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DSE MARKET

DSE price index 1139.66 (+1.44%)
Market capital Tk 781.77 cr
Transactions in volume 512399
Transactions in value Tk 9.81 cr

CSE MARKET

CSE price index 469.73 (+0.38%)
Market capital Tk 4280.27 cr
Transactions in volume 24596
Transactions in value Tk 8259450

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Dhaka Day by Day



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NEWS BRIEFS

Speaker elected
CPA member

Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury was elected member of the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) at its meeting at Kuala Lumpur yesterday. Chowdhury was due to lead the Bangladesh Parliamentary delegation in the current CPA conference being held at Kuala Lumpur, but he could not attend due to on-going budget discussion in Parliament, said a parliament secretary press release, report UNB.

Minor boy shot
dead in CtgFrom Staff Correspondent
CHITTAGONG, Aug 20: A gunman shot dead a minor boy at Pulehbari village under Banskhali thana this morning. According to police, Mamunur Rashid, 12, died when an unidentified gunman opened fire on his grandfather, Jaber Ahmed Ansari, through the window of their house at around 8 am. However, Jaber escaped unhurt. The attack was a sequel to previous enmity, police said. However, the gunman has escaped.Strike observed
at RUFrom RU Correspondent
RAJSHAHI, Aug 20: A day-long strike was observed at Rajshahi University today at the call of Karmachari Oikya Parishad (KOP) protesting ad-hoc appointment of officers. All offices remained closed during the strike.Former GF leader
joins ALBy Staff Correspondent
A former central leader of the Gano Forum and freedom fighter Shoeb Ahmad Chowdhury joined the Awami League yesterday. Chowdhury met the AL chief and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and joined the party expressing his full support to her leadership, says a press release.Vehicles damaged, shops ransacked
Soccer fans go on rampage: One die

By Staff Correspondent

An unidentified young man was killed and at least 20 people including a woman were injured as soccer fans went on rampage in and around the National Stadium in the city last evening over a crucial premier division tie between the Mohammedans and the Brothers Union.

More than 50 vehicles were damaged and dozens of shops ransacked during the violence that lasted about an hour creating panic in the adjoining areas of the stadium.

The youth, aged about 24, sustained fatal cut injuries in his hand and body, from flying

glass pieces in the northern side of the stadium near the Baitul Mukarram electronics market at about 7:30 pm. He was immediately taken to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where doctors declared him dead, hospital sources said.

Doctors suspected that the youth was stampeded but Motijheel police said he fell from the top of the SAF Torch as it collapsed due to overload of spectators taking shelter to save themselves from the soccer frenzy.

