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DSE MARKET

DSE price index	1174.19
Market capital Tk	8076.40 cr
Transactions in volume	775981
Transactions in value Tk	16.10 cr

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Hartal observed: BDR deployed

Violence continues at Bogra: Schoolboy killed

BOGRA, Aug 24: A schoolboy was killed and at least 15 people were injured today as protesters continued street battles with police in the besieged northern district town for the third straight day, reports UNB.

The dead was identified as Rezaul Karim Ratan, 14, a student of Class ten of a local pre-cadet high school.

Witnesses said another young man of about 20 years of age was also gunned down during a fierce fighting after mob attacks on the local police station in the hartal-bound town. He was only identified as a tailoring shop worker.

Police, however, confirmed the death of the schoolboy in fresh flares of violence.

One of the injured, identified as Alam with bullet wounds, was admitted to Mohammad Ali Hospital where he was operated upon. His condition was stated to be critical.

Staff photographer of Dainik Karotoa, Mohiuddin Alam Milon, was also seriously injured in police action.

The clash erupted when several hundred students and local people attacked the Kotwali thana in Chandnibazar area this morning. The mob made attempts of attack on the thana at least five times.

At one stage, local people said, police opened fire at around 1 pm when Ratan and the unidentified young man were killed.

About 15 others were wounded on the spot. The number of people who suffered bullet injuries could not be specified instantly.

Also, a protest procession brought out by the district wing of Jatiya Ainjilbee Samity at 11 am was intercepted and tear-gassed by police when it reached the DC office.

Witnesses said the town dwellers stayed indoors as movement in the troubled town became hazardous as police and BDR men are beating them on sight.

During the clashes, police

Situation in Bogra under control: Home Minister

Home Minister Major (ret'd) Rafiqul Islam last night told Parliament that the situation at Bogra town was under full control and expressed the hope that all irrespective of party affiliations would extend cooperation to the government for the improvement of law and order situation there, reports BSS.

Neither curfew nor Section 144 had yet been imposed in Bogra, the Home Minister said making a brief statement interrupting the budget discussion.

He said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina had directed to constitute a one-man inquiry committee headed by a Supreme Court judge to probe the violent incidents in Bogra.

Stern action would be taken against the persons responsible for the "untoward incidents," the minister assured and expressed sympathy with bereaved families.

Classes suspended till Aug 29

DU Vice Chancellor Emajuddin resigns

Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Emajuddin Ahmed resigned yesterday for what he said government's failure to improve the law and order on the campus.

Prof Emajuddin had earlier issued an ultimatum to resign within 48 hours if the government failed to free the campus from the grip of armed terrorists.

Two more provosts of halls also resigned yesterday, raising the number to six. The proctor of the university had also resigned earlier.

Talking to newsmen while sending his resignation letter to the Ministry of Education at 12:10, Prof Emajuddin said, "I had appealed to the government to take necessary steps to free the campus."

Star Report

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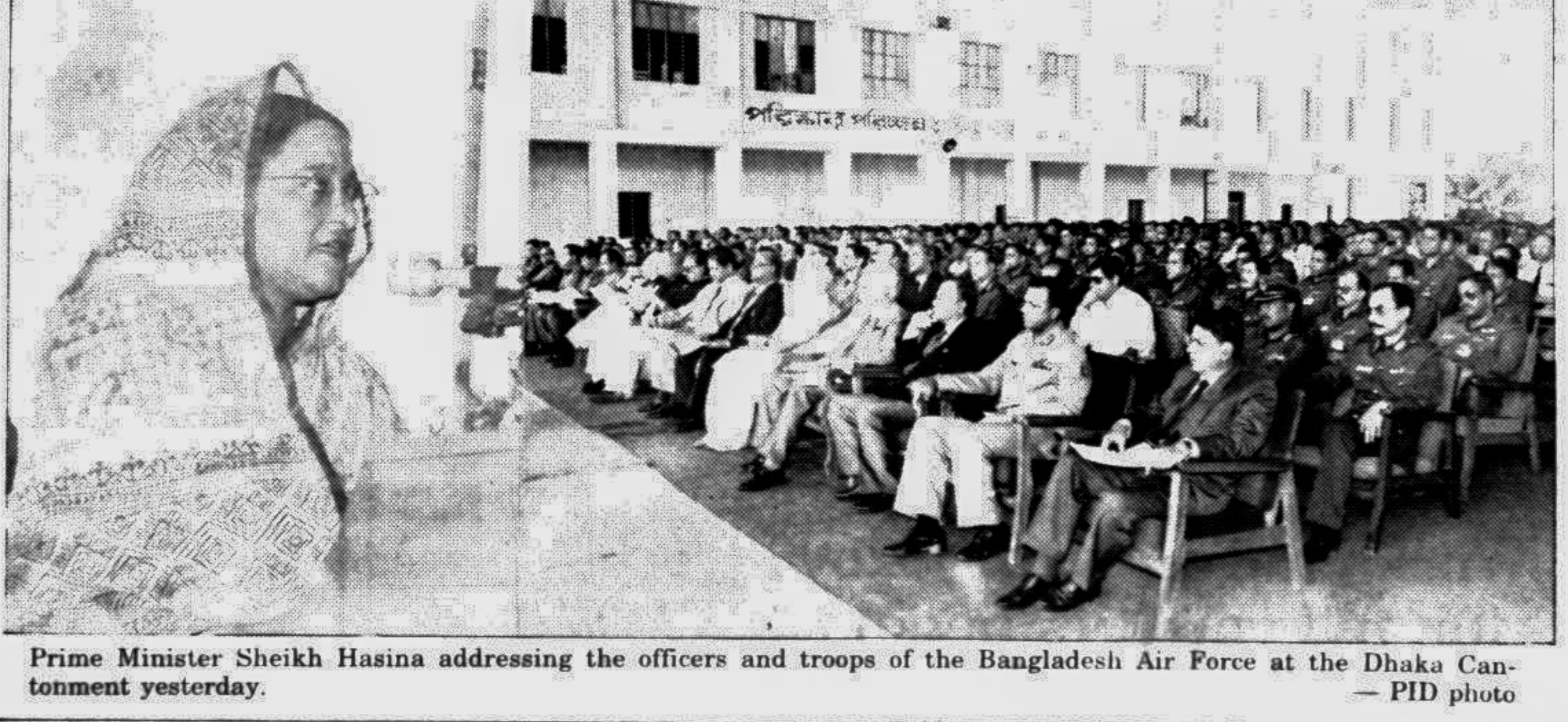
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Deputy Leader of the House and LGRD Minister Zillur Rahman, Commerce and Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed



