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DSE MARKET

DSE price index	1123.43
Market capital Tk	7707.41 cr
Transactions in volume	496317
Transactions in value Tk	10.09 cr

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CSE price index	467.93 (+0.17%)
Market capital Tk	4263.85 cr
Transactions in volume	17965
Transactions in value Tk	659475

NEWS BRIEFS

Erosion threatens Aricha ghat

MANIRGANJ, Aug 19: Erosion by the rain-swollen Jamuna took an alarming turn today threatening the Aricha ghat. Officials said one-and-a-half kilometre area near the ghat may be eroded at a rate of 10 cm in last 24 hours and it may cross the danger mark tonight. Meanwhile, 36 villages, in 14 unions of Shibaloia, Daulatpur and Harirampur thanas were inundated by the flood water. reports UNB.

Maid falls from tree, dies

By DMC Correspondent

A young maid of a house at Gulshan in the city died reportedly after falling from a tree yesterday morning. The 15-year-old girl, Shikha, 15, was fatally injured after she fell from a betel nut tree near the house at about 10 am. Police said adding the victim was immediately taken to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where she died one hour after admission. The body was sent to the DMCH morgue for autopsy. An unnatural death case has been filed with Gulshan thana.

Gunfight in city

A young man was injured in a gunfight at Gandaria in the city early yesterday. The injured Anisur Rahman was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital in a critical condition. reports UNB.

BCL activist shot

A pro-Awami League Chhatra League activists was shot at Zakir Hossain Road of Mohammadpur in the city yesterday evening. The injured, identified as Asad, was admitted to city clinic. The cause behind the incident could not be ascertained. reports UNB.

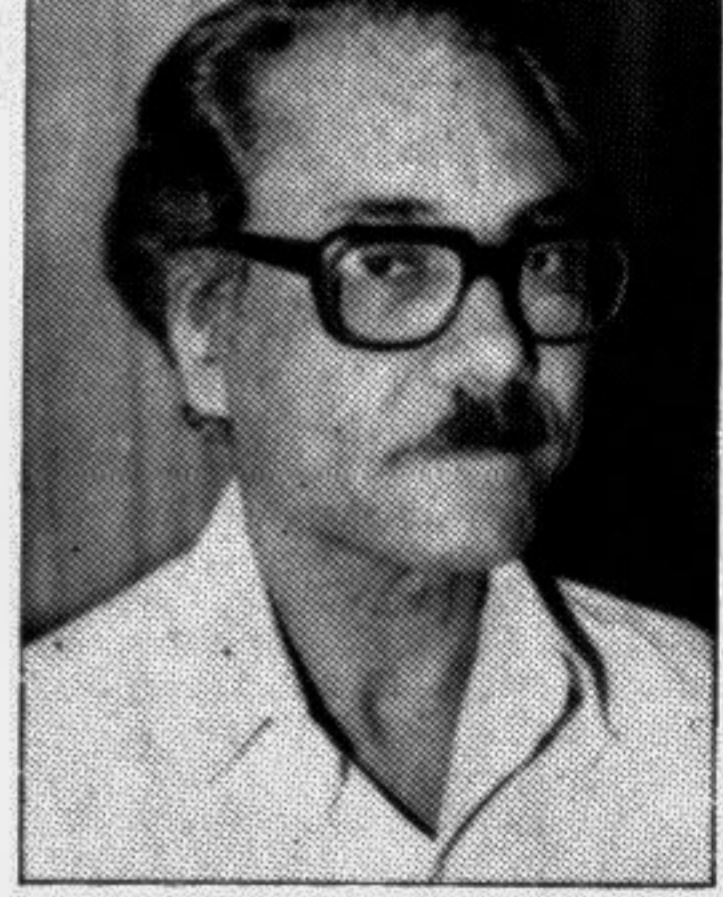
One killed in Ctg road mishap

CHITTAGONG, Aug 19: One person was killed and four others were injured critically when a Chittagong-bound truck skidded off the road at Rajahat under Lohagara thana on Chittagong-Cox's Bazar road today. The injured were admitted to different health centres. The dead was identified as Mohammad Kibria, 35, the police said. The driver of the truck escaped. reports BSS.

