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DSE price index 249.90  
Market capital Tk 8652.83 cr  
Transactions in volume 70009  
Transactions in value Tk 16.72 cr

## NEWS BRIEFS

## PM goes to Ctg tomorrow

## From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Sept 1: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is due to arrive here on September 3 on a day's visit, official sources said.

During the visit Hasina will go to the mazar of Hazrat Shah Amanat (R) to offer *safra*.

Besides, the Prime Minister is expected to attend a civic reception to be organised by the Chittagong City Corporation and the Janmasti function of the Hindu community at the J M Sen Hall, official sources added.

## Report on Pvt EPZ Bill submitted

A special committee, formed to scrutinise the Bills placed in the House, submitted its report on the Private Export Processing Zone Bill 1996 Committee chairman Advocate Rahmat Ali suggested approval of the Bill with certain amendments. Since its formation, the committee submitted six reports to the House, reports UNB.

## Samad Azad leaves for Myanmar Sept 3

A Bangladesh delegation led by Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad will visit Myanmar from September 3 to September 5 at the invitation of the government of that country, an official press release said in the city yesterday. During the visit talks will be held on bilateral issues including repatriation of Myanmar refugees and trades and investment possibilities between the two countries, reports BSS.

## JS session adjourned till 3 pm today

Parliament session was adjourned till 3 pm today. Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury announced the adjournment at 8:10 last night, reports UNB.

## Janmasti Sept 4

Janmasti, the birth day of God Sree Krishna will be observed on September 4, in a befitting manner throughout the country. Mahanagar Sarbojanin Puja Committee said in a press release in the city yesterday. A three-day programme has been chalked out to observe the day, reports BSS.

## Nine Shibir activists hurt

## From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Sept 1: Nine activists of the Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS), the student of Jamaat-e-Islami, were injured when some armed youths allegedly attacked them on the Putia College campus today.

The ICS has blamed the Awami League backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) workers for the attack.

According to police, a Shibir activist was beaten yesterday by some youths.

## Budget passed

By Staff Correspondent

The national budget for fiscal 1996-97 was passed by the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday by voice-vote.

Finance Minister SAMS Kibria introduce the Appropriation Bill 1996 in the House earlier in the day, seeking approval for the government to spend Tk 25,306 crore 14 lakh and 55 thousand for the year ending on June 30, 1997.

Earlier on August 3, the House passed grants of Taka 8,435 crore 38 lakh and 18 thousand in advance to meet the partial expenditures of the current financial year.

The grant was allowed in the form of a provisional budget by a Presidential Ordinance.

The Finance Minister had placed the budget in the House on July 28 proposing revenue expenditure of Tk 12,103 crore and development expenditure of Tk 12,500 crore. The minister estimated revenue receipts of Tk 17,120 crore.

The Appropriation Bill was approved by the House in the morning sitting of yesterday's session with the BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami benches empty. Most of the

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## JS tidbits

By Nazmul Ashraf

The Jatiya Sangsad yesterday witnessed two brief sittings lasting only 52 minutes.

The morning sitting continued for 16 minutes from 11:30 am while the evening sitting of 36 minutes concluded at 8:13 pm.

During the morning sitting, all the chairs of the Opposition BNP and the Jamaat-e-Islami

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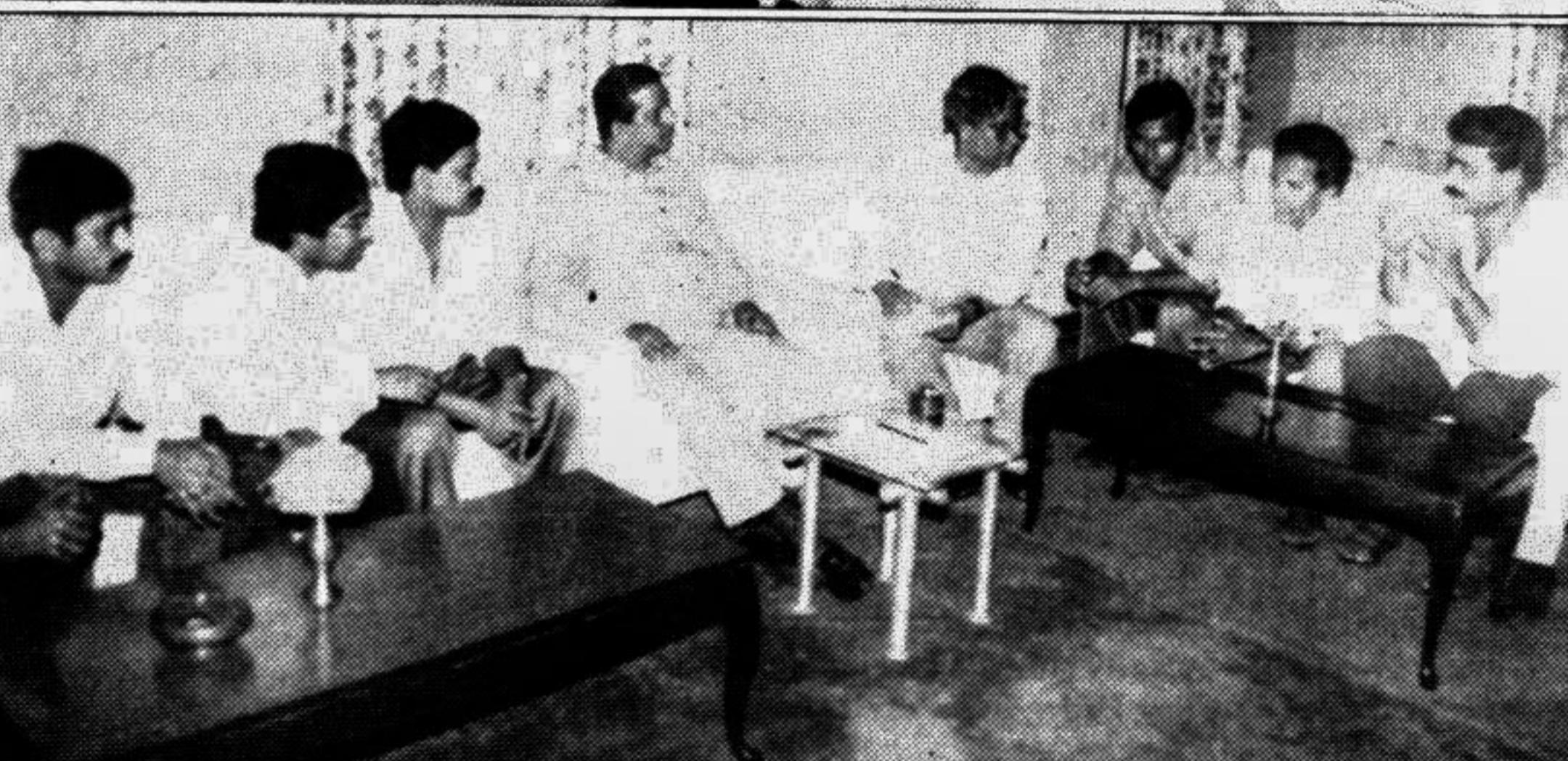
amended form. The bill, introduced by the Finance Minister, will come into force with retrospective effect from July 1, 1996.

