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DSE price index	1191.10
Market capital Tk	8192.75 cr
Transactions in volume	489407
Transactions in value Tk	1053 cr

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CSE price index	494.64
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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Khaleda goes to**  
**Laxmipur today**

BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia leaves Dhaka today on a four-day electioneering tour at Laxmipur and Mirersarai constituencies. She will address election rallies at Laxmipur on August 28 and 29 and on August 30 and 31 at Mirersarai, said a party press release, reports UNB.

**Businessman**  
**robbed in city**

A businessman was robbed of Tk 50,000 in broad daylight in the city's Nawabpur area yesterday, police said. A group of armed youths waylaid the rickshaw of Nazrul Islam, the businessman, at about 12 noon and snatched the money from him. A case has been filed with Kotwali police, reports UNB.

**JS adjourned**  
**till 10 am today**

The House was adjourned yesterday till 10 am today. Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury announced the adjournment at 11 pm yesterday, reports UNB.

**Madhu Purnima**  
**today**

RANGAMATI, Aug 27: Members of the Buddhist community here will observe "Madhu Purnima" tomorrow. A day-long programme in this connection includes hoisting of national and religious flags, *pancha shil, austa shil graham paritran path*, discussion on different aspects of Buddhism and special prayers, reports BSS.

**Body recovered**

From Our Correspondent  
JHENIDAH, Aug 27: Police today recovered the body of one Mangal Mondol, 40, of village Subarnasara under Kaliganj thana. Mangal was reportedly shot dead by unidentified gunmen. The body was sent to hospital morgue for autopsy.

## Recommendations by admin reorganisation committee Slash ministries, manpower and govt organisations

By M Anwarul Haq

The Committee on Reorganisation of Government Administration has recommended major revamping of government organisations including their restructuring and reduction in the number of ministries from 35 to 22.

According to official sources, other major recommendations of the committee include reduction of the number of all types of government organisations from 257 to 224, renaming the Ministry of Finance and Economy, recasting the Planning Commission as National Planning Organisation (NPO), setting up of a Supreme Court Secretariat, reduction of government manpower by nearly 48,000 and repeal of the official Secrecy Act.

The six member committee, headed by former Secretary Nurunnabi Chowdhury completed its voluminous work in June this year and submitted different volumes of the report in phases, delivering the earlier

volumes to the BNP government, some to the caretaker government and the last set of reports to the present government.

The committee which submitted its report in nearly 45 volumes reviewed the workings of 257 organisations under the different ministries and outside it.

Appointed in August 1993, the Nurunnabi Committee's terms of reference included reorganisation and rationalisation of ministries, divisions and other offices of the government considering their functions, workload and need for their modernisation and development.

The Nurunnabi Committee recommended reducing the number of ministries from 35 to 22 and the number of divisions from 51 to 35, the sources said.

While suggesting the reduction in the number of ministries, the report said that unless the ministries are of good

size, there is a tendency for overlapping and undue interference with an over-extended bureaucracy.

The report noted that Bangladesh started with 21 ministries. Their number rose to 26 by 1975. It fell to 13 after the Fourth Amendment in 1975 but by 1977 it rose again to 30. The Martial Law government in 1978 reduced the number to 24 but raised it again to 34 in 1980. The number of ministries was again reduced to 19 following imposition of Martial Law in 1982. It rose to 33 by 1991 and increased to its present position in 1995 at the end of BNP rule.

The committee also recommended that the Establishment Ministry should not be headed by a state minister but converted into a division like the cabinet division and it be placed directly under the supervision of the Prime Minister, the sources added.

Suggesting a reduction in the number of divisions it recommended that the Special Af-



Police coming out of Shamsunnahar Hall of the Dhaka University after raiding the hall yesterday. —Star photo

## Police raid 3 DU women's dormitories

By DU Correspondent  
Police raided three women's dormitories of the Dhaka University yesterday.

No arms were found during raids on Begum Rokeya, Shamsun Nahar and Nawab Faizunnesa halls of the university. The raids began at about 8:30 am and continued till around noon.