Muslim rebellion ends in Philippines

MALABANG, Philippines, Aug 19: The Philippine president and a rebel leader embraced today and announced a final settlement of a 26-year Muslim rebellion. They have agreed to end the war and restore peace. Muslim rebel leader Nur Misuari said after the meeting, his first in 10 years with President Fidel Ramos. reports AP.

Writ challenging election of Shahabuddin discharged



Justice Shahabuddin

By SC Correspondent

The High Court yesterday declared the election of former Chief Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed as the President of the Republic absolutely constitutional and legal.

The Court by a judgement discharged the rule nisi issued in the writ petition filed challenging his election as the President of Bangladesh.

However, the division bench of the HC, comprising Justice M M Huq and Justice M A Matin, suo moto granted certificate to the petitioner to prefer an appeal against the judgement before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.

"Since substantial questions of law as to the interpretation of several provisions of the Constitution of Bangladesh are involved in the instant case the petitioner is hereby granted certificate to prefer and appeal before the Appellate Division," the court reasoned.

The writ petitioner, Abu Bakar Siddique, a practicing advocate of the Supreme Court told The Daily Star that he would file an appeal before the Appellate Division.

Attorney General K S Nabi, however, had opposed the granting of the certificate for appeal.

The court observed that the writ petition was not filed in the proper form. It ought to have been filed in the form of "The writ of certiorari," challenging the legality of any act or decision.

"Those who hold constitutional offices and posts, either being elected or appointed including the President, cannot be called to hold office of profit in the service of the Republic," the court observed.

It was also observed that everyone in the service of the Republic shall hold office at the pleasure of the President.

"In spite of issuance of such a Rule upon him, highest regard and respect for Chief Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed will remain ever green in the memory of the people in all the years to come as it is now and was before," the court observed.

By this judgement the HC See Page 12 col 6

Mayor speaks out DCC must have authority over DMP, service bodies



Mayor Hanif making a point during interview

Star Report

Establishment of a city government with control over metropolitan police and service organisations is the only answer to the city's problems, Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) Mohammad Hanif said yesterday.

"Unless all the city service organisations are brought under an unified body, many city problems will remain unresolved," the mayor said responding to The Daily Star photo campaign on different city problems, in an interview at his office.

When he campaigned for mayorship, he made four promises to the city dwellers which were: Not to politicise the DCC, not to raise holding tax, to rid the city of mosquitoes and to wipe out terrorism. "I have succeeded in the first two, partially in the third. But I have not made any progress in the fourth because I was not given any authority over the city police," said the mayor.

Several months ago, when Begum Khaleda Zia was prime minister, Mayor Hanif threw a challenge that he would rid the city of terrorism in six months if the Dhaka Metropolitan Police was put under his authority. If he failed, he would resign.

Yesterday, he repeated the See Page 12 Col 7

Fresh areas flooded in Sylhet, Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, Aug 19: The swollen Jamuna due to heavy downpour submerged fresh areas of five thanas of the district today. reports UNB.

Officials said water levels of the Jamuna's tributaries — Karatola, Phoolbari, Borai and Gumani — continued to swell further when the Jamuna rose by 9 cm.

Meanwhile, 86 more families in Sadar thana became homeless due to erosion in the river Jamuna.