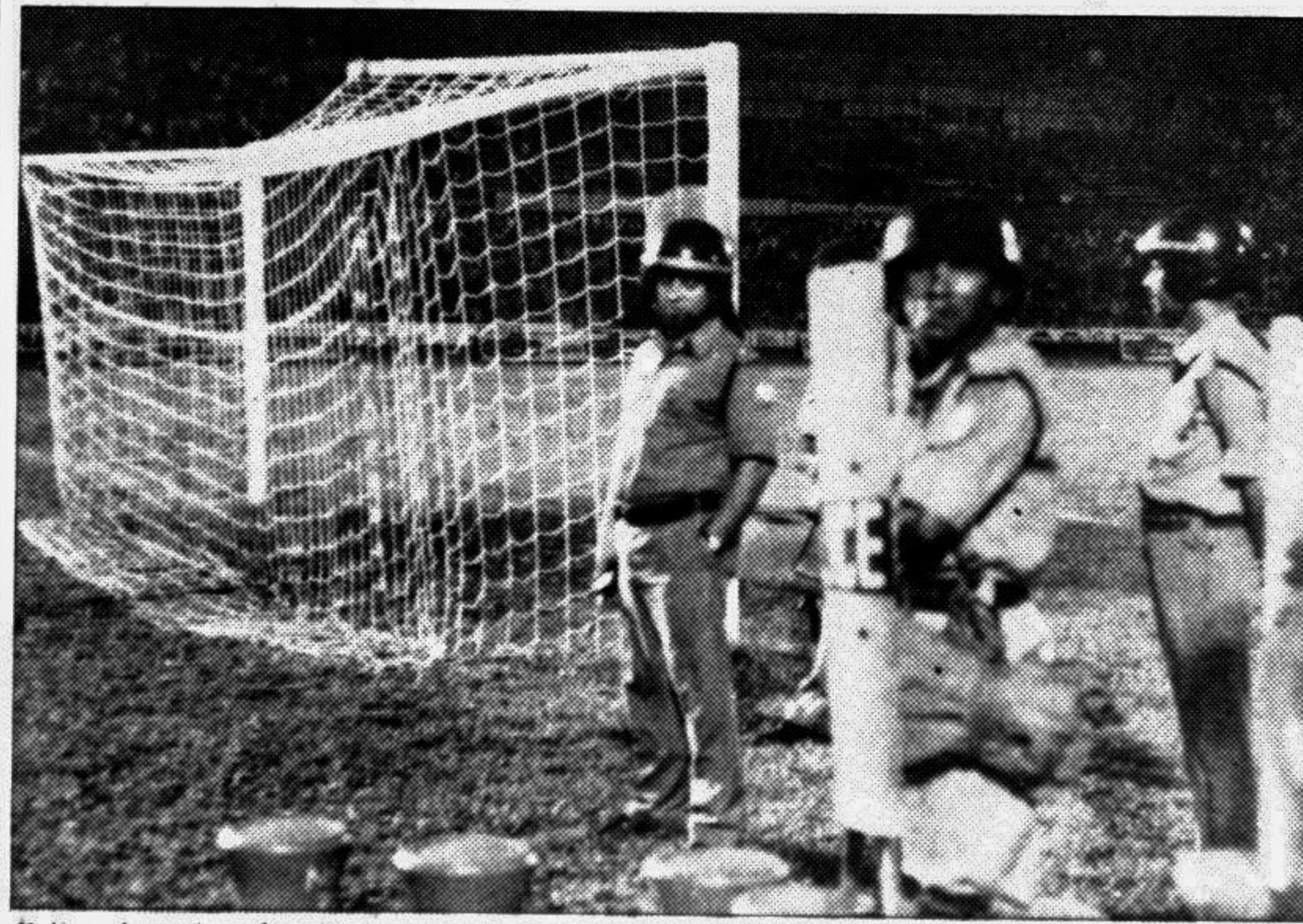
Five of the injured persons, identified as Lota, 20, a bus passenger, Badsha, 32, Saiful, 21, Mujibor, 25, and Harun, 30, were admitted to the DMCH, sources added.

Witnesses said the trouble erupted at about 7:10 pm, nine minutes after the delayed kick-off of the crucial match between the title aspirants.

The match started at 7:02 pm, one hour behind schedule, because both the teams refused to play in the 'unplayable' ground of the stadium.

Both the teams also withdrew from the match to the disappointment of some 40,000 spectators, who burst into outrage.

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Police observing the situation at the Dhaka Stadium last evening when violence broke out in the galleries during football match yesterday.