Prof Emajuddin Ahmed talking to newsmen, before resigning yesterday.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina addressing the officers and troops of the Bangladesh Air Force at the Dhaka Cantonment yesterday.

BAF to have modern war equipment: PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the air force would be equipped with modern tools and techniques to enable it to keep the country's airspace always safe, reports UNB.

She said her government would take all possible measures to build the Bangladesh Air Force with modern war equipment for facing the challenges of the 21st century.

"We cannot remain aloof from the era of advancement of science and technology," she said, adding "steps will be taken to procure modern fighters, troops carriers, helicopters, radar, communications and necessary war equipment."

Addressing the BAF officers and troops at its Headquarters in Dhaka cantonment, she said despite resource constraint the government would try its best to solve the prevailing problems of the force.

"We'll continue our efforts for collecting in phases modern equipment and technology in keeping with the geo-political demand," she said.

The Prime Minister also assured the members of Air Force of removing their professional problems by increasing the number of aircraft and pilots.

Justifying the modernisation and advancement of the Air Force, she said the importance of a modern force is indispensable for protecting the national integrity and sovereignty and to place the country in a dignified position in the international arena.

Hasina said though it is tough to modernise the air force

JS tidbits

By Nazmul Ashraf

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BNP, Jamaat stage brief walkout

Discussion on law and order in Jatiya Sangsad today

Opposition BNP and Jamaat MPs walked out of the House soon after the session started yesterday as the Chair rejected their plea for discussion on the "alarming" deterioration in the country's law and order, reports UNB.

As the House sat about 50 minutes behind the schedule at 3:50 pm, some BNP member sprang to their feet to point out the fresh outbreak of violence in Bogra town and shooting at the trouble-torn Dhaka University.

Deputy Leader of the Opposition Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury demanded resignation of the Home Minister for his failure in tackling law and order.

"This Parliament will be a case of failure, if the members were not allowed to discuss the present alarming situation," said an angry Chowdhury.

Demanding resignation of the Home Minister, Chowdhury said Speaker should not restrict discussion on the pretext of rules of procedure.

Deputy Speaker Abdul Hamid assured the Opposition that he had already fixed "tomorrow (Sunday) for one-hour discussion on law and order."

But the Opposition members were not satisfied with the chair's decision and staged a walkout under the leadership of Prof Chowdhury. BNP was followed by the two Jamaat MPs.

Earlier, former BNP minister Fazlur Rahman Patal said the law and order situation was now terrible in Bogra where many people were killed and injured in fresh violence today (Saturday).

He demanded that the House move a condolence resolution on the killings in Dhaka and Bogra. The chair ignored his proposal.

Reacting to BNP's walkout, Deputy Leader of the House Zillur Rahman said the Opposition was deliberately trying to create deadlock in the House discarding the path of peaceful resolution of any problem.

Welcoming the Speaker's decision for discussion on law and order, he said the Awami League government's first priority is to mop up terrorism from the country. He also referred to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's repeated commitment in this respect.

The Deputy Speaker said he had already set Sunday for discussion on the issue. He said he could consider the Opposition proposal for discussion today if there had been any notice today from their side.

However, BNP and Jamaat members returned to the House after 15 minutes at 4:28 pm.

Budget discussion

Budget contains flaws: BNP

By Staff Correspondent

The Jatiya Sangsad (JS) yesterday witnessed a lively debate on the proposed national budget for 1996-97 with the ruling Awami League members highlighting the positive aspects of the budget and the Opposition lawmakers pointing out its flaws.