Women police entered the halls while some male police personnel stayed outside taking positions at strategic points. They searched almost all the rooms in the halls, witnesses said.

Police reportedly could not enter into the Shamsun Nahar hall till 11 am as the activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) protested the raids. The raid however was conducted after the house tutors of the hall came.

There was also a clash over the issue between the activists of Chhatra League and Chhatra Dal at the entrance of the hall, witnesses said.

The clash took place when the president of BCL tried to enter the hall but the JCD activists reportedly tried to stop her.

Meanwhile, the indefinite strike called by the JCD unit of DU passed its second day yesterday. The strike was called

## AL making JS ineffective, politicising admn: Khaleda

By Staff Correspondent

BNP chief and Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday reiterated her accusation that the ruling Awami League was making the Jatiya Sangsad ineffective and politicising the administration.

Addressing a press conference at her Minto Road official residence the former Prime Minister also charged the government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for what she called governing the country in one-party BKSAL style.

The Speaker has lost his neutrality and is protecting the interest of the ruling party... The ministers and other Treasury Bench members are being allowed to issue lengthy and false statements while our members are being deprived of their rights to speak," Begum Zia said.

"If these continue in the

House, then we'll have to decide our own course of action," she said at a press conference at her Minto Road official residence here yesterday.

Begum Zia declined to elaborate her party's plan of action but expressed her support to an idea of boycotting the parliamentary sittings to be chaired by Speaker Humayun Rashid.

The Leader of the Opposition in parliament, particularly named the Home Minister and the Education Minister for "telling lies" about the recent incidents at the Dhaka University and at Bogra.

"If the parliament continues to be the centre for the ruling party activities, then we'll have to go to the streets and seek your (journalists) cooperation," she commented.

She gave a brief account of



Khaleda Zia addressing the press conference yesterday

## PM tells army officers Professional excellence yardstick for promotion

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said professional excellence, sense of discipline and physical fitness will be the yardstick for evaluation and elevation of officers of Bangladesh Army, reports UNB.

The Prime Minister was delivering inaugural speech at the Senior Army Officers' Promotion Board meeting at Army Headquarters in the morning.

Expressing confidence in acumen and accomplishment of the senior army officers, she urged them to rate their conscientiousness and loyalty above all to contribute to the development of the country.

Defence Secretary Kazi Muhammad Manzoor-e-Moula, Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Muhammad Mahabubur Rahman and senior army officials were present.

## Govt to do its best for pry teachers: PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said primary school teachers were neglected during the rule of the previous government as "it was busy with amassing wealth," reports UNB.

"They are now trying to protect their ill-gotten money," she said addressing leaders of Bangladesh Non-government Primary Teachers Association at International Conference Centre in the afternoon.

The Prime Minister blamed the main opposition BNP for what she called hatching a conspiracy to hamper the democratic process. "It is snatching the peace in public life by unleashing terrorism across the country."

"They are deliberately creating terrorism when we are striving to restore stability in the country," Hasina said, adding that the BNP had already started threatening the government ignoring the mandate of the people.

She called upon all to face everything with patience and cooperate with the government for creating a congenial atmosphere for economic development of the country.

The Prime Minister said her government is aware of the problems of the primary teachers and is pledged to take effective steps to remove those problems, the allowance year, she said the education ministry would form a committee soon to deal with problems of this sector. The government will take necessary steps according to the recommendation of this committee regarding allowance and other problems.

"I'm fully aware of your problems, the allowance year, getting is not reasonable in the present context, but you will also have to consider the economic reality of the country," she said.

The Prime Minister recalled

## Osmani Medical College closed sine die

From Staff Correspondent  
SYLHET, Aug 27: The Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College was closed sine die today after two JCD activists were injured seriously in an attack by their rivals on the college campus.

Arif, a third year student has been sent to a hospital in Dhaka while Pintu, another third year student, has been admitted to the Sylhet MAG Medical College Hospital.

All students were asked to leave their hostels immediately.

