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## DSE MARKET

DSE price index 1135.80 (+0.12%)  
Market capital Tk 7792.28 cr  
Transactions in volume 511877  
Transactions in value Tk 10.35 cr

## CSE MARKET

CSE price index 470.92 (+0.46%)  
Market capital Tk 4291.08 cr  
Transactions in volume 33715  
Transactions in value Tk 969802.50

## Metropolitan

### Dhaka Day by Day



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## 73 remain in fray for Sept 5 by-election

Seventythree candidates  
now remain in the fray for the  
September 5 byelection to 15  
vacated seats of Parliament  
after the last date for with-  
drawal of nomination papers  
yesterday, reports UNB.

Election Commission Sec-  
retariat sources here said 15  
candidates, including a Jatiya  
Party nominee, withdrew from

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the election race yesterday.  
In another development,  
two independent candidates  
whose nominations were re-  
jected during the scrutiny have  
been declared valid after  
hearing their appeal cases.  
They are: M Abu Hossain  
Sarker (Rangpur-6) and Mir M  
Abul Kalam Azad (Laxmipur-2).  
Earlier, on August 5, a total  
of 88 candidates submitted  
nomination papers for contest-  
ing the byelection to 15 va-  
cated seats.  
During scrutiny the follow-  
ing day (Aug 6), nomination of  
Abu Hossain Sarker was re-  
jected for his bank loan default  
while that of Azad was can-  
celled as voter number and  
address of his proposer and  
secondor were wrong.

Byelection to another con-  
stituency, Bhola-1, vacated by  
Tofael Ahmed of Awami  
League, has been withheld due  
to a stay order of the court.

Number of candidates with-  
drawn from the bypolls are:  
three in Rangpur-6 and Kuri-  
gram-3, two in Bogra-7, and  
one each in Rangpur-5, Siraj-  
ganj-1, Bagerhat-1, Khulna-1,  
Sylhet-4, Laxmipur-2 and Chit-  
tagong-1.

### Memo for Paris Aid Club meet okayed

The Cabinet yesterday ap-  
proved the draft memorandum  
prepared by the government  
for the ensuing Aid Club meet-  
ing scheduled for September  
9-11 in Paris, reports UNB.

The approval was given at a  
regular Cabinet meeting held  
at the PM's office with Prime  
Minister Sheikh Hasina in the  
chair.

Ministers and State Minis-  
ters in charge of different min-  
istries attended the meeting.  
Cabinet Secretary, Principal  
Secretary to the Prime Minis-  
ter and secretaries concerned  
were also present.  
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Jatiya Party candidate for  
Bagerhat-1 Abdul Hye Bachchu  
withdrew his candidature, al-  
lowing a straight fight between  
Sheikh Helal Uddin of Awami  
League and Sheikh Ohiduzzam-  
an Tipu of BNP.

After withdrawals, the  
number of candidates in the  
15 seats are: two in Bagerhat  
1, three each in Sirajganj 1,  
Pirojpur 2 and Shariatpur 1,  
four each in Rangpur 2, Bogra  
6 and 7 and Khulna 1, five  
each in Chittagong 1 and 13,  
six each in Rangpur 6 and 7,  
seven in Sylhet 4, eight in  
Rangpur 5, and nine in  
Laxmipur 2.

The constituencies, sched-  
uled for byelection, were va-  
cated by nine top leaders of  
the three major parties, who  
won more than one seat in the  
June 12 election.  
Of the 16 constituencies,  
two were vacated by Awami  
League president and Prime  
Minister Sheikh Hasina while  
four each by BNP chairperson  
and Leader of the Opposition  
Begum Khaleda Zia, and de-  
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## Have You Seen This, Mr Mayor?



Scene of a traffic snarl-up at Motijheel: So much has been written about it but so little has been done about it. Managing traffic will be a visible demonstration of the ability of the authorities to improve the overall situation in Dhaka City.

—Star photo

## BNP alleges repression, claims death of 38 party workers

The Bangladesh Nationalist  
Party (BNP) yesterday said that  
its workers were being sub-  
jected to repression across the  
country and claimed that at  
least 38 of its workers had  
been killed since the June 12  
elections, reports BSS.

Addressing a press confer-  
ence at the party office in city  
BNP Secretary General Abdul  
Mannan Bhuiyan alleged that  
ruling party activists were re-  
sorting to terrorism and the  
BNP and other opposition  
party workers were being ar-  
rested and harassed.

"If such barbaric activities  
continue, we will be forced to  
take to streets," he said.

Bhuiyan demanded of the  
government to stop terrorist  
activities and take stern action

### 13 drown in Bhola

From Staff Correspondent  
BARISAL, Aug 12: At least  
13 people drowned when a  
passenger boat capsized in the  
river Bura Gauranga in Char  
Fashion thana of Bhola district  
on Saturday afternoon.

The 13 bodies were recov-  
ered today, police said.  
According to officials and  
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## Arms surrender High-level body to recommend rehabilitation measures

By Mizan Ali  
An inter-ministerial com-  
mittee has been set up to re-  
commend measures for rehabi-  
litation of those surrendering  
illegal arms, according to of-  
ficial sources.

