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DSE price index	1278.40
Market capital Tk	8850.12 cr
Transactions in volume	941486
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NEWS BRIEFS

30 foreign observers to monitor by-polls

The Election Commission has given permission to 4,030 observers from home and abroad to monitor the September 5 by-elections. Thirty foreign observers from India, USA, Russia, Japan, UK, Malaysia and the Commonwealth Secretariat will observe the by-polls, said an EC press release yesterday, reports UNB.

Bill for permanent law commission passed

Parliament yesterday passed a Bill for setting up a permanent commission to reform centuries-old laws or frame new ones suiting the present socio-economic condition of the country, reports UNB.

State Minister for Law Abdul Matin Khasru piloted the Law Commission Bill 1996, saying that it's a milestone Bill to make the country's judicial system more people-oriented.

"Justice is too costly in the country, people cannot afford the cost of justice," he said, adding that the Commission would be asked to look into how the cost of justice can be reduced.

He said the Commission will recommend to the government necessary changes or enactment of new laws in order to establish rule of law and introduce independent judicial system.

The House passed the Bill in amended form by voice vote.

Three proposals for sending the Bill for eliciting public opinion, moved by BNP members M Mashiur Rahman, Prof Shahidul Islam and Shah Mohammad Abul Hossain, were rejected by the House.

A proposal by BNP legislator Shahidul Islam for sending the Bill to a select committee was also voted out.

Earlier, a special committee, constituted to scrutinise the Bills placed in the House, examined the Bill and recommended its approval with certain amendments.

Further amendment proposals moved by BNP lawmakers Mohammad Abu Hena, Abdul Mannan, Prof Shahidul Islam and Barrister Zamiruddin Sircar were also turned down by voice vote.

The three-member commission will be headed by a chairman. The strength of the commission may be increased, if necessary.

According to the Bill, the government will appoint the chairman and members of the commission and determine its terms of reference.

The State Minister informed the House the government already had appointed former Chief Justice Munim as chairman and former Justice Noimuddin a member.

The permanent law commission will examine and amend the existing laws, and if required, recommend new ones to ensure rule of law, indepen-

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JS passes Bill for pvt EPZ

The Jatiya Sangsad yesterday passed a Bill allowing private companies to establish Export Processing Zones (EPZs) to encourage export industries in the country, reports UNB.

Industries and Commerce Minister Tofael Ahmed moved the Bangladesh Private Export Processing Zone Bill, 1996 for establishing private EPZs, by foreign and local investors, to set up export industries.

The House passed the Bill by voice vote with amendments recommended by a special committee, constituted earlier to scrutinise the Bills placed in Parliament.

Opposition BNP legislator Shah Mohammad Abul Hossain proposed to send the Bill for eliciting public opinion, but the House rejected the proposal.

Some other proposals were not moved as the BNP lawmakers walked out from the House

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Sept 5 byelection

73 candidates will fight for 15 seats

Star Report

All is set for the September 5 by-election in 15 Jatiya Sangsad constituencies comprising 24 thanas in 11 districts, according to Election Commission(EC) sources.

A total of 73 candidates, 50 from ten political parties and 23 independents are contesting the by-polls.

The seats were vacated by Awami League, BNP and JP parliament members who were elected from more than one seat in the June 12 general elections.

There are 26,23,711 voters in the 15 constituencies and votes will be cast in 1,250 polling centres, the EC sources said.

In Rangpur-2 constituency, four candidates will be contesting the by-elections. They are, Md Anisul Huq Chowdhury of AL, Mohammad Ali Sarkar of JP, Md Aftab Hossain of BNP and Major (retd) Md Nasimuddin an independent candidate. The constituency covers Taraganj and Badarganj thanas of the district. There are some 1,81,655 voters and polling will be held in 91 centres. The JS seat was vacated by Jatiya Party chief H M Ershad.

A total of eight candidates will be contesting for the Rangpur-5 seat, also vacated by Ershad. They are H M Ashikur Rahman of AL, Md Khondokar Golam Mostafa (Batul) of BNP, Md Shah Alam of JP and Md Nazmussakib Pradhan, Md

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Gujral due Sept 6

Indian minister for external affairs I K Gujral will arrive in Dhaka on September 6 on a four-day official visit to Bangladesh, reports BSS.

During his stay Gujral will hold talks with Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad on the entire gamut of Bangladesh-India relations and on other matters of common interest an official announcement said.

Gujral will pay a courtesy call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. During the visit he will also call on the ministers of water resources, finance and commerce and industries respectively.

Gujral's visit is a part of the process set in motion by the newly elected governments in Dhaka and Delhi to further promote the friendly and cooperative relations between the two countries.

The long standing issue of sharing of the Ganges water will figure most prominently at the

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Scrapping of SPA under consideration

Scrapping of the Special Powers Act is under consideration of the government, State Minister for Law Abdul Matin Khasru told Parliament yesterday, reports UNB.