Earlier on Sunday, some students were injured in a clash between the JCD and BCL activists in the Zia hostel of the college. Nearly ten rooms were also ransacked. The college authorities formed a 5-member committee to probe the matter. Today's incident took place when the victims were on their way to the college to appear before the enquiry committee.

## I have won, they're defeated: Ershad

Deposed President Hussain Muhammad Ershad appealed to all parties for reaching consensus on important national issues to attain social cohesion and economic progress ending political animosity, reports UNB.

"Shun the path of conflict, bloodshed and partisanship. Let's work together to eradicate poverty and achieve economic progress," he said in a long drawn speech on national budget in Parliament last night.

Ershad, who quit in a democratic mass upsurge on December 6, 1990 after a nine-year rule, explained why he had stood down and how he was tortured in the last six years in prison.

"They (BNP) waged war to finish me as I was a threat to their existence. I also waged war for my survival and I won the war. They were defeated," said Ershad, attending Parliament session on parole.

In his hour-long speech charged with emotion and soul searching, the former president defended himself in different allegations of corruption brought against him by the past BNP regime.

## JS tidbits

By Nazmul Ashraf  
Jailed former President HM Ershad told the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday that if freed he would meet Shaheed Noor Hossain's parents to tell them, "So long I survive, I'll try to do whatever your son would have done for you."

Claiming that he did not believe in the politics of killing, the Jatiya Party Chief said, "As I was the President then, I should shoulder the responsibility of Noor Hossain's killing, standing on this sacred House I take the privilege of begging apology from the departed soul of Noor Hossain."

An Awami Jubo League worker, Noor Hossain was martyred during the anti Ershad agitation.

Reacting to the charge against him of being an autocrat Ershad said "President Bangabandhu (Sheikh Mujibur Rahman) and President Ziaur Rahman were also called autocrats. Therefore I'm the youngest President to be termed as an autocrat."

The House witnessed complete silence when Ershad delivered his 60 minute speech on

## Land ministry to be reorganised

All Assistant Commissioners (Land), Revenue Deputy Collectors, Land Acquisition Officers, Additional Deputy Commissioners (Land Acquisition) and Additional Commissioners (Revenue) will be brought under the direct control of the Land Ministry, reports UNB.

This was decided at a land policy formulating meeting held yesterday with State Minister for Land Alhaj Rashed Mosharraf in the chair.

The meeting also decided to prepare a write up on land matters for inclusion in the school level syllabus in the next academic year.

It stressed the need for strengthening the supervising activities at the field level to make land administration management more effective.

The meeting was told that 905 Adarsha Gram had so far been established rehabilitating 36,927 destitute and landless families.

The Ministry of Land has detected 55,000 acres of khas land to rehabilitate the landless people. About one lakh landless families will be settled in the Adarsha Gram, said an official handout.

Additional Secretary in charge of the Ministry of Land Syed Margub Murshed, Chairman of the Land Appeal Board AH Mofazzal Karim and Director General of Land Records and Survey Mohammad Shafiquddin were present.

## Bogra returning to normalcy Transport strike in northern districts

From Reaz Ahmed  
BOGRA, Aug 27: Situation further eased in the troubled Bogra town today following a joint meeting between the district administration and the All Party Students' Unity (APSU).

After the meeting held at the Bogra Circuit House this afternoon, traffic police resumed their duties in the town. The BDR, deployed since Saturday last may be withdrawn tomorrow and police may move out of their barracks.

Meanwhile, road communication between northern districts and Dhaka stopped today as transport owners and workers went on an indefinite strike for realisation of their four-point demand.

Leaders of the Bogra District Mini-bus Samity and the Bogra Motor Workers Union told The Daily Star that representatives of transport owners and workers from all the northern districts would hold a rally in Bogra at 10 am tomorrow. They said a memorandum was handed over to Bogra DC Shafiq Karim yesterday (Monday).

Their demands include withdrawal of cases against transport workers, security for safe movement of vehicles and Taka one crore compensation for the losses incurred by them due to the violent incidents and hartals in Bogra since August 22.

