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DSE MARKET

DSE price index	1605.72
Market capital Tk	11188.65 cr
Transactions in volume	884018
Transactions in value Tk	14.25 cr

CSE MARKET

CSE price index	607.93
Market capital Tk	5669.82 cr
Transactions in volume	115125
Transactions in value Tk	161 cr

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NEWS BRIEFS

Osmani Medical College opens today
 SYLHET, Sept 10: Sylhet Osmani Medical College with its selected hostel for the examinees of first, second and professional final of MBBS students is due to open tomorrow. Students have been asked to collect their admit card from the hostel gate by 10 am of the scheduled date. The college was closed since die on August 25 following clash among students, reports BSS.

JCD-BCL clash at Mahtabuddin College
 From Our Correspondent JHENIDAH, Sept 10: Ten persons were injured in a clash between the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists in the Mahtabuddin Degree College under Kaliganj thana today. Cocktails were exploded during the clash that lasted about an hour from 11 am. The authorities have banned political activities on the campus till November 30.

Hasina shocked
 Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed deep shock at the colossal loss of life and property in China due to typhoon that struck Guang Deng province on Monday, reports UNB.

Energy ministry recommendation

Power tariff to rise by 15pc within Dec

By Sharier Khan and Inam Ahmed

The Energy Ministry has recommended a 15 per cent increase in the power tariff, according to an authoritative source in the ministry. The increase will come in two phases — ten per cent by October and another five per cent by December. However, the power rates for irrigation and agricultural users will remain unchanged, the source said. The recommendation is likely to be placed in the next cabinet meeting for approval. With the 15 per cent increase in the tariff, the bulk-rate of Bangladesh Power Development Board per kilowatt-hour will rise to Tk 2.15 (or about

5.17 US cents) from the current Tk 1.87 (or about 4.5 US cents), officials said. Power tariff in Bangladesh is already higher than the eastern part of India, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bhutan, according to a World Bank study. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) had pressed the government to effect a 25 per cent increase in the power tariff as a precondition for its funding for the 300 million US dollar 9th Power Project. In the 9th Power Project, ADB would provide 100 million dollars while the World Bank, British Overseas Development Agency, Norad and OECF of Japan together agreed to pro-

vide another 94 million dollars. Financing for the remaining 106 million dollars is yet to be arranged. The project focuses on the improvement of the power distribution systems in Meghnath and Siddhirganj and setting up of a national load despatch centre in Siddhirganj. The present power tariff structure is divided in seven categories of rates. For small households, it is 4.23 US cents per kilowatt-hour, medium households 4.43 cents, large households 7.05 cents, small commercial organisations 9.49 cents, large commercial organisations 6.28 cents, small indus-

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Heading JS standing body Draft amendment to rule approved

By Nurul Kabir

The parliamentary standing body on the Rules of Procedure of Jatiya Sangsad yesterday unanimously approved a draft amendment to a rule seeking to make non-minister MPs heads of parliamentary standing committees on the ministries, sources in the JS Secretariat said. The standing body also approved the draft amendment to the Rules of Procedure, comprising members from both the Treasury and Opposition benches, unanimously decided to place the proposed amendment in the

House for its approval in the next session of Parliament. The decisions were taken at a meeting of the 12-member standing body yesterday morning with Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury in the chair. The meeting was attended by State Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Abdul Matin Khasru, AKM Jahangir Hossain of the Awami League, Opposition Chief Whip and BNP leader Khondaker Delwar Hossain and Advocate Fazle Rabbi of the Jatiya Party. According to the sources, the meeting decided that the Minister of the Ministry of State in charge will be the ex-officio member of the parliamentary body on each ministry and the

Foreign investors to get 6 months' multiple visa without fee

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina directed country's missions abroad to persuade foreign entrepreneurs to invest in Bangladesh availing the incentives on offer and also to expand our export market, reports UNB. Presiding over the 8th meeting of the Board of Investment (BOI) at her office yesterday evening, she asked the Bangladesh missions to put in all-out efforts to boost the country's image abroad to draw more foreign investment in the country. To attract the foreign investors, the BOI meeting decided to allow six months' multiple entry visa for the investors without any fees as part of the incentives. Identifying some factors impeding private investment, the meeting put forward some recommendations for their re-

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Joint body of water experts meet soon Delhi has agreed to sign permanent accord: FM

Bangladesh and India have agreed to set up a joint committee to look into the issue of sharing the Ganges water and finalise an agreement at the earliest. Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad said in Dhaka yesterday, report agencies. Briefing newsmen on the outcome of his talks with Indian External Affairs Minister I.K. Gujral, he said the Indian side had accepted Bangladesh's plea for signing a permanent sharing agreement on the issue of the Ganges water before the lean season starting from January next. Azad described his talks with Gujral as 'fruitful, useful and productive' and said both sides had demonstrated their political will and determination to resolve all problems through discussion and understanding. He said the joint committee of water experts will meet shortly to formulate the modality of the water-sharing examining the flow of the Ganges and requirement of Bangladesh during the lean period. The joint committee will submit its report to their respective governments, keeping

the time frame envisaged by the two sides for reaching such an agreement. "We have no time to wait further, we have already suffered an irreparable loss. Now we want to reach an agreement for a permanent solution of this water problem," Azad said. He said Bangladesh Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak will go to New Delhi shortly to hold further talks with his Indian counterpart. Besides, Azad will meet with

