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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 4291.96cr
Transactions in volume 33715
Transactions in value Tk 869802.30

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73 remain in fray for Sept 5 by-election

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

Election Commission Secretary 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 rejected 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 contesting the by-election to 15 vacated seats.

During scrutiny the following day (Aug 6), nomination of Abu Hossain Sarker was rejected for his bank loan default while that of Azad was cancelled as voter number and address of his proposer and seconder were wrong.

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BNP alleges repression, claims death of 38 party workers

The Bangladeshi Nationalist Party (BNP) yesterday said that its workers were being subjected 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 conference at the party office in city BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan alleged that ruling party activists were resorting to terrorism and the BNP and other opposition party workers were being arrested 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 recovered today, police said.

According to officials and

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By-election to another constituency, Bholai-1, vacated by Tofael Ahmed of Awami League, has been withheld due to a stay order of the court.

Number of candidates withdrawn from the bypolls are: three in Rangpur-6 and Kurigram-3, two in Bogra-7, and one each in Rangpur-5, Siraj-

ganj-1, Bagerhat-1, Kholna-1, Sylhet-4, Laxmipur-2 and Chittagong-1.

Jatiya Party candidate for Bagerhat-1 Abdul Hye Bachchu withdrew his candidature, allowing a straight fight between Sheikh Helal Uddin of Awami League and Sheikh Othiduzzaman 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 Kholna 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, scheduled for by-election, were vacated 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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Arms surrender High-level body to recommend rehabilitation measures

By Mizan Ali

An inter-ministerial committee has been set up to recommend measures for rehabilitation of those surrendering illegal arms, according to official sources.

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

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the sources said.

The deadline for voluntary arms surrender expires today.

The inter-ministerial committee formed at the initiative of the Home Ministry also includes 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, reports UNB.

Officials at the police headquarters 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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