Presence of the BNP lawmakers was thin during the passage of the Finance Bill yesterday evening.

Although the House took a couple of days to dispose of the demands for various grants under the proposed budgetary allocations, there was no detailed discussions on some important heads like education, health, defence, transport, energy and mineral resources.

The BNP lawmakers had submitted 1,024 cut motions, but only 324 were moved in the House while discussions took place on 17 demands. The motions were gilliated by the Speaker.

Most of the cabinet members were also absent in the morning sitting, although 10 out of 130 demands for grants on the proposed expenditure were passed in that sitting. Commerce and Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed was seen giving proxy for his absent cabinet colleagues.



Newly appointed Acting Vice Chancellor of the Dhaka University Prof Shahiduddin Ahmed held separate meetings with the leaders of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (top) and the Bangladesh Chhatra League (bottom) yesterday.

— Star photo

## JCD acting president Pintu held

By DU Correspondent

Detective Police picked up Nasiruddin Pintu, the acting president of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) Central Committee from the Shishupark area of the city last night.

He was arrested on various charges including terrorism, murder and other criminal activities, according to police.

Protesting the arrest, the JCD brought out a procession on the Dhaka University campus late last night. They chanted slogans demanding his immediate release.

Besides, a mobile forces would be deployed and checkposts would be set up, the sources added.

Meanwhile, hectic election campaign is going on both the constituencies, particularly by BNP and Awami League candidates.

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strike it called from August 26. JCD put forward a six-point demand and said it was ready to withdraw the strike if the demands were met.

The demands are release of the 57 arrested JCD activists including its president Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anney and withdrawal of 'false' cases against them, freeing residential halls from the 'grip of armed outsiders' and safe rehabilitation of students ousted by BCL activists, proper treatment of students injured in the recent 'police attack' and compensation to them, an end to 'illegal intervention' by the police in some specific dormitories, reopening of the main gate of Mohsin Hall which was closed.

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## VC meets DU student groups

## JCD places 6-pt demand to withdraw strike

By DU Correspondent

Acting Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Shahiduddin Ahmed yesterday held separate meetings with the leaders of the Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA), Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and left-leaning Ganatantrik Chhatra Okiya (GCO) at his office in a bid to restore normalcy on the campus.

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## PM opens Fish Fortnight

## 'Stop rampant pesticide use, fry catching'

By DU Correspondent

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said the rampant use of pesticides need be regulated by introducing laws and illegal extraction of fry and mother fish be stopped to prevent a steady decline in fisheries output, reports UNB.

Inaugurating a Fisheries Fortnight campaign at Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council premises yesterday morning, she also stressed setting up of fish resorts for organic management of fish, besides the haors, baors, bills and other water bodies to increase fish production.

Sheikh Hasina also stressed the need for an integrated plan of land, irrigation, agriculture and fisheries departments for a steady increase in the open-water fish production.

The Prime Minister asked the authorities concerned to find out the factors hampering fish production in open water.

It should be remembered that the existence of law is not

enough, it should be implemented properly, she said emphasising the need for creating social awareness for preserving the fisheries resources.

She said increase of fish production and improvement of the socio-economic condition of the fishermen were mostly dependent on the proper management of thousands of open waterbodies.

Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria and Livestock Secretary Mohammad Ershadul Haq also spoke on the occasion. State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Satish Chandra Roy presided over the function. Director General of Fisheries Department Mohammad Liqat Ali delivered the address of welcome.

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