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**DSE price index 1128.10 (-0.50%)  
Market capital Tk 7746.27 cr  
Transactions in volume 743167  
Transactions in value Tk 13.37 cr**

## CSE MARKET

**CSE price index 468.41 (-0.53%)  
Market capital Tk 4266.25 cr  
Transactions in volume 43160  
Transactions in value Tk 8376910**

## NEWS BRIEFS

**Fowler meets Speaker****British High Commissioner in Bangladesh Peter J Fowler yesterday called on Jatiya Sangsad Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury at the latter's office. They discussed matters of mutual interest of both the countries and exchanged views on different aspects of parliamentary affairs. reports BSS.****Cultural team off to Lanka****A 10-member delegation of the Bangladeshi Shilpakala Academy left Dhaka yesterday for Sri Lanka to attend the 5-day SAARC Drumming and Dance Festival, beginning today. Hamida Haq, Director (training) of the Academy, is leading the delegation, reports UNB.****21 shops gutted in Chandpur: 15 hurt****CHANDPUR, Aug. 13: At least 15 people received burn injuries when 21 shops were gutted in a fire at Ramchandrapur Bazaar in Hajiganj thana on Monday night. Witnesses said the fire originated from an electric short circuit and soon devoured the adjoining shops of the congested bazaar. Fire fighters from Chandpur and Hajiganj rushed to the bazaar, but could not extend their help as the lane was too narrow to reach the spot, reports UNB.****Fisherman killed****PARIDPUR, Aug. 13: A fisherman was killed and five others were injured in a clash between two rival groups of people at Harina village in Nargarkanda thana today. Police and hospital sources said Agneshwar Malo, 50, and five others were injured in the clash erupted over taking possession of a pond in the morning, reports UNB.****Old man burnt to death****CHITTAGONG, Aug. 13: An old man was burnt to death in a fire at Purbamazupur village in Hathazari thana midnight last night. Police said local people recovered the roasted body of Munshi Miah, 75, after a 45-minute devastating blaze that gutted few houses. Villagers suspected the fire might have originated from an oven, reports UNB.****3 killed in Pak jet crash****QUETTA, Pak, Aug. 13: Three people were killed and 11 injured when a Pakistani air force fighter aircraft crashed into a village near the southwestern town of Quetta during a training flight today. military sources said. They said two children and a woman died on the ground when the F-6 jet crashed near the Smugli Air Force Base.****Acts of sabotage alleged: Arms recovered**

# Farooq, Shahriar and Khairuzzaman held

Star Report

**Three former army officers, including a self-confessed killer of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, were arrested yesterday under the Special Powers Act and sent to the Dhaka Central Jail.****Police arrested Col (retd.) Farooq Rahman, widely known for masterminding the August 15 killings, from his old DOHS residence at about 3:40 am and picked up Col (retd.) Shahriar Rashid Khan at about 11 am from his Eskaton residence while Major (retd.) Khairuzzaman was arrested from the Gulshan residence of his brother-in-law in pre-dawn raid yesterday.****A number of licensed and illegal firearms, ammunitions, duplicate Bangladeshi passports and foreign currencies were also recovered from the possession of the three arrested army officers, police sources said.****All three were later sent to the Dhaka Central Jail on a 30-day detention under the Special Powers Act of 1974.****They are all widely known as the men involved in the brutal killing of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and members of his family, totalling about 20. On several occasions Col (retd) Farooq and Col (retd) Shahriar Rashid had confessed their active involvement in the August 15 murder and toppling to the existing government.****The arrests of the three came only two days before the nation mourns the killing of the country's independence leader Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, along with almost all his family members, 21 years ago on August 15, 1975.****The arrests were made on suspicion, based on different intelligence agency reports, that the three were involved in acts of sabotage. The combined operation to arrest them under Section 54 of the penal code was carried out by the Detective Branch (DB) of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP), Special Branch (SB), Special Armed Force and police from thanas concerned in****collaboration with other national intelligence agencies, said a senior police official.****"We arrested them on suspicion of contemplating sabotage and in the process found several licensed and unlicensed arms and ammunitions and several passports in their houses," said the police official.****Raiding the residence of Col (retd) Farooq, son of late Maj (retd) Ataur Rahman, at road no. 3, old DOHS under Cantonment thana, at about 3:40 am, the police team recovered one pistol, two revolvers, one shotgun and more than 250 rounds of different types of ammunitions, the police sources said.****They added that when the police arrived at his residence Col (retd) Farooq voluntarily handed over only one licensed gun and one revolver and produced their licences. Police, however, after a search of his house found the remaining unlicensed weapons. Besides, police seized different foreign currency notes from his residence.****A case under the Arms Act was filed with the Cantonment thana in this connection, police said.****At the residence of Col (retd) Shahriar, son of Harunur Rashid, at 2/C-5 Property Clavache apartment building at 54, New Eskaton under Ramna thana, police found three Bangladeshi Passports belonging to the arrested colonel, police said.****Police sources said that they were verifying the seized passports while a General Diary was filed with Ramna thana yesterday.****One revolver, one 22 bore rifle and a gun were seized from the Gulshan residence from where Maj (retd) Khairuzzaman was picked up during the pre-dawn raid, police said adding that he later****distorted the history," she said while referring to Leader of the Opposition Begum Zia's recent comment in parliament that Bangabandhu had surrendered to the Pakistani authorities on March 25.****"If Bangabandhu would have compromised, he could be the Prime Minister of Pakistan," she said adding he (Mujib) did not leave his house even after being pressed by many leaders and well-wishers as he wanted to save lives of the people.****They said the students belonging to the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) fought for several hours on the college campus. 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