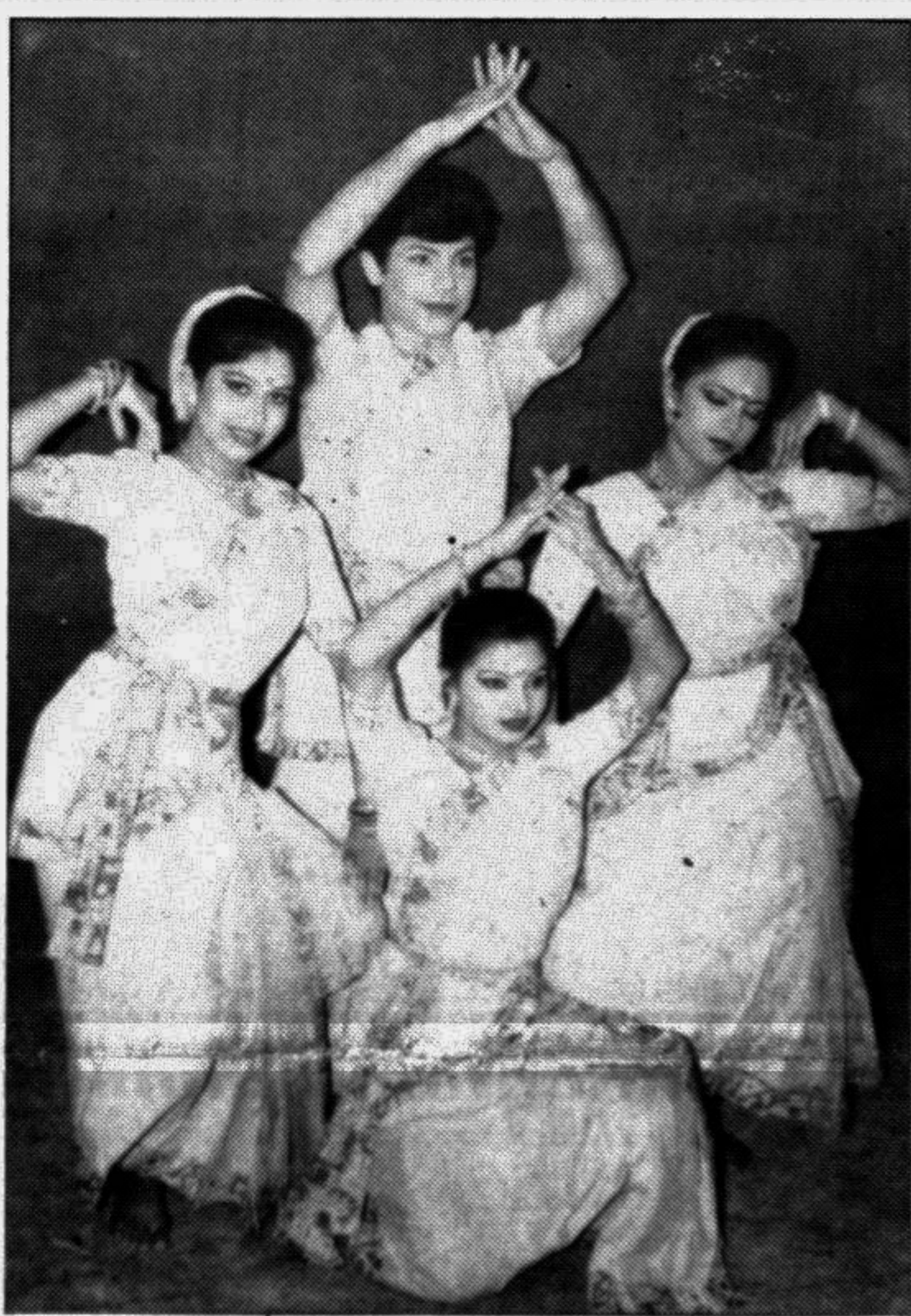
The newly-inundated unions include: Chalitadanga, Gandali and Sonamukhi in Kazipur thana, Nolka and Pangashi in Raiganj, Sthal in Chouhali and Koirji and Rupbati in Shajadpur thana.

With this, 22 unions of Kazipur, Raiganj, Chouhali, Shajadpur, Belkuchi and Sadar thanas were affected by the current flood.

Standing crops in the flood-hit areas also washed away by the flood water.

BSS adds from Sylhet: Kanaighat and Zakiganj thanas of the district were again hit by flash floods following onrush of waters from across the border.

The rivers Surma and Kushiara flowing over the areas are swelling rapidly fed by heavy discharge of waters from the hills in India. Both the rivers today crossed their respective red marks. district hydrological department said.



A function was organised at the Bangla Academy auditorium yesterday in observance of Rabindranath Tagore's death anniversary. — Star photo

Ershad gets bail in Japanese boat purchase case

By SC Correspondent

Former president Hussain Muhammad Ershad was granted bail in the Japanese boat purchase case by the High Court Division yesterday.

This is for the first time Ershad has obtained bail in any case whether in appeal or in an under-trial case.

The single bench of the HC comprising justice M A Mannan yesterday granted Ershad See Page 12 Col 1

No trace of Tareq Rocky denied bail, sent to jail

By Staff Correspondent

Rakib Mohammad Fakhru alias Rocky, the main accused in the complaint lodged by the father of Md Moinuddin Kashem alias Tareq with Gazaria thana, was denied bail by Munshiganj Court and sent to jail yesterday, according to the court officials.