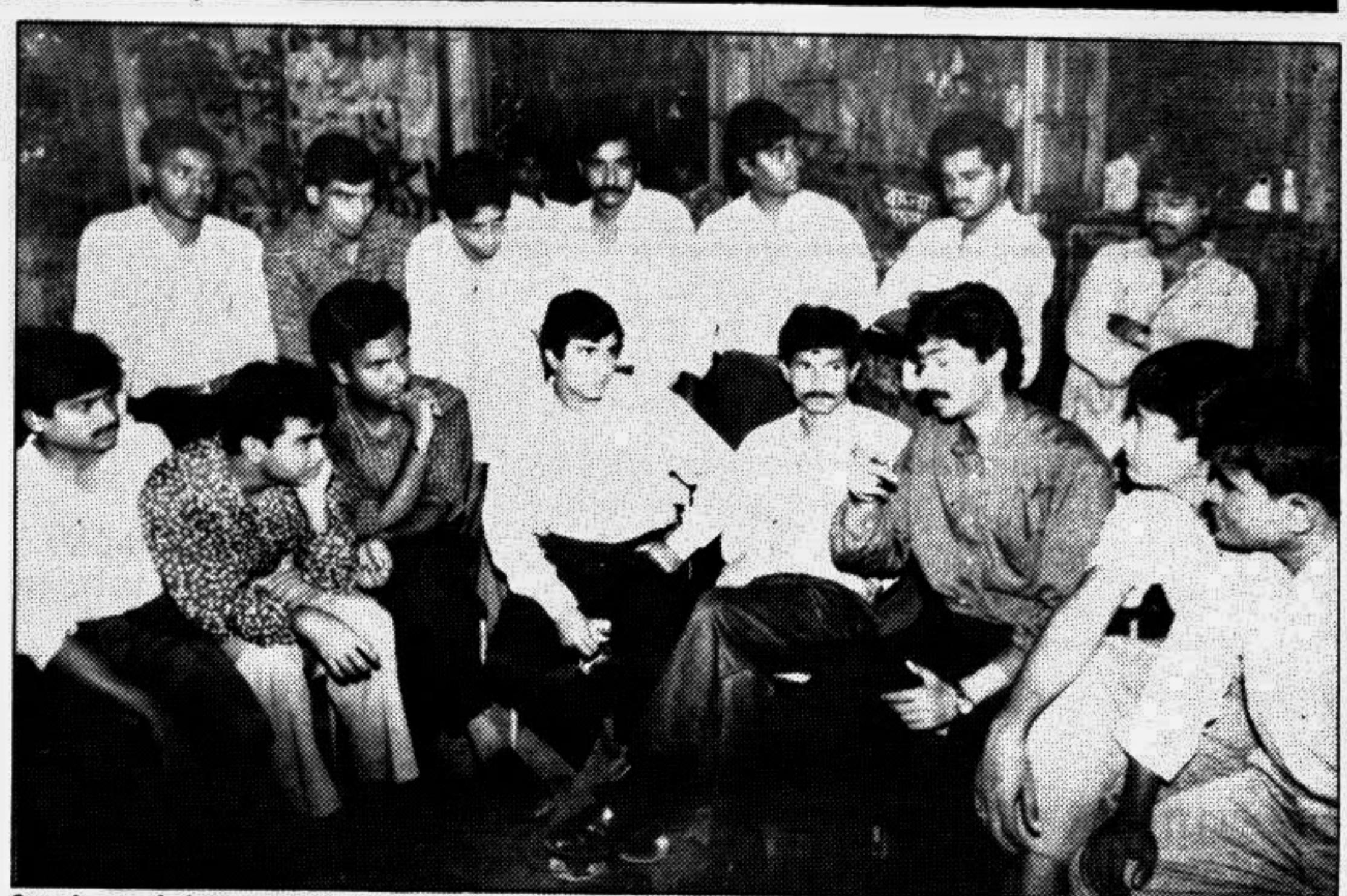
DCC ultimatum
to remove
unauthorised
structures

Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) yesterday issued a seven-day ultimatum to remove offices of different political parties and clubs erected illegally at roadsides, on footpaths, in parks and market premises, reports BSS.

In an announcement, the Corporation expressed concern at the illegal construction of pucca or semi-pucca structures on the DCC land and requested all concerned to remove them with next seven days. Otherwise, the corporation will take actions as per legal provision of DCC, it warned.

Meanwhile, Mayor of Dhaka City Mohammad Hanif accompanied by Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner Abdus Salam on Monday night visited different parts of the city to see for themselves traffic jam and encroachment on the city streets.

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Leaders of the Awami League-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and BNP-backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) held a meeting at the Madhu's Canteen yesterday and agreed to maintain peace on the Dhaka University campus.

— Star photo

Tension prevails at DU
although rivals agree
to maintain peace

By DU Correspondent

Tension prevailed at the Dhaka University although the two rival student organisations, Chhatra League and Chhatra Dal, after an overnight clash, yesterday agreed to work together to maintain peace on the violence-prone campus.

The agreement was reached at a meeting of the leaders of Awami League backed Chhatra League (BCL) and BNP backed Chhatra Dal at the Madhu's Canteen at noon.

The meeting also decided that the leaders and activists of the organisations will stay in their respective halls. The leaders further decided that neither the JCD nor the BCL would give shelter to the outsiders for the sake of maintaining a congenial atmosphere on the campus.

After the meeting, BCL president Enamul Haque Shamim and JCD president Shaheduddin Chowdhury signed a written

agreement on behalf of their respective organisations. General secretaries and Dhaka University unit presidents and secretaries of both the students' organisations also put their signatures on the agreement.