The government is also  
thinking of a drive for arms  
recovery soon as a follow-up.

### Editorial on page 4

The deadline for voluntary  
arms surrender expires today.  
The inter-ministerial com-  
mittee formed at the initiative  
of the Home Ministry also in-  
cludes representatives from the  
ministries of Industry, So-  
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### Deadline ends today

The extended deadline for  
voluntary surrender of illegal  
arms ends at 6 pm today, re-  
ports UNB.

Officials at the police head-  
quarters meanwhile hinted  
that the law enforcing agencies  
would launch a massive hunt  
for illegal arms after the expiry  
of the deadline.  
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## Speaker's advice sparks unscheduled debate

By Staff Correspondent

The Jatiya Sangsad (JS) yester-  
day witnessed an unsched-  
uled debate on the relevance of  
what the Speaker said, "irrele-  
vant unscheduled discussions  
at the cost of valuable time and  
public money".

The debate, however, re-  
mained inconclusive with no  
specific decision on the issue.

Former Speaker Sheikh  
Razzak Ali, two ministers,  
Deputy leader of the Opposi-  
tion in Parliament and some  
legislators belonging to the  
BNP participated in the de-  
bate.

It started from an observa-  
tion by Speaker Humayun  
Rashid Chowdhury that the  
legislators should not waste  
time on irrelevant unsched-  
uled debate, specially when  
the nation the House repre-  
sents is confronting various  
problems including poverty.

He made the observation  
when it was the BNP legisla-  
tors' turn to speak about two  
almost identical bills moved in  
the House by Tofael Ahmed,  
Minister for Commerce and  
Industries. The bills were The  
Insurance (Amendment) Bill,  
1996 and The Insurance Cor-  
porations (Amendment) Bill,  
1996. Promulgated as ordi-  
nances during the tenure of

the caretaker government of  
Justice Habibur Rahman, both  
the bills sought upgradation of  
the post of controller of the  
insurance administration to  
chief controller.

After the passage of the first  
bill by voice vote, the Speaker  
told the Opposition members  
that they should either refrain  
from speaking or take one  
minute each on the second bill  
on the ground that the con-  
tents of the bills were similar.  
He said repetition was of ar-  
guments on the same issue was  
useless specially on the ground  
that the legislators should not  
waste "valuable time of the  
House at the cost of the money  
of their electorate." Earlier, he

had told the House that every  
minutes deliberation by a  
member cost Tk 15 thousand.

Major (Rtd) Akhteruzzaman  
of BNP reacted to the Chair's  
insistence on reducing  
"opposition time." Referring to  
Tofael Ahmed's "lengthy irrele-  
vant speech" made in the  
House a few minutes back, the  
BNP lawmaker told the Chair:  
"Unfortunately you like to refer  
to the cost factor when an op-  
position member is on the  
floor."

The Speaker then allowed  
the BNP lawmakers to speak  
on the bill, and some of them  
echoed Akhteruzzaman's views.  
One of them, however, appre-  
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### 2 Bills passed

Two Bills, allowing amend-  
ments to the Insurance Act  
and the Insurance Corpora-  
tions Act, were passed by the  
Parliament yesterday without  
any serious objection from the  
Opposition lawmakers, reports  
UNB.

Commerce and Industries  
Minister Tofael Ahmed piloted  
the Insurance (Amendment)  
Bill 1996 and the Insurance  
Corporations (Amendment)  
Bill 1996.  
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## Power policy for private sector being drafted

By Sharier Khan

A draft private power gen-  
eration policy, outlining pri-  
vate power tariff structure and  
a number of fiscal incentives  
including exemption from  
corporate income tax for 15  
years, will be finalised and  
placed before the Cabinet  
within a few weeks, official  
sources said.

The Power Cell of the en-  
ergy ministry is currently final-  
ising the draft policy, accom-  
modating opinions of different  
government and private bodies  
like the National Board of Re-  
venue and the Federation of  
Bangladesh Chamber of Com-  
merce and Industry (FBCCI).

Forecasting an annual  
power demand growth of 300  
MW, which the government  
alone would not be able to  
generate, the draft policy  
would encourage both local  
and foreign companies to in-  
itiate independent Power Pro-  
jects (IPPs) on Build-Own Op-  
erate (BOO) basis, the sources  
said.

The draft policy is likely to

provide fiscal incentives allow-  
ing private companies to im-  
port plant and equipment  
without payment of customs  
duties, VAT and any other sur-  
charges as well as the Import  
Permit Fee except for indige-  
nously produced equipment  
manufactured according to in-  
ternational standards, accord-  
ing to the sources.

It may also allow free repa-  
rations of equity along with  
dividends and exemption from  
income tax in Bangladesh for  
foreign lenders to such  
companies.

According to the draft pol-  
icy now being finalised, a sepa-  
rate SRO will be issued for pri-  
vate sector power plants so  
that incentives and conces-  
sions given in various regula-  
tions and directives are placed  
together and consolidated.