Tareq, 21, a BBA student of North South University was See Page 12 Col 2

Time to prove fair polls possible under party govt, says CEC

The Election Commission (EC) is considering deployment of army during September 5 by-elections to ensure a clean voting. reports UNB.

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Mohammad Abu Hena said this at a high-level meeting at the Election Commission Secretariat yesterday, urging all concerned to hold the crucial by-elections in a free, fair, impartial and transparent manner.

"Now is time to prove that a free and fair voting is possible under a party government if the administration plays an impartial role," the CEC told the top government officials.

He said the EC was determined to discharge its constitutional duties and fulfilling the expectation of the nation at any cost.

Abu Hena directed the officials not to allow any facility for ministers, state ministers and others equivalent to the status during their visit to by-election areas, which will be violation of the election code of conduct.

He also informed that the Bangladesh Betar and Bangladesh Television had already been asked to follow the See Page 12 Col 3

Cabinet okays formation of Pay Commission

The Cabinet yesterday approved the proposal for formation of National Pay Commission. reports UNB.

An official announcement said the approval was given at a Cabinet meeting held at the PM's office with the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

Ministers and state ministers in charge of different ministries attended the meeting. Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister and secretaries concerned were present.

The government step towards forming the Pay Commission came in the wake of persistent demand made by employees for their pay-hike.

Khaleida goes to Khulna today

From Our Correspondent

KHULNA, Aug 19: BNP chairperson and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia is expected to arrive here tomorrow morning.

She will address a public meeting at Baghatgata. Later she will go to Bagerhat to address two public meetings at Fakirhat and Mollahat, says a press release of the BNP.

Meanwhile, at a press conference this evening, the Bagerhat district BNP president condemned the attack on former MP Syeda Nargis Ali.

BCL, JCD clash at DU: 5 hurt

By DU Correspondent

At least five students were injured at Dhaka University when the militants of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) clashed near Zahurul Huq Hall at about 10 pm yesterday. witnesses said.

Around 10 rounds of gunshots were heard during the clash that followed a procession of the JCD. However, none of the injured sustained bullet wounds.

The activists of JCD claimed that the BCL activists ousted them from Fazul Haq Hall and Sir AF Rahman hall of the uni- See Page 12 col 8

Budget discussion in Jatiya Sangsad continues

By Staff Correspondent

Lawmakers belonging to the Treasury and the Opposition benches in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday continued discussions on the proposed national budget for fiscal 1996-97.

During the debate, the ruling party members said that the proposed budget had a specific sense of direction for the country's future, and that the nation would be in a position to reap the benefit of the fiscal policies adopted by the government within a couple of years.

The opposition members on the other hand argued that the proposed budget had been formulated on the basis of the fiscal policies pursued by the Khaleda Zia administration. The BNP legislators criticised finance minister SAMS Kibria for his alleged reluctance to recognise the previous government's contribution to the country's economy.

The discussion on the budget began with treasury bench member Khandaker Asaduzzaman claiming that the proposed budget had given a clear direction for increasing agricultural production, industrial investment, and for strengthening the country's capital market.

Shehabuddin may replace Humayun as envoy to US

By Staff Correspondent

K M Shehabuddin is likely to replace Humayun Kabir as Bangladesh ambassador in Washington, according to sources concerned.

Shehabuddin, now posted in Paris as ambassador was the first member of the erstwhile Pakistan Foreign Service to take up the cause of Bangladesh in 1971. He defected on April 6, a week before the formation of the government-in-exile.

Shehabuddin played a very significant role in mobilising world opinion in favour of Bangladesh during the war of liberation.

JS tidbits

By Nazmul Ashraf

Treasury bench lawmaker Abdul Kader Siddiqi, BU, yesterday received table-thumping applause in the House from all the BNP legislators including Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia for his statement.

Begum Zia and all of her party colleagues in the House were seen smiling and thumping tables when Kader Siddiqi said, "... I also remember with deep regards valiant freedom fighter and late President Ziaur Rahman."

Reciprocating, the AL leader, who was also critical of his party on certain issues, said, "It's my nature to receive applause as well as abuses from both the sides."

The House heard with rapt attention Kader Siddiqi's deliberation, for which time was extended to 30 minutes from 20 minutes by the Chair.

Apart from dwelling on some controversial political issues, the Treasury bench member also made some humorous remarks, creating some lighter moments.

