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Market capital Tk 8941.48 cr
Transactions in volume 685785
Transactions in value Tk 16.95 cr

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Market capital Tk 4887.32 cr
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NEWS BRIEFS

Raphel starts Nepal visit today

KATHMANDU, Sept 3: US Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs Robin Raphel is due to pay a four-day official visit to Nepal from tomorrow, a Foreign Ministry official said today. Raphel is scheduled to meet Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba, Foreign Minister Prakash Chandra Lohani, Water Resources Minister Pashupati Shumshere Rana and other senior political leaders, reports AFP.

BNP office to remain open till midnight

The central office of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) will remain open from 8 am to 12 midnight tomorrow to receive information about the coming by-election results from 15 constituencies. Concerned district committees, candidates and their election agents have been asked to send messages over telephone, said a party press release yesterday. The telephone numbers are 415955, 838687, 404232 and 418212, reports UNB.

Dr Nabi acting DU proctor

Dr AKM Nur-un-Nabi, Associate Professor of the Sociology Department of Dhaka University, has been appointed Acting Proctor. According to a press release of DU issued yesterday, Dr Nabi took over his charge on Monday. He has been working as the Assistant Proctor of the university since October 3, 1993, the release added, reports UNB.

270 more Rohingyas go home

COX'S BAZAR, Sept 3: Some 270 Rohingyas refugees comprising 51 families returned to their Myanmar homeland today. With this, so far 2,04,565 Rohingyas people were repatriated to their own country. According to official count, some 44,531 Rohingyas refugees are still waiting at five camps at Bandarban and Cox's Bazar districts for repatriation, reports UNB.

Saddam orders army to down planes flying over Iraq

US missile attack on Iraqi defence targets

WASHINGTON, Sept 3: US warships and aircraft launched 27 cruise missiles at air defence targets in Iraq today in retaliation for an Iraqi military drive into a Kurdish 'safe haven', military officials said, report agencies.

The missiles were fired at command and control centres, radar installations and missile sites primarily in southern Iraq, a military official said.

The initial attack has been completed, the official said. "Further attacks will be dependent on battle damage assessments and any response by the Iraqi military," the official said.

Officials said 27 Cruise missiles were fired during the attack from B-52 bombers and US Navy ships. Six US warships in the Gulf are capable of firing Tomahawk Cruise missiles.

"At the direction of the President, the Department of

Defence has launched cruise missiles to attack selected air defence targets in Iraq," the Pentagon said.

The attacks were carried out with logistical support from the British armed forces, British Defence Minister Michael Portillo told BBC radio in London.

President Clinton said today that he ordered cruise missile attacks against Iraqi air defence installations to send a blunt message to Saddam Hussein that "when you abuse your own people or threaten your neighbours, you must pay a price."

Clinton announced that the United States was extending the 'no-fly zone' in Iraq to block Iraqi military flights from the Baghdad suburbs south to Iraq's border with Kuwait.

Clinton said this would significantly restrict Iraq's offensive capabilities, and that the

missile strikes were meant in part to knock out Iraqi military installations that could threaten US planes enforcing the expanded flying ban.

In an Oval Office statement explaining his decision to launch the military strikes, Clinton said Saddam had ignored repeated weekend warnings from the United States and the international community not to use his troops against the Kurdish population in the northern Iraq town of Arbil.

In Baghdad, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein said today he no longer recognised the allied imposed no-fly zones over his country and ordered his army to shoot down foreign aircraft flying over Iraq.

Saddam Hussein said in a speech that Iraqi anti-aircraft guns had knocked down many of the 27 cruise missiles fired by US warships and warplanes in

the Gulf.

"From now on, pay no attention to damned imaginary no-fly zones," he told his armed forces. "Depend only on God, and hit hard and professionally at any flying target that belongs to the allied aggressors that penetrates the airspace of your beloved and glorious homeland."

The Iraqi military said five people were killed and 19 wounded. It claimed the missiles struck 'population centers' and that most of the casualties were civilians, but did not give details of the targets.

Meanwhile, a senior aide to Saddam said Iraqi forces would complete their withdrawal today from a US-protected Kurdish city they attacked over the weekend.

The attack came two days after Iraqi forces moved into a

First pvt EPZ to be set up in Ctg: Hasina

CHITTAGONG, Sept 3: A grand civic reception was accorded to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Circuit House in the port city today, reports UNB.

Mayor of Chittagong City Corporation Alhaj ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury hosted the reception.

Responding to a demand made by the mayor at the function, the Prime Minister assured that her government would take all possible measures to build Chittagong, the country's largest seaport.

"We will build all possible infrastructural facilities in Chittagong to boost foreign investment," she said, adding first private export-processing zone would be set up here for which private EPZ Bill was passed in Parliament last night.