In today's meeting at the Circuit House, it was agreed that all cases against students and transport workers related to the incidents of killings over the last five days would remain "suspended" till the probe by the one-man judicial committee is completed.

The meeting, attended by the DC, SP and Principal and Vice Principal of Azizul Haq Government University College and leaders of APSU resolved that the Bogra District administration would try to arrange a meeting between APSU and the Prime Minister.

Some APSU leaders told this

## College student stabbed to death

By DMC Correspondent  
A college student was stabbed to death allegedly by a gang of terrorists at Sheorapara under Mirpur thana in the city yesterday.

Faizul Islam alias Fazlu, 19, son of the Haji Anwar Hossain of West Sheorapara, sustained fatal injuries in his back and hand as the gang of about five persons attacked him with sharp weapons when he was going out of his house at about 10:30 am, local people said.

Fazlu, a second year HSC student of Mirpur College, succumbed to his injuries at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) at about 1:30 pm, hospital sources said.

The motive behind the killing could not be known immediately. However, relatives and local people who rushed him to the DMCH said, Fazlu had a quarrel with a local group as he resisted them from teasing girls. The group was also reportedly involved in extortion and other terrorist activities in the area.

None was arrested in this connection till last night. Mirpur police said they were investigating the case.

## Tripti Begum, or Kalpana Chakma?

From Our Correspondent  
JHENIDAH, Aug 27: Police are yet to confirm the identity of the girl they rescued from a village in Mohepur thana on Monday suspecting her to be Kalpana Chakma, a tribal girl kidnapped from Rangamati.

According to Mohepur thana police, they were informed that a young woman, aged about 20 who had been staying in the house of one Zil-ur-Rahman alias Karim Mastan for the last 20-21 days might be Kalpana Chakma. Police then arrested the girl alongwith Rahman and produced them before the court today.

The girl claimed herself as Tripti Begum and said her father Ismail Sardar is an officer of the Jamuna Oil Company. According to her, they are the residents of Agrabad area in Chittagong.

Producing a marriage deed, she said, she married Sheikh Shukur Mahmud of new town Jessore on July 15 last. After marriage, they took shelter in the house of Karim Mastan (Fakir) for treatment as she had been suffering from hysteria. Talking to this correspon-



Family members of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam placine ereath at his mazar in city on his death anniversary yesterday. — Star photo

## Rocky denied bail again

By Staff Correspondent  
Tareq remained missing even after two weeks of his disappearance, while the bail petition of Rocky, the main accused in the case filed by Tareq's father, was rejected for the second time by Munshiganj court yesterday, according to sources.

The court also rejected a prayer for further remand for the accused and sent him to jail.

The case was earlier transferred to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) on August 21. The CID took Rocky on remand for three days on August 25 which expired yesterday, sources added.

Moinuddin Kashem alias Tareq, a BBA student of North South University, has been missing since the night of August 14, when he went out of his Banani residence with his friend Rocky.

## Fight for hold over halls Next DUCSU polls, toll collection root causes

Star Report  
Clashes between the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) at Dhaka University for capturing residential halls are aimed at winning the next DUCSU election and toll collection in the varsity area, according to sources on the campus.

Chances for winning the Dhaka University Central Students Union election brighten with hold over the halls. The student body having hold over a certain hall collects toll from construction sites and shops and other business establishments in that area, the source said.

The Daily Star Correspondent yesterday talked to a good number of teachers, students and others on the campus on the recent clashes between the Awami League backed BCL and BNP backed JCD.

The JCD had swept the last DUCSU polls held in 1990. The BCL was dominant in most of the residential halls at that time, they said.

Attempts by the university authorities to hold the DUCSU elections in the last five years failed due to "violence" by the two major student organisations, they claimed.

Some interviewees pointed out that toll collection was deeply rooted in students' politics on the DU campus.

"Most of the clashes on the campus have their roots in the distribution of the toll money," said an influential leader of the BCL requesting anonymity.

Student activists of political parties collect extortion money that runs into millions of taka every year from various construction works and shops and other business establishments in and around the campus, they said.

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