Besides, the Treasury bench members appreciated the finance minister's success in accommodating the spirit of the ruling party's election manifesto into the budget documents. They termed the proposed budget a pro-people, particularly a pro-peasant one.

Some leading BNP members on the other hand tried to show that the budget speech of Finance Minister SAMS Kibria that drew a bleak picture of the national economy the AL government has inherited, was contradictory to the development statistics contained in the Economic Survey the minister himself presented in the House.

Earlier, the JS saw a brief

AL has let loose reign of terror: Khaleda

KURIGRAM, Aug 24: BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia here today called upon the people to vote for the BNP in the September 5 bypolls to save the country from famine and guide the nation to the path of peace and development, report UNB.

She alleged that the ruling party had let loose "a reign of terror, looting and plundering" within two months of its coming to power.

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BNP wants Home Minister to quit

Opposition BNP yesterday demanded resignation of the Home Minister for his failure to maintain law and order in the country, reports UNB.

Briefing newsmen at the Sangsad Bhaban in the evening, Deputy Leader of the Opposition Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury also condemned the Education Minister for not taking a single step about the Dhaka University campus situation.

"The Home Minister has to

Indefinite strike called

Fresh JCD-BCL clash on DU campus: 1 shot

Star Report

Fresh clashes between the activists of Jatiyatubadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) left one student bullet hit yesterday morning on the Dhaka University campus, according to witnesses.

The injured student was identified as Bashir Ahmed, Vice-President of JCD unit of Ziaur Rahman Hall and masters degree student of Islamic Studies. He was rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital when doctors said he was hit with bullet in the belly and one hand.

The JCD held a rally in front of the National Press Club and called an indefinite strike at

JCD-BCL clash in Ctg: 10 hurt

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Aug 24: At least 10 persons were injured in a clash between the supporters of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Jatiyatubadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) at the Gasbaria college today.

The injured were admitted to the local health complex.

The authorities immediately declare the college closed until September 5.

Police said, the clash started at 1 pm when BCL activists brought out a procession.

The two sides blamed each other for the clash that was marked by gunfire and explosion of cocktails.

JCD-BCL clash at JN varsity: 5 injured

By Staff Correspondent

At least five persons were injured during a chase and counter-chase reportedly between the activists of pro-Awami League Chhatra League (BCL) and pro-BNP Jatiyatubadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) at Jagannath University in the city yesterday afternoon.

One of the victims, identified as Sarwar Hossain Mithu, 22, was hit by a tempo as he tried to cross the road near the campus

Agri subsidy disbursement plan being prepared

By Reaz Ahmad

An Action Plan for disbursement of money from the proposed Tk 100 crore Agriculture Subsidy Fund would be finalised soon, official sources said.

A task force headed by the Agriculture Secretary is now drafting the Action Plan and it is expected to be finalised soon after the passage of the national budget for 1996-97 now being discussed in the Jatiya Sangsad.

The budget has proposed setting up of a special Agriculture

Economy to be reactivated, Kibria assures donors

Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria yesterday assured the donors of reactivating economy, restoring law and order, removing corruption and reviving confidence of investors through reformation of law relating economic policies, reports UNB.

He was exchanging views with representatives of donor agencies and heads of missions of different donor countries on the forthcoming Bangladesh aid group meeting at the conference room of the National Economic Council.

The finance minister said the present government laid emphasis on poverty alleviation, human resources development, improving public sector management and private

Arrested 28 DU students sent to jail

By Staff Correspondent

The bail prayers for 29 students arrested from the Dhaka University campus on Wednesday were rejected by the court and 28 of them were sent to the Dhaka Central Jail yesterday, court sources said.

Of the 29 students, the President of the pro-BNP Jatiyatubadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anney was under treatment at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) under police custody. Anney sustained injuries in front of the Arts Building on the campus Wednesday morning, according to reports.

The 28 were produced before



The Sammilita Nari Samaj organised a demonstration in the city yesterday demanding trial of the killers of Yasmin.

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Interrogation of Col Farooq continues

Col (ret'd) Syed Farooqur Rahman denied charges about his involvement in different matters as he was interrogated on police remand for the third consecutive day yesterday, reports UNB.

A combined team of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), Special Branch and National Security Intelligence (NSI) started the official interrogation at 4 pm. Earlier in the day, the team talked to him on various matters.

Sources closed to the investigators said they wanted to know from the former army officer about sources of funds and arms of the Freedom Party he had founded. Col Farooq denied any foreign connection with the organisation.

Meanwhile, State Minister for Information Prof Abu Syeed

DUTA concerned

Dhaka University Teachers' Association has expressed concern over deterioration of campus situation caused by the presence of a large number of outsiders in different halls. In a statement DUTA President ATM Zahurul Haq and General Secretary AAMS Arifin Siddiqui yesterday demanded of the university authorities and the government to take action against the outsiders, reports UNB.