Responding to Opposition MP Major (rtd) Mohammad Akhteruzzaman, Khasru said the Law Reform Commission had been asked to submit a report after examining the matter.

The controversial law was enacted by the Awami League government in 1974 to deal with violence. It had widely been abused by successive regimes against their political opponents.

Khasru told Nizamuddin Khan (BNP) that the bill for separation of the judiciary would be placed before Parliament shortly. The draft of the proposed Bill has already been prepared.

In reply to Prof Mohammad Ali Ashraf (Comilla), the Law Minister said around 1894 cases were lying with the Appellate Division and 73,077 with the High Court Division of the Supreme Court.

PM seeks opposition's cooperation

Let's resolve all issues in JS

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina making her winding up speech of the first session of 7th Jatiya Sangsad yesterday. —PID photo

Leader of the House Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has sought cooperation from the Opposition to institutionalise democracy and attain economic freedom for the welfare of the people, reports UNB.

"We want to work unitedly, we need cooperation from all to ensure a poverty-free society so that people could live in peace and comfort with better economic condition," she told Parliament last night.

In an hour-long valedictory speech before the House was prorogued in absence of the opposition BNP members, Hasina projected her government's policy and programme to ensure economic progress by making Parliament effective and democracy working in a terrorism-free environment.

The Prime Minister urged the opposition MPs to extend their active cooperation to supplement the government's effort to alleviate poverty and improve economic condition of the poor, particularly in rural areas.

"Let's make Parliament a nerve centre of all our activities . . . let's resolve all our problems

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Police action on JCD workers near Paltan crossing in the city yesterday. —Star photo

'Opposition's rights denied in JS'

Deputy Leader of the Opposition Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday criticised the ruling Awami League for not allowing the Sangsad to function, reports BSS.

Addressing an impromptu press conference at the conference room of the Leader of the Opposition in the Sangsad to protest against not giving the microphone to Major (retd) Akhtaruzzaman of the BNP, he said the members of the BNP were denied the opportunity to participate in the discussions by the Speaker and the Awami League members.

Describing the Sangsad as the local point of discussion on all national issues, he said his party was willing to cooperate the government to uphold

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JS tidbits

By Nazmul Ashraf

Leader of the House Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's remarks on the Opposition lawmakers' role caused laughter in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday.

Criticising table-hitting with files by the Opposition legislators, a smiling Hasina said, "The television acted as a therapy to contain the Opposition's irresponsible conduct in the House."

Explaining she said, "We've started telecasting the JS proceedings for the people so that the lawmakers behave responsibly. The TV programme acted

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JS prorogued, BNP stages walkout

By Staff Correspondent

The first session of the country's Seventh Jatiya Sangsad, which witnessed passage of the first national budget offered by an Awami League government after more than two decades, was prorogued last night with the opposition BNP benches in the House empty.

Led by the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, BNP lawmakers staged a walkout at 8:00 pm "in protest against the Treasury Bench obstruction to a party MPs speech in the House."

The 33-working day session had begun on July 14 last.

Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury read out the prorogation order of President Abdur Rahman Biswas in the House at 9:45 pm. Before announcing the prorogation of the session, the Speaker told the House that it was unfortunate that the Opposition was not present on the occasion.

"I hope I will see them in the House in the next session of Parliament," the Speaker said.

At the beginning of her one-hour winding-up speech, Leader of the House and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said absence of the opposition on the last day of the session would create a bad precedence for parliamentary democracy.

Calling upon the BNP legislators to return to the House, the Leader of the House said, "There can be difference of opinion among the parties in parliament, but the debates in the House will had us to the point of negotiation on various issues."

The Opposition, however, did not return to the House last night.

The session witnessed another breach of convention with no vote of thanks on the presidential speech. The scheduled discussion on the presidential speech was "postponed" by the Chair as no member moved any motion for vote of thanks on the speech, although yesterday's "Order of the day" contained "discussion on the Presidential speech", delivered on July 14 last.

The Treasury bench refused to move such a motion as, according to the Prime Minister, the President did not deliver the speech prepared by the government.

The trouble began in the House yesterday when BNP legislator Major (Retd). Akhtaruzzaman was given the floor by Deputy Speaker Abdul Hamid to speak for two minutes on a proposed bill but the Awami League

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JCD activists go on rampage: Pintu sent to jail

By Staff Correspondent

Acting president of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), Nasiruddin Pintu, who was arrested on Sunday was sent to the Dhaka Central Jail on a 30-day detention order yesterday.

The detention order was issued by a district magistrate, sources in the jail said.

Pintu was arrested from in front of the Shishu Park near Shahbagh crossing in the city Sunday night on various charges including terrorism, murder and other criminal activities, according to police.