Hasina said Chittagong port would be modernised and facilities to upgrade Chittagong Airport to an international airport are in progress.

Referring to loadshedding and frequent power failure, the Prime Minister said the government would be held respon-



Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury presenting the key of Chittagong city to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at a civic reception in Chittagong yesterday. — PID photo

PM reviews law & order in Ctg Divn Directive for strict neutrality in conducting by-election

CHITTAGONG, Sept 3: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today directed the local administration and members of law enforcing agencies to maintain strict neutrality in conducting the September 5 parliamentary by-elections, reports BSS.

Addressing a meeting to review a law and order in the division at Chittagong Circuit House here, the Prime Minister asked them to abide by the rules and regulations and perform their professional job without fear or favour.

The Prime Minister told the officials to take drastic measures against the culprits and terrorists irrespective of their party or other affiliations.

"Criminals are always criminals and should not have any other identity," she said and asked the authorities to nab the anti-social elements even if any belonged to her party.

The Divisional Commissioner, DCs, SPs and other high

Two held for child trafficking being interrogated

By Staff Correspondent

Two persons arrested on charges of trafficking women and children from a house at Shahjahanpur in the City Sunday afternoon, are likely to be produced before the CMM's court today, police said.

The CID police rescued three children and three women from the clutch of an organised gang and arrested the two during a raid in a house at North Shahjahanpur, according to police.

The arrested persons were identified as Abu Zafar, 20, and Md Hafez, 30. They were earlier placed on a one-day remand which ended yesterday. A case under Women and Children Repression Act of 1995 was filed with Motijheel thana in this connection, police said.

CID sources said that they would pray for a fresh remand for interrogating the arrested persons who were kept in the custody of Motijheel thana till last night.

The young women and children, aged between one and three years, were confined in the house by the gang with an intention to smuggle them out of the country, police suspected. The arrested persons are suspected of being members of an international organised gang of women and child traffickers, police added.

The CID later handed over the rescued persons to their relatives, police sources said.

More areas flooded in northern dists

By Staff Correspondent

The flood situation in Pabna, Kushtia, Rajshahi and Chapainawabganj has further deteriorated with the continued rise in the water-levels of the rivers in the region.

Our Pabna Correspondent reports that with further rise in the water-level of the Padma, new areas went under water in the district yesterday.

Nearly one lakh people are affected. Some 15,000 men, women and children are still marooned with no steps to take them to safer places, the chairman of Dhalarchar Union of Bera thana told The Daily Star.

About 70 villages under 16 unions of four thanas have been inundated. These are Luxminkunda, Sahapur, Paksey and Sara unions of Ishurdi thana; Chhatarapur, Hemayetpur, Dogachhi, Dapunia and Bhara unions under Pabna Sadar thana; Dhalarchar, Masumdia and Jatshakhini unions of Bera thana and Sujannagar, Satbaria, Nazirganj and Sagarkandi unions of Sujannagar thana.

The number of people taking shelter on the flood control embankments has gone up to nearly 20,000.

Our Correspondent in Kushtia reports: The flood situation in the district has further deteriorated with further rise in the water level of the rivers

Ganges and Goral.

More areas have been inundated causing sufferings to the affected people. The Mathabhangra river, a tributary of the Ganges, has flooded more areas of Khalishakundi and part of Chuadanga district.

Vast crop land have again been submerged for the second time this season. About 20 thousand people are marooned. The Ganges was flowing 33 centimetre above the danger mark at Harding Bridge point. The ferry service in the Bheramara Paksey Ferry Ghat is almost inoperative due to frequent shifting of the ghat. A large number of trucks and buses have been stranded on both sides of the river disrupting the communication between the southern and the northern part of the country.

Insafnagar High School Bazar and other establishments have gone under waist deep water.

BSS reports: With unabated rise of water level of the river Padma and Mohananda and its tributaries, the overall flood situation in Rajshahi and Chapainawabganj worsened further yesterday.

Road links between Chapainawabganj to Rohanpur and Amnura were cut off from yesterday due to inundation of

CSE market capitalisation rises to Tk 4858 cr in 11 months

From Nurul Alam

CHITTAGONG, Sept 3: Amid a continued bull run the market capitalisation at the Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) has increased to Tk 4858 cr, an increase of 500 per cent since its inception only 11 months ago, officials said.

During the same period, the price index also increased by 135 points to 520 and the number of listed companies rose to 76.

Floor trading was launched at Chittagong Stock Exchange, located at Kaspia Plaza at Agrabad commercial area, on October 10, 1995. It started with a market capitalisation of Tk 807 crore and 30 listed companies while the index was 385.43.

According to the CSE officials, in the past 11 months floor trading took place for a total of 209 days while total transactions amounted to over Tk 50 crore.