Gujral during the UN General Assembly session in New York and discuss bilateral issues. He said West Bengal Chief Minister Jyoti Basu has been invited to Bangladesh. His visit would be important for settling the water issue. The aim of all these talks and exercises is to find a permanent solution to water problem before the next dry season. On the issue of security, Azad said both India and Bangladesh agreed to work together to counter terrorism and insurgency activities for peace and stability. They would not allow their respective territories to be used for any activity directed against others. He said the two sides agreed to cooperate in bringing back Chakma refugees from Tripura. Three MFPs fled from three hill districts of Khagrachhari, Rangamati and Bandarban would visit refugee camps in Tripura and persuade them to return to their homes in Bangladesh. On trade and economic cooperation, Azad praised the Indian government's decision to reduce 50 per cent tariff on 13 broad categories of products

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Hilsas rotting for want of ice

Rafiq Hasan back from Barisal A huge quantity of Hilsa fish is rotting in the coastal areas of Barisal and Patuakhali districts due to a severe shortage of ice for storage, according to fishermen and wholesalers in the districts. Although the fishing season is nearly over, a good quantity of the silvery Hilsas are being caught in many of the rivers flowing across these districts. Many returning fishermen said that the shortage of ice forced them to throw away some of the fish or sell them at much lower prices. According to some ice plant owners in the area, ice production was disrupted as a result of frequent power failure. Mohammad Ali Jinnah, a wholesaler at the market, said that more than 3000 maunds of

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Police obstructing at Farmgate a BNP procession toward the Election Commission Secretariat in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Seven-day ultimatum to govt BNP demands repolling in 2 seats, resignation of CEC

By Staff Correspondent

The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) yesterday gave a seven-day ultimatum to the government for fulfilment of its demands and threatened a greater movement for non-compliance. The demands include, repolling in Laxmipur-2 and Chittagong-1 constituencies and immediate resignation of Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Md Abu Hena for his alleged failure in holding the September 5 by-election in a free and fair manner. Secretary General of BNP Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan gave the ultimatum while addressing a huge party rally at the Bangla Motor Crossing before a scheduled march towards the Election Commission (EC) Secre-

tarial to gherao it to realise its demands. The procession was led by Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Abdus Salam Talukdar, Dr Khandakar Mosharraf Hossain and Rafiqul Islam Mia. Police intercepted the marchers near the west-end of Indira Road at around 12:45 pm and allowed a party delegation to submit a memorandum to the EC Secretary. There was an altercation between the BNP leaders and police officers there. The BNP leaders then drew the attention of the newsmen and said, "police has failed to show us any democratic right to advance in a procession." Police officers said that police could always take appropriate precautionary

measures when they apprehend a law and order situation. The marchers held a peaceful sit-in demonstration there which was addressed by some BNP central leaders. Later, at 1:15 pm, a BNP delegation composed of its city unit convener Sadek Hussain Khoka, Jubo Dal President Mirza Abbas, Jinal Abedin Farooq, MP and Amanullah Aman, MP, went to the EC Secretariat to hand over a memorandum to the EC Secretary. EC Secretary Faizur Razzak received the memorandum and assured the BNP leaders of placing their demands before the authorities concerned. DUCSU General Secretary Khairul Kabir Khanok and city BNP

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Arsenic found in tubewell water at Bera

From Our Correspondent PABNA, Sept 10: Arsenic has been found in the water of eleven tubewells and about 15 cases of skin diseases have been detected in Bera Pourashaba area. Meanwhile, in Ishurdi thana, seven persons have already died of diseases relating to arsenic contamination while 50 more are suffering with similar diseases in Paksey, local health officials said. When contacted, the civil surgeon of Pabna told The Daily Star that water samples from 30 tubewells in Ishurdi and

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Shantibahini men kidnap 30 wood-cutters

Shantibahini insurgents kidnapped at least 30 wood-cutters from the forest of Pakkakhali under Baghaichhari police station of Rangamati hill district yesterday. Deputy Commissioner of Rangamati told BSS that 32 wood-cutters went to the forest in connection with their professional work and 30 of them were allegedly kidnapped by the elements of Shantibahini. He said two wood-cutters managed to escape of whom one received bullet injuries.