Pintu was made acting president of the JCD after its presi-

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Two students stabbed in city

By Staff Correspondent

Two students were stabbed in separate incidents in the city yesterday.

Sheikh Ripon, 25, a final year MA social welfare student of Dhaka University, was stabbed near Purta Bhaban at Segun Bagicha at about 5 pm. The victim was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH), hospital sources said.

According to the sources, four young men riding two mo-

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AL won June 12 polls thru' rigging : Khaleda

SHARIATPUR, Sept 2: BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia here today said the ruling party is trying to destroy democracy by unleashing terrorism in the country, reports UNB.

She said that the ruling Awami League's conduct was not consistent with the norms of democracy. The BNP leader alleged that the ruling party was fomenting terrorism in the educational institutions and, thereby, vitiating the academic atmosphere.

"They are unleashing violence in a planned way," she said referring to attacks of the ruling party activists on the workers of the BNP's student wing, Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, at different medical colleges, the Dhaka University and the Eden College.

Begum Zia was addressing an election rally at Shilpakala Academy maidan in Shariatpur-1 constituency. On way to Shariatpur, Begum Zia also addressed the people at Mawaghat, Shibcharghat, Tekerhat and Khoajpur.

Begum Zia charged the ruling party with attempts to destroy the Islamic values.

The BNP chairperson said the ruling party is reluctant to serve the people's interests as "they were not voted to power, rather they won the June 12 parliamentary election through rigging and terrorism."

Begum Zia said her government, during its five-year rule, had implemented massive development programmes throughout the country.

The BNP chief described the ruling Awami League's move to form Rapid Action Force (RAF) and said there was no need for it in the face of the existing strength of police, BDR and armed forces.

Begum Zia feared the RAF might be a painful reminder of Rakkibahini which let loose reign of terror in Shariatpur and Madaripur. She made a pointed reference to Shanti Sen, Aruna Sen and Chanchal,

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Meeting ends inconclusively

Privatise DESA, raise power tariff: ADB

By Sharier Khan and Inam Ahmed

A meeting between officials of the Energy Ministry and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) held yesterday ended inconclusively as regards increase of power tariff, according to a highly-placed official source.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) continues to insist on increasing power tariff by 25 per cent as well as privatising power distribution system.

At the meting yesterday, ADB representatives reiterated their proposals to increase the power tariff and privatise Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (DESA) by turning it into Dhaka Electric Supply Company (DESCO), the source said.

"The government is committed to private sector power generation, but there is no decision regarding privatising power distribution," he added.

The ADB representatives in yesterday's meeting also pointed out that an increase of 25 per cent power tariff should be coincide with decrease in the combined system loss of the Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) from the present level of 33 per cent to 20 per cent.

If the government does not agree on such an increase by December, the ADB is threatening to back out from co-financing the 300 million US dollar 9th Power Project, the source said.

In the 9th Power Project, ADB would provide a fund of 100 million US dollars while the World Bank, British Overseas Development Agency, NORAD and OECF would provide another 94 million dollars. Financing for the remaining 106 million dollars needed for the project is yet to be arranged.

The ADB is insisting on increasing the power tariff by 25 per cent while the government considers such an increase "politically suicidal". The government is, however, ready to increase the tariff by a maximum

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Flood situation in N-dists worsens

By Staff Correspondent

The overall flood situation in Rajshahi, Chapainawabganj, Pabna and Kushtia districts has worsened with more areas going under water due to further swelling of rivers in the region.

Our Correspondent from Rajshahi reports: The flood situation deteriorated in Rajshahi and Chapainawabganj districts as the water in the Padma, Mohananda, Pagla and Baranai rivers continued to rise.

More areas have been inundated in these two districts.

According to official sources, 136 square kilometers area of 16 unions of four thanas — Godagari, Poba, Charghat and Bang went under water and 26,320 people of 4860 families were affected by floods in Rajshahi district till yesterday.

Standing crops on 1823 hectares of land have been damaged.

Some 1777 houses have been damaged completely while 2848 houses partially. About 194 km roads, one bridge, 30 educational and religious institutions were also damaged.

Six out of nine unions in Godagari, four out of nine unions of Poba, three out of six unions in Chargata and three out of six unions in Banga are affected. Ten wards of the Rajshahi City Corporation and some areas of Bagmara thana have also been submerged by flood waters.

In Chapainawabganj, the flood situation is very alarming. One ward of Rohanpur Pourashava and five unions of Shibganj thana are inundated.

According to the flood control information cell, a total of 174 square kilometer area of 330 unions were submerged and 5,11,276 people affected by the floods. Some 65,605 houses, 217 km kutcha and 16 km pucca roads, 75 educational institutions and standing crops in 9432 hectares of land were damaged.

Minister for Relief, Disaster Management, Food and Agriculture Matia Chowdhury visited some flood affected areas in Rajshahi and Chapainawab-

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