Opening of letters of credit for import declined 3.42 per cent in 1995-96 financial year compared to previous fiscal, according to the central bank statistics, reports BSS.

A Bangladesh Bank release said yesterday import LCs worth Tk 26,296.83 crore were opened by authorised dealer banks during the last fiscal, representing the fall in imports.

Import LCs remained outstanding to the tune of Tk 9,525.46 crore as on June 30 this year.

Textile fabrics and accessories for readymade garments accounted for the highest amount of import LCs worth Tk 6164.12 crore with LCs valued at Tk 2,089.80 crore remaining outstanding.

LCs worth Tk 2313.75 crore were opened for importing machinery, Tk 1965.61 crore for POL (petroleum, oil and lubricant), Tk 1759.06 crore for rice, Tk 1735.50 crore for chemicals and chemical products, Tk 912.43 crore for raw cotton and synthetic fibre, Tk 836.56 crore for cement and Tk 823.17 crore for edible oil.

Home Ministry okays Farooq's demand

Criminal Investigation Department yesterday received the approval of the Home Ministry to take Col (retd) Syed Farooq Rahman on police remand, reports UNB.

In another development, police once again yesterday raided the residence of Farooq from where the self-confessed leader of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Rahman was arrested early on August 13.

Following a prayer from CID on Monday Chief Metropolitan Magistrate granted a six-day remand for Col Farooq.

He is likely to be taken on remand today, police sources said.

Our Staff Correspondent adds, Officials at the Home Ministry talking to The Daily Star last night however, told

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JS tidbits

By Nazmul Ashraf

A ruling party lawmaker's deliberation in the typical style of addressing a public meeting yesterday in the Jatiya Sangsad led all the members to burst into laughter twice, for several minutes each time.

The Treasury bench member Altaf Hossain Golandaz, in between his strongly worded sentences, pronounced 'Bhayera Aamar' (by brothers) instead of the parliamentary practice of approaching the Chair.

As all the lawmakers started laughing, a visibly puzzled Golandaz gave a pause in his speech.

Deputy Speaker Abdul Hamid said, 'Honourable member You can't say Bhayera Aamar. It's not allowed here (in the House).'

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Dhaka can't afford to postpone reforms: WB

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh, said in the report, achievement of an accelerated improvement in the living standards depends on completing the stalled economic reform programme.

The World Bank says in a report on Bangladesh Annual Economic Update-Recent Economic Developments and Medium-term Reform Agenda, released in Dhaka yesterday, reports BSS.

The report will be discussed by donors at the Bangladesh aid group meetings to be held in Paris on September 10 and 11.

Bangladesh cannot afford to postpone the unfinished economic and institutional reforms if it is to succeed in poverty reduction. Sustained commitment to reforms is needed to achieve rapid growth and poverty alleviation.

Lorenz Yap, division chief, Country Operations for

Bangladesh, said in the report.

Many of the key macroeconomic performance indicators showed encouraging trends in the early 1990s. According to the report, inflation remained very moderate, within the 1.3-5.2 per cent range, the budget deficit was kept below 6 per cent of the GDP, the external current account deficit averaged below 3 per cent of the GDP, and gross international reserves expanded from under one billion dollar equivalent to 3.3 months of imports in '91 to over three billion dollar (6.3 months of imports) in '95. Both the domestic and national savings rates almost doubled.

The report said much has been done to strengthen the economy's growth base. There has been considerable progress in reforming the import regime.

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Tk 81 lakh spent
for maintenance
of Begum Zia's
house, JS told

By Staff Correspondent

The government spent Tk 81,39,060 for maintenance of Begum Khaleda Zia's Dhaka Cantonment residence where she had stayed during her tenure as prime minister.

Minister of State for Housing and Works Alsayeedur Rehman said this in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday in response to a question from Awami League lawmaker Col (retd) Shawkat Ali.

The head-wise expenditures are as follows: Tk 60,94,208 on decorations and electrical equipment which included eight airconditioners, 55 ceiling fans, 220 light fittings, 132 circuit breakers, one chandelier, one vacuum cleaner, two water hitters, one refrigerator, one alarm bell and one gas

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