parishad (OEOP) called the strike to press home their 55-point demand which include increased accommodation facilities and a raise in salary. Talks between the university authorities and the OEOP to end the strike ended this evening without any decision.

## 17-yr RI for 3 in Manikganj

From Our Correspondent

MANIKGANJ, Aug 5: Three persons including the general secretary of the JCD Manikganj district unit, have been awarded 17 years rigorous imprisonment for making an attempt on the life of a magistrate.

Jamatul Ferdous, Sub-judge, 2nd court, Manikganj gave the sentence in a judgement delivered today.

The three persons have also been fined Taka 6000 each, in default to suffer another two years' rigorous imprisonment. They are: Tozammel Hossain Toza, general secretary, JCD Manikganj District Unit, Kayum Hossain and F Hossain Baka.

Three other accused in the case were acquitted.

According to the prosecution, some 10 to 12 persons severely assaulted Rezaul Ahsan, Magistrate of Manikganj on March 15, 1992 following a dispute over the submission of tenders. They also tried to kidnap him.



The Australian basketball team celebrate its hard-fought 66-56 victory over Ukraine to capture the bronze at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta on August 4.

AFP/UNB photo

## See you in Sydney, in 2000

ATLANTA, Aug 5: After 16 days, 271 medals, millions of spectators and endless hours of timeless moments, the Olympics got down and jammed the night away Sunday to celebrate the end of the 100th-anniversary Summer Games, the biggest ever, reports AP.

Thousands of young athletes, their labours done, their medals won or lost, their memories safekept for a life-

time, poured onto the Olympic Stadium infield in an end-of-games free-for-all of music, dancing and farewells — and of vows to meet again at the 2000 Olympics in Australia.

"I call upon the youth of the world to assemble four years from now at Sydney," declared Juan Antonio Samaranch, International Olympic Committee president.

Samaranch congratulated

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PEPSI Final medals table									
Country	G	S	B	Total	Greece	4	4	0	8
United States	44	32	25	101	Czech Republic	4	3	4	11
Russia	26	21	16	63	Switzerland	4	3	0	7
Germany	20	18	27	65	Denmark	4	1	1	6
China	16	22	12	50	Turkey	4	1	1	6
France	15	7	15	37	Canada	3	11	8	22
Italy	13	10	12	35	Bulgaria	3	7	5	15
Australia	9	9	23	41	Japan	3	6	5	14
Ukraine	9	8	8	25	Kazakhstan	3	4	4	11
South Korea	9	2	12	23	Brazil	3	3	9	15
Hungary	7	15	5	27	New Zealand	3	2	1	6
Poland	7	4	10	21	South Africa	3	1	1	5
Spain	7	5	5	17	Ireland	3	0	1	4
Romania	5	6	6	17	Sweden	2	4	2	8
Netherlands	4	7	9	20	Norway	2	2	3	7

ATLANTA, Aug 5 (Reuters): Medals table after the 16th and final day of competition at the Atlanta Olympics on Sunday (tabulated under gold, silver, bronze):

## Talks with Delhi open tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

Officials of Bangladesh and India are likely to discuss the whole range of bilateral issues including the water-sharing, trade imbalance and economic cooperation during the three-day talks beginning in New Delhi tomorrow, according to diplomatic sources.

Foreign Secretary Farook Sobhan will lead the Bangladesh side at the talks with his Indian counterpart Salman Haider and other officials. He will head a five-member delegation that leaves Dhaka for the Indian capital today.

Farook Sobhan is expected to carry messages of goodwill from Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad for their Indian counterparts Deve

Gowda and I K Gujral respectively.

Earlier in June this year Salman Haider came to Dhaka as a special envoy of the Indian premier, carrying messages of goodwill for the Bangladesh Prime Minister and Foreign Minister from the Indian leaders.

Sources concerned said that the New Delhi talks would be a sort of annual consultations between the two countries and a follow-up of the visit of the Indian External Affairs Secretary, who had come to Dhaka previously in the middle of last year.

It is a return visit of the Indian foreign secretary who had come to Dhaka last year and not related to his visit in

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## BRDB services pensionable

By Staff Correspondent

The government has made the services of officers and employees of Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB) pensionable, says a BRDB press release.

Pension for the 2,073 officers and employees of the BRDB will be effective from July 1, 1995 as per a gazette notification, the press release said yesterday. The BRDB was established through an Ordinance in 1982 and it is now implementing 13 projects of various income generating activities, the press release said.

Since its inception, the BRDB disbursed a credit of over Tk 1320 crore among 37 lakh members of primary societies and informal groups in 64 districts. The percentage of recovery of credit is 94 per cent, the press release claimed.

## Leading economists favour formulating 'home-grown' reforms

By Staff Correspondent

Some renowned economists of the country yesterday stressed the need for formulating 'home-grown' reforms and policy directions to move the country ahead in the 21st century.

They felt that instead of a donor-driven agenda, the country should have its own action plans supported by the people in general.

They were speaking at a seminar on 'Bangladesh towards 21st century: Development options, opportunities and constraints', organised by

the East West University in the city.

The seminar was also addressed by Finance Minister SAMS Kibria.

Prof Rehman Sobhan, speaking as a panelist, said a visionary state thinks not in terms of tomorrow, but on a long term basis.

"It would be sad for us if our intellectual development remained arrested in the 70s and 80s. We must look out what is going on around us," he said.

He said the country has to

create its own vision and policy choices for the future.

"There is no shortage of talents and capacity in the country," said the renowned economist. "But best talents spend their time in externally sponsored consultancy and their talents should be mobilised for domestic agenda."

"We have talented bureaucracy, but what capacity they enjoy?" he questioned. "You cannot have a bureaucracy captured by external agencies."

He said "What we need to do is to discover our own real

resources. Brilliant engineers spend their time in writing consultancy reports. They should be working on their own models and structures. Why are we not using them?"

"It's a question of discovering them. Give them a sense of purpose and put them to work for a vision of 21st century," he maintained.

"The government has to commit itself to agenda reforms developed by itself which should be put to discussion in the parliament and in the civil society," Rehman

Sobhan said.

He said the government should reach out to resource poor and relocate productive assets to their hands. Capital assets have to be relocated to low income segments of the society, he said, adding that packages to improve their productivity to use that capital is needed.

Finance Minister SAMS Kibria said the nation was derailed for some time and hoped that the AL government would be able to bring it back on the track.

He mentioned that with the completion of the Uruguay Round talks in the 21st century, free trade will become a reality for the country, not an option.

"In this liberalised economy, competitiveness would be the key to determine the country's fate," said Kibria, "and development of human resources will determine the competitiveness."

"We have to work for education, and skill development through targeted programme,"

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