During the first month, the average daily turnover was around Tk three lakh. The average daily turnover exceeded Tk 90 lakh in August 1996.

Moreover, in recent months the daily turnover at CSE exceeded Tk 2 crore in a number of occasions, the officials said.

The highest turnover recorded at CSE was on September 2 at Tk 2.63 crore.

The Chief Executive Officer of CSE, Shamsul Kamal, told this correspondent that share

trading started to pick up from the middle of June after the parliamentary election. Talking to this correspondent, President of CSE Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury, MP, said share trading here had picked up rapidly due to awareness created among the people who felt encouraged to invest in the share market.

He informed that so far CSE had organised 40 seminars to create awareness among the people about share market.

Hasina goes to Bhola today

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Sept 3: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is due to visit Bhola tomorrow, official sources said.

During her one-day visit, she is expected to visit Sahabazpur gas field in Borhanuddin thana of the district and address a meeting of district administration officials.

The Prime Minister is being accompanied by LGD Minister Zillur Rahman, Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed, Chief Whip Abul Hasnat Abdullah, Home Minister Major (Rtd) Rafiqul Islam and Agriculture Minister Begum Matia Chowdhury.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will address a public meeting at the Bhola Zilla School ground in the afternoon.

Young men go on rampage

By Staff Correspondent

A group of young men went on rampage in the city's Farmgate area yesterday afternoon.

The group, reportedly the activists of Jatiyabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), damaged at least ten vehicles during the violence. They were protesting the arrest of the JCD leaders and activists including the acting president Nasiruddin Pintu, local people said.

Police picked up two persons from the spot. They were identified as Selim and Imran.

Police said that the trouble began after a procession from Tajgaon College took to the street at about 1:30 pm.

