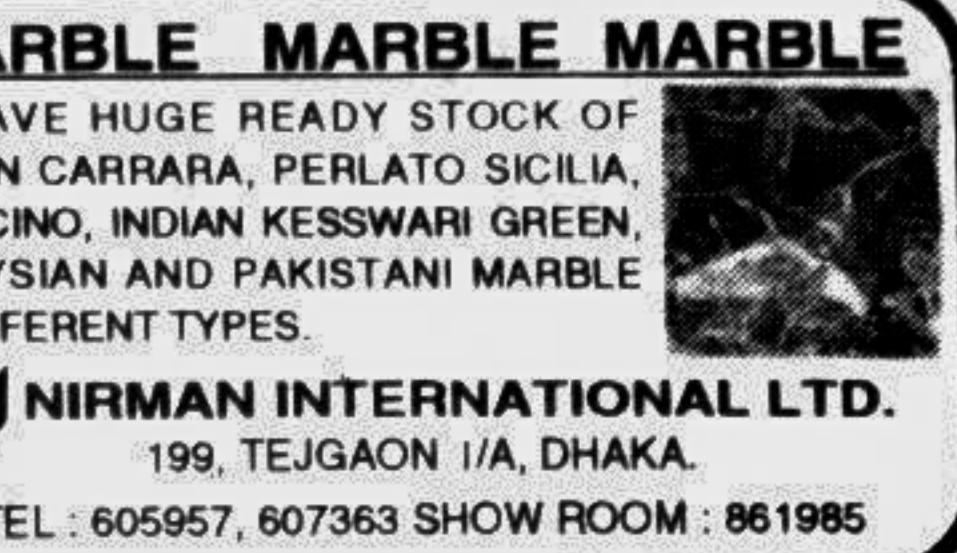




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DSE MARKET

DSE price index 1291.80
Market capital Tk 8941.49 cr
Transactions in volume 665785
Transactions in value Tk 18.95 cr

CSE MARKET

CSE price index 524.05
Market capital Tk 4887.32 cr
Transactions in volume 58455
Transactions in value Tk 12674402

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NEWS BRIEFS

Raphael starts Nepal visit today

KATHMANDU, Sept 3: US Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs Robin Raphael is due to pay a four-day official visit to Nepal from tomorrow, a Foreign Ministry official said today. Raphael 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 Rohingya refugees comprising 51 families returned to their Myanmar homeland today. With this, so far 2,04,565 Rohingya people were repatriated to their own country. According to official count, some 44,531 Rohingya 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.

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 defense installations to send a blunt message to Saddam Hussein that when you abuse your own people or threaten your neighbours, your 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

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Iraqis demonstrating in Baghdad yesterday against the US airstrike in southern Iraq.

—AFP/UNB Photo

PM reviews law & order in Ctg Divn

Directive for strict neutrality in conducting by-election



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

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 responsible for the consequence if any attempt is made to obstruct free and fair voting and rig the by-elections.

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 76 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.

It also warned that the government would be held responsible for the consequence if any attempt is made to obstruct free and fair voting and rig the by-elections.

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AL using local adminn 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 Sangsads 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 Khaleda 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 responsible for the consequence if any attempt is made to obstruct free and fair voting and rig the by-elections.

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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 SEAs 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 M/s 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. Moazzam 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 petitioner 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 Jatiyatabadi 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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গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড

ঢাকা

জরুরী বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এই মর্মে জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ডের গোচরীভূত হইয়াছে যে, বেশ কিছুদিন যাবৎ একটি সংঘবন্ধ দল বিশেষ করিয়া ঢাকা শহরে কর বিভাগের বিভিন্ন পর্যায়ের কর্মকর্তাদের নামে টেলিফোনের মাধ্যমে সন্মানিত করাদাতাদের নিকট হইতে ধৰ্মীয় প্রতিষ্ঠানে চাঁদা কিংবা অনুদান কিংবা অন্য অভিহাতে টাকা আদায়ের প্রচেষ্টায় লিঙ্গ আছে। সর্বসাধারণের জ্ঞাতার্থে জানানো যাইতেছে যে, এই ধরনের অপরাধমূলক কর্মকার্তার সহিত কর বিভাগের কোন কর্মকর্তার আদো সম্পৃক্ত নাই। কোন করদাতা কিংবা কোন ব্যক্তি যদি তথ্যাত্মক এইরূপ পরিস্থিতির সম্মুখীন হন, তাহা হইলে তাহাকে সরাসরি নিকটস্থ পুলিশ কর্তৃপক্ষের সহিত যোগাযোগ করার জন্য সবিশেষ অনুরোধ জানানো যাইতেছে।

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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 crore, 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 Agrabard commercial area, on October 10, 1995. It started with a market capitalisation of Tk 807 crore and 30 listed companies while the index was 365.43.

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