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DSE MARKET

DSE price index	1915.80
Market capital Tk	10663.21 cr
Transactions in volume	1130301
Transactions in value Tk	17.20 cr

CSE MARKET

CSE price index	503.80
Market capital Tk	5536.70 cr
Transactions in volume	100610
Transactions in value Tk	1.80 cr

NEWS BRIEFS
Directive to banks
Any bank official, terminated from his service for misappropriation of money, corruption, fraud-forgery and moral slip, will not be eligible for service in any bank in future. A Bangladesh Bank recent circular advised the banks to follow the directives, reports BSS.

Osmany Medical College reopens
From Staff Correspondent
SYLHET, Sept 11: Sylhet MAG Osmany Medical College reopened today.
The college was closed following a clash between the activists of BCL (S-P) and JCD on August 25.
Cattle-lifter murdered
From Our Correspondent
TANGAIL, Sept 11: One person, suspected to be a cattle lifter, was murdered by angry people at village Kendua of Kalihati thana today.
The victim was identified as Sunita Mia 30.

Shantibahini massacre 28

From Our Correspondent

RANGAMATI, Sept 11: Bodies of 28 woodcutters, out of the 33 kidnapped by Shantibahini men on Monday, were recovered from a deep forest at Longadu under Baghaichhari thana of Rangamati district this morning, police and army sources said.

The bodies were recovered from the valley of a hill near Churakhali in a joint drive by police and army, the sources said.

The woodcutters were shot dead by Shantibahini men, violating the on-going truce in the Chittagong hill districts, the sources said.

Twenty of the bodies were identified. The victims were: Abdul Huq (30), Fajlu (23), Najrul (31), Islam (19), Gias Uddin (35), Suraj Mia (28), Alauddin (35), Ahad Ali (39), Umed Ali (45), Osman (39), Abul (28), Mostafa (26), Amir Hossain (25), Khaled (26), Abdul Hamid (41), Rajab Ali (23), Helal (41), Hannan (36), Saifuddin (27), and Selim (23).

Thirtythree woodcutters were kidnapped by the Shantibahini men on gunpoint on Monday last, the sources said adding three were still missing.

Divisional Commissioner of the Chittagong Division Sakhawat Hossain, Deputy Commissioner of Rangamati Hill District Mohammad Shah Alam and Police Super Nurul Anwar and district civil



Mofazzel Hossain Chowdhury Maya MP addressing a public meeting in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday organised by City Awami League protesting the alleged threat on the life of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina by a certain political party. — Star photo

Awami League holds protest rally in city 'Foil conspiracy against govt'

By Staff Correspondent

Awami League leaders have urged the people to foil any conspiracy against the new government and denounced the threat on the life of party chief and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

The ruling party leaders were addressing a rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday. The rally was organised by the city AL to protest threat on the life of the Premier, issued by a rival party and conspiracy against the government.

AL presidium member Amir Hussain Amu, organising secretary of the party and Post and Telecommunication Minister Mohammad Nasim and some other central leaders of the AL and its city unit addressed the rally chaired by Rezauddin Ahmed, acting President of city AL.

Hundreds of party leaders and workers from various parts of the metropolis holding portraits of Sheikh Hasina and banners converged at the meeting venue from early afternoon. They chanted full-throated slogans denouncing threat on the life of Hasina.

Addressing the protest rally

Fresh areas inundated in Kushtia Diarrhoea spreading in three flood-affected districts

By Staff Correspondent

Matas Harpur union of Kushtia sadar thana were inundated due to breach in flood protection embankment.

Boalish, Shaldah, Char Bhanipur and adjacent villages have also been hit and in Khoksa thana crops over 300 acres of land have been damaged.

Flood affected people alleged that they were not getting adequate relief.

Road communications between Rajshahi and Chapainawabganj headquarters with four thanas of the districts were still snapped for the last several days, official sources said.

Over half a million people of eight thanas in 49 unions including two pourashavas of the two districts have been affected by flood. At least 23 persons

Four alleged dacoits beaten to death in Ctg

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Sept 11: Four alleged dacoits were beaten to death last night by angry villagers at village Suabil under Fatikchhari thana, police said.

Police went to the spot this morning and recovered the bodies.

According to police, a group of dacoits stormed a house at village Suabil and looted valuables.

Hearing a hue and cry the villagers rushed to the spot and caught four of them.

The villagers beat up the dacoits mercilessly that led to their deaths on the spot, police added.

UNB adds: The four dacoits were identified as Elias, son of Ali Ahmed of West Mandakini village, Eedon; son of Nazmul Islam of Suabil village in Fatikchhari thana and Babul and Babul of the Chittagong city.

Two other dacoits — Abdul Khaled and Deedar, both sons of Abul Khair of Mandakini village in Fatikchhari thana — were also beaten up by the angry villagers and later handed over to police.

They were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital in critical condition.

Hasina leaves for China today

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina leaves Dhaka this morning for Beijing on a six-day official visit to China at the invitation of Premier Li Peng, report agencies.

This will be her first official tour of a foreign country after assumption of office of the Prime Minister last June.

In the official talks, Hasina and Li Peng will review the entire gamut of bilateral relations and discuss regional and international issues of common concern.

The talks will focus on economic, investment, trade and defence matters.

Hasina is expected to request China to import more from Bangladesh to narrow the trade gap and invest in Bangladesh in the new investment climate created after the new government came to power.

She will seek increased Chinese investments in Bangladesh's infrastructure building efforts.

Officials sources said that the Prime Minister will brief Premier Li Peng of the efforts of her government to resolve Bangladesh's problems with India, Myanmar and Pakistan.

She will discuss Bangladesh-

ACC Trophy Bangladesh in semifinals

Bangladesh emerged group champions in the Pepsi ACC Trophy cricket tournament when they registered an easy 108-run win over Hong Kong in their last Group A encounter in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

Put into bat, Bangladesh scored 224