PM leaves tomorrow for official visit Dhaka, Beijing may sign 4 accords

By M Anwarul Haq

Four agreements and several MOUs on joint venture enterprises are expected to be signed during Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's six-day visit to China which begins tomorrow. This is her first official visit after taking over as Prime Minister. Diplomatic observers here feel that Sheikh Hasina's visit to China is expected to usher in a new era of political and economic cooperation between the two countries. The Chinese government is making extensive preparations to accord a warm welcome to the Bangladesh Prime Minister. She will be given a guard of honour at the Great Hall of the People, to be followed by a 19-gun salute. The visit is expected to further deepen the already existing friendly ties between the two countries and enable the new government in Dhaka to acquaint itself with the Beijing leadership. Sheikh Hasina earlier visited China as a leader of the opposition in 1993.

The Prime Minister's 40-member entourage will include Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad, Agriculture Minister Matiya Chowdhury, Foreign Secretary Farooq Sobhan and some leading industrialists and businessmen of the country. Other members of the entourage are Secretary to the Prime Minister, Defence Secretary, Energy Secretary, Chairman of the Board of Investment (BOI) and some other senior government officials. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's schedule includes official talks with her Chinese counterpart Li Peng on matters of common concern and regional and international issues. Major focus of the talks will be economic issues, investment and bilateral trade. The talks will also cover the

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CID takes up jail killing case

Star Report
 The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) has formally taken up the jail killing case of November 3, 1975 in which four national leaders were murdered, according to official sources. The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate has also issued warrants of arrest against three former army officials, arrested under the Special Powers Act last month. Besides the detention period of one of the detainees, Maj (ret'd) Khairuzaman has been extended by 90 days. Three retired army officers — Col Farooq Rahman, Col Shahriar Rashid Khan and Major Khairuzaman — were picked up by police from the city on August 13 for their alleged involvement in "activities that could threaten the lives of some very important persons." They were sent to the Dhaka Central Jail on a 30-day detention. See Page 12 Col 3

2 alleged muggers killed in clash with police

By DMC Correspondent Two alleged muggers were killed in a clash with police at Tipu Sultan Road in the city Monday night. According to police, one of the muggers, whose identity could not be known immediately, died on the spot while the other breathed his last at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH). Police said, the clash took place when the patrol police challenged a group of four people who were in an auto-rickshaw at about 10:30 pm. In retaliation, they hurled crackers at the police and tried to escape. Two constables, Sattar and Ayub Ali, were injured. Three muggers, one of them identified as Babul, 28, sustained bullet injuries and one died on the spot when police opened fire on them, police said. Babul, who was sent to the DMCH with injuries in his chest and abdomen died at about 4 am yesterday hospital. See Page 12 Col 1

DMC reopens

The Dhaka Medical College (DMC) reopened yesterday amid tight security measures after a 25-day unscheduled closure, reports UNB. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd professional examinations of the college were held. Classes will, however, resume on September 28. College sources said the decision to open the college dormitories would be taken after formulating new regulations. The college was declared closed for an indefinite period on August 14 following a clash between pro-Awami League Chhatra League and BNP-backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal.

Corrigendum

The interview published Tuesday under the headline 'No evidence in support of BNP complaints regarding 2 seats' stated Bogra in the fourth paragraph which instead, should be read Dacobe-Patiaghata and Fakirhat-Mollarhat. The inadvertent error is regretted. — The Editor

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড
ঢাকা

একজন সং মানুষ একজন সং করদাতাও বটে

চলতি আর্থিক বছরের প্রথম কোয়ার্টারের জন্য অগ্রিম আয়কর প্রদানের তারিখ ১৫ই সেপ্টেম্বর, ১৯৯৬ইং।

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জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড

BCL, JCD reach agreement Terrorists in DU to be declared 'unwanted'

By DU Correspondent

The leaders of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) have agreed to prepare a list of terrorists belonging to each other's organisations in a bid to free the Dhaka University campus from the grip of terrorists. The agreement was reached at a meeting among the student organisations with acting Vice Chancellor Prof Shahiduddin Ahmed in the chair yesterday. Proctor Dr Nur-un-Nabi was also present at the meeting. The student leaders agreed that the listed terrorists would be declared 'persona non-grata' in the campus. If the listed terrorists are students, the university authorities will take action against them. Among the student leaders, Habibunnabi Shohel, ABM Mosharraf Hossain, Monwar

Hossain Rana and Monir Hossain of JCD, Mahbubul Haq Shakil, Ajoy Kor Khokon, Bahadur Bepari of BCL and Obaidur Rahman Chinnu and Mizanur Rahman Palash were present at the meeting. Earlier, Chhatra Dal and Ganotantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO) boycotted a follow-up meeting of the student fronts with the VC scheduled to be held at Mohsin Hall alleging that the BCL activists had violated the "peace agreement" by threatening a leader of GCO and ousting the activists of JCD from the hall. JCD alleged that some 60 its activists who were rehabilitated on Sunday last were ousted from Mohsin Hall yesterday. Mohammad Alamgir, a leader of Chhatra League (K.C), See Page 12 col 6