Regarding power tariff, the  
draft policy stipulates that the  
power produced by the IPP  
shall be purchased as per the  
Power Purchase Agreement  
(PPA) by the Bangladesh Power

Development Board, Dhaka  
Electric Supply Authority and  
the Rural Electrification Board  
or any other transmission of  
distribution company which  
may be established in future or  
any large consumer.

The tariff structure consists  
of two parties — capacity pay-  
ment and energy payment.

The capacity payment will  
cover debt service, equity re-  
turn, fixed operation and  
maintenance costs, insurance  
and other fixed costs while  
the energy payment covers the  
variable costs of operating the  
maintenance including fuel  
and would be paid in local cur-  
rency.

The draft policy said that  
for the solicited bids, the bid-  
ders shall offer bulk power tar-  
iff based on the capacity pay-  
ment and energy payment and  
the sponsors of the IPP will  
provide year-wise tariff profile  
over the contract period such  
that it will match their annual  
debt service requirement.  
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## Budget discussion in JS continues

General discussion on the  
budget for fiscal year 1996-97  
continued in Parliament for a  
brief period yesterday, reports  
UNB.

Taking the floor first,  
Awami League M P A B M Ab-  
dul Kashem hailed the budget  
for not proposing any fresh tax  
and said that emphasis on ed-  
ucation, agriculture and health  
would give a new direction to  
the nation.

He also observed that vari-  
ous budgetary measures would  
give a fillip to the export sec-  
tor and the industry.

Seeking more allocation for  
development of Chittagong,  
Kashem alleged that the region  
was neglected by the past  
regime and hoped that the  
new government would pay  
proper attention in this re-  
gard.

Speaking next, Nasiruddin  
Chowdhury of the Jatiya Party  
said the budget did not ensure  
protection for the domestic  
industry as it proposed to re-  
duce the highest ceiling of im-  
port duty by 5 per cent to 45  
per cent.

It would encourage imports  
and Indian goods would flood

the local market, he said, al-  
leging that the free market  
economy concept pursued by  
the past BNP government de-  
stroyed the national economy.

The domestic market,  
which was already turned into  
an Indian market, would be a  
centre of Indian business, he  
said.

Chowdhury criticised the  
dependence on foreign assis-  
tance and said the country  
would have to spend some Tk  
2,200 crore this year for ser-  
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### Major changes in police admn

By Staff Correspondent

The Ministry of Home Af-  
fairs has brought about some  
major changes in the police  
administration, according to  
official sources.

Two police officials of the  
rank of additional inspector  
general stationed at the head-  
quarters, Ahmed Fazul Kabir  
and Shahedul Huq, have been  
transferred as Director Gen-  
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## Election of Shahabuddin Hearing of writ begins

By SC Correspondent

The hearing on the rule is-  
sued in the writ petition filed  
challenging election of former  
Chief Justice Shahabuddin  
Ahmed as the President of the  
Republic started yesterday.

Barrister Arsarul Hossain,  
counsel for the petitioner, Ad-  
vocate Abubakar Siddique, yes-  
terday concluded his primary  
argument.

Both the government and  
the Election Commission al-  
ready appeared in the case by  
filing affidavit-in-opposition to  
the writ petition.  
Attorney General KS Nabi  
also began placing his argu-  
ment yesterday.

The hearing will resume  
today in the division bench of  
the HC comprising Justice MM  
Huq and Justice MA Matin.

Barrister Arsarul Hossain,  
elaborating his argument, said  
that Justice Shahabuddin is  
constitutionally disqualified to  
be elected President of the  
country.

Concentrating his argument  
on the contention of Articles  
48(4)(b), 50(4), 66(2)(2A), 88,  
99, 147(1) and 152 of the  
Constitution, he explained that  
the service of the Republic  
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## Two young men beaten up in city, die

By DMC Correspondent

Two young men severely  
beaten in separate incidents in  
the city Sunday night, died at  
the Dhaka Medical College  
Hospital (DMCH) yesterday  
evening, family sources said.

The reason behind the  
killing could not be known  
immediately. Police sources  
said that shopkeepers and lo-  
cals assaulted Babu after he al-  
legedly tried to extort money  
from a stationary shop owner  
identified as Noor Ahmed in  
Shahinbagh area. Police res-  
cued fatally injured Babu and  
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## 7 rifles stolen from police camp in Khulna

From Our Correspondent

KHULNA, Aug 12: Seven  
303 rifles and 65 ammunition  
were stolen on Sunday night  
from Rarhuli police camp un-  
der Paikgachha thana of the  
district.

Following the incident, ASI  
Chandi Das Biswas and seven  
constables of the camp have  
been 'closed' to police lines.

Superintendent of Police  
Sanaul Haq said eight rifles  
were sanctioned for the camp  
one of those was now at the  
camp.

According to the OC of  
Paikgachha thana, a woman  
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SAVAR, Aug 12: Police re-  
covered a body of a peasant  
from a village in Savar thana  
early today. The dead was  
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**M Abu Zafar Chowdhury**  
Wing Commander  
Director  
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