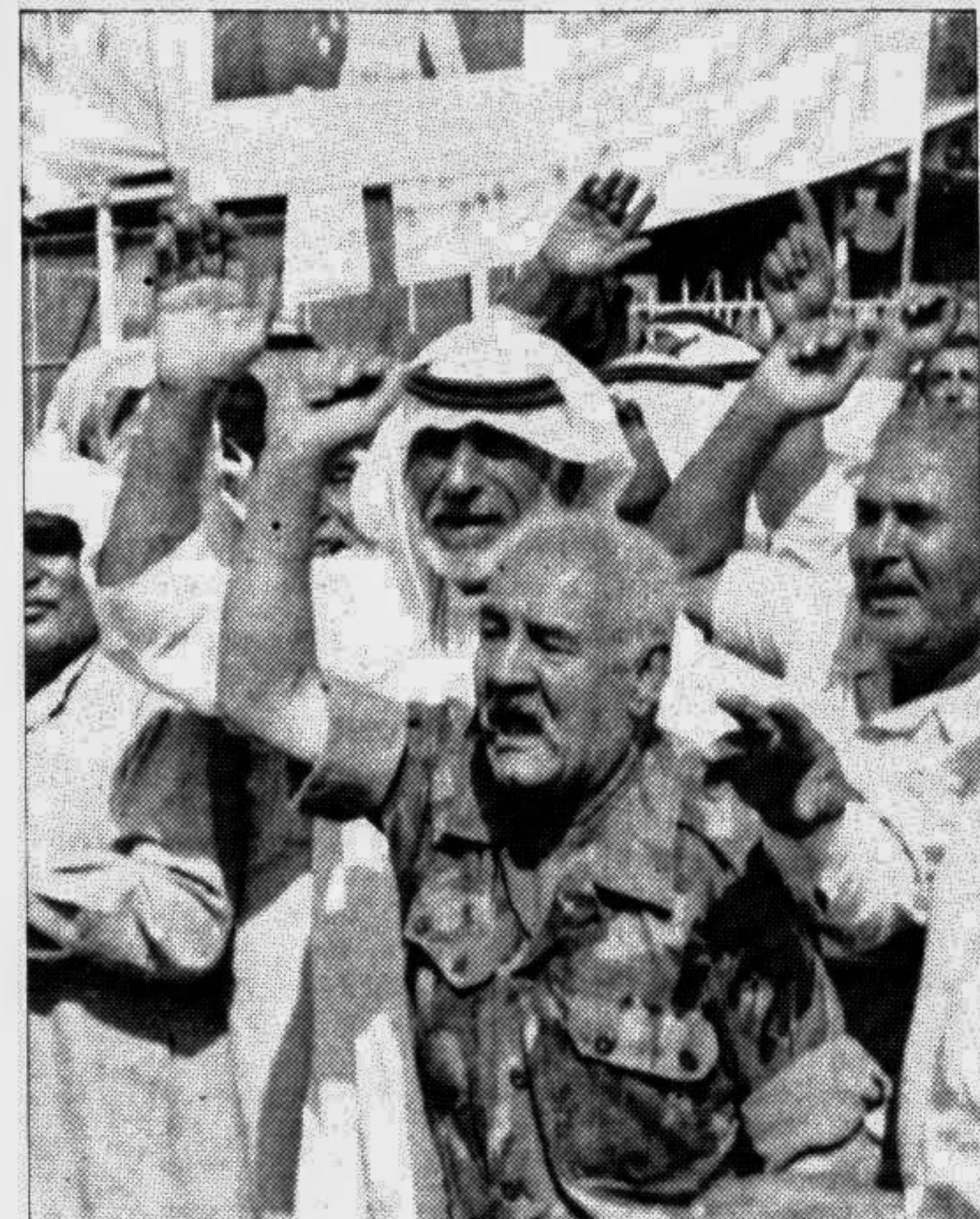
Janmastami today

The Hindu community will celebrate Janmastami, the birthday of Lord Krishna, today with religious fervour, reports UNB.

The day is a public holiday. In celebration of the festival, thousands of Hindu devotees will take part in a colourful procession which will march through the streets of the capital.

Newspapers will publish supplements while radio and television will put up special programmes on Janmastami.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina greeted the Hindu community in separate messages on the eve of Janmastami.



Iraqis demonstrating in Baghdad yesterday against the US airstrike in southern Iraq. —AFP/UNB Photo

AL using local admn to win by-polls, alleges BNP

By Staff Correspondent

BNP yesterday accused the ruling party of using local administrations to "forcibly" get its candidates returned in the by-elections.

By-elections to 15 Jatiya Sangsad seats will be held tomorrow.

Opposition parties are being obstructed from doing election campaign, their workers threatened and terrorism has been let loose in the by-polls areas, the party alleged but did not specify.

The accusations were made at a meeting of the BNP Standing Committee with party chief and Leader of the Opposition in parliament Begum Khaleida Zia in the chair.

The meeting demanded that the Election Commission take effective measures on emergency basis as regards its allegations.

It also warned that the government would be held respon-

sible for the consequence if any attempt is made to obstruct free and fair voting and rig the by-polls results.

Reviewing the law and order across the country, BNP blamed the ruling Awami League for what it called using the administrative machinery, particularly the police force against the opposition activists, patronising terrorists and politicising the administration, educational institutions, industrial units, Radio and Television.

In the last 70 days, more than 50 people including BNP workers were killed and several others injured in acts of terrorism by the AL activists," a resolution adopted at the meeting said.

It also condemned the recent acts of terrorism at the Dhaka University, Eden Girls College, Dhaka Medical College and other educational institutions

Campaign ends, by-election tomorrow

Star Report

The Election Commission (EC) has made extensive preparations for maintenance of law and order during the by-elections in 15 constituencies scheduled for tomorrow, according to EC sources.

The 15 JS seats were vacated by the parliament members who returned from more than one seat in the June 12 general elections.

The EC enforced a 48-hour ban on all types of election campaign in the constituencies from midnight last night. Polling will begin at 8 am tomorrow and continue till 4 pm.

A total of 1250 polling centres have been set up in the 15 constituencies, covering 24 thanas in 11 districts. The total number of voters in the constituencies is 26,23,711.

Giving details, the EC sources said that for every two polling centres, there will be one magistrate on duty for the polling hour. In addition, there will be one magistrate in every 'sensitive' polling centre, the sources said.

Besides, 17 armed personnel including Police, Ansar and BDR would be deployed in every polling centre. They would be assisted by another 10 Ansar personnel.

In every constituency, 160 army personnel will be deployed as the "striking force", to be available to the civil administration "on call", the sources added.

Show cause issued on BEPZA

By Staff Correspondent

The High Court has issued a rule nisi upon the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) directing it to show cause by October 10 why its order cancelling the lease agreement dated 11.10.93 for allotment of plots at the Dhaka Export Processing Zone to Ms Siddique Composite Textile Mills Ltd should not be declared to have been made without lawful authority and is of no legal effect.

A High Court division bench comprising Justice Md Mozammel Haque and Justice Md Abdul Matin by an order of injunction also restrained the BEPZA from disturbing the peaceful right, title and possession of the petitioners with regard to the plots pending the hearing of the rule nisi.

Tripartite 'peace talks' at DU after Sept 5

By DU Correspondent

A meeting of the leaders of Jatiyabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and the Dhaka University authorities may be held after September 5 in a bid to restore normalcy on the campus, according to leaders of the Ganotantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO) yesterday.

An indefinite strike is continuing at the university since August 26. JCD enforced the strike demanding fulfilment of its 6-point demand.

Earlier, the acting Vice-Chancellor of the DU requested leaders of the GCO to mediate between Awami League-backed BCL and BNP-backed JCD for holding a joint meeting to over-

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