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Farooq taken on 6-day police remand

Chief Metropolitan Magistrate yesterday granted a six-day police remand for Col (ret'd) Syed Farooqur Rahman. reports UNB.

Farooq could be taken in CID custody under police remand today.

Earlier yesterday, an ASP of Criminal Investigation Department (CID), Abdul Kahar Akhand, prayed for a 10-day police remand for Farooq, but the CMM allowed only six days.

In his prayer, the CID officer cited the recovery of illegal firearms from the residence of Farooqur Rahman as the ground for taking him to police remand.

Besides the licensed arms, two illegal firearms were also found at Farooq's residence that indicates that he had an intention, Akhand said.

He added that Farooq might have more arms and to recover those he should be interrogated.

Though recovery of illegal arms was cited as the ground for taking him to police remand, it was being widely speculated that Farooqur Rahman could be interrogated about the bloody coup of August 15, 1975 and the November 3 jail-killing.

The government has already asked the law enforcing agencies concerned to revive the jail-killing case.

Col (ret'd) Farooq, a self-confessed killer of country's independence leader Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, was arrested from his DOHS residence in the city on August 13.

The same day police also arrested two other former army officers — Col (ret'd) Shahriar Rashid Khan and Major (ret'd) Mohammad Khairuzaman.

Transport workers clash at Syedabad

By Staff Correspondent

At least 18 people were picked up from the Syedabad bus terminal in the city yesterday following a clash between two groups of workers.

Exchange of gunshots and chase and counter chase between the rival factions created panic in the terminal area. The movement of traffic in the area remained suspended for about two hours, witnesses said.

According to sources at the terminal, a group of 20 transport workers attacked the terminal to gain hold of the area at about 11:30 am.

Another group who presented See Page 12 col 6

Six more autonomous bodies demand pension for employees

By Morshed Ali Khan

The Ministry of Finance is scrutinising the demand by the Chittagong WASA for pension scheme for its employees and it is the LGED Ministry now which will take the final decision regarding this. the sources said.

Officials concerned in different ministries interviewed on the issue stressed that although the government does not accept any liability while permitting autonomous bodies to introduce pension schemes for their employees, but this might cause problem in the future.

"Who will accept the liability if any of these corporations is privatised or abolished as in the case of Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation (BADC) or the Jute Corporation (BJC)?" asked an official of the Finance Ministry.

Some others in the same ministry said that permission to introduce pension scheme is given only when the government is convinced that the organisation concerned would be in a position to meet the expenses from its own revenue.

Dhaka WASA was the most recent case added to the list of autonomous bodies having pension schemes.

"In the case of Dhaka WASA, the condition was that the existing funds for employees benefit including that of the Gratuity Scheme would be diverted to the pension scheme," an official of the ministry said.

Before giving the permission, WASA's possible earnings in the next ten years were roughly estimated and it was found out that it would be able to generate its own funds for pension to employees, the official said.

Sources in the Dhaka WASA said that to introduce pension schemes it would have to cough See Page 12 col 6

Yasmin murder in Dinajpur 'Transfer of case to go in favour of the accused'

By Staff Correspondent

Justice will not be done in the Yasmin murder trial if the case against the six accused policemen is transferred from the Dinajpur district and sessions judge court, stated Sammilito Nari Samaj (SNS) at a press conference in the city yesterday.

The women's group protested the possible transfer of the case to a special tribunal in Bogra as, according to SNS, this would only serve the interests of the accused.

They demanded that the enquiry report in the case, submitted by the then sessions judge of Dinajpur, Rafiqul Islam, be made public immediately and also called for the trial of those involved in the killing of seven demonstrators in Dinajpur.

In the early morning of 24th August, 1995, a group of policemen allegedly raped and killed a 14-year-old girl, Yasmin, at Doshi Mile near Dinajpur town.

Later during mass protests against the murder, police opened fire on the demonstrators killing seven of them.

On the 4th September, eleven days after Yasmin's murder, an initial GR Case, No 994/95, was filed by the family of Yasmin against three of the policemen under Section 6 (4) of The Women and Children Repression Act (1995).

After investigation, a chargesheet was framed accusing five policemen, under the Act and also under Section 201/34 of the Penal Code. One more policeman was charged with complicity in the murder and rape of Yasmin under a See Page 12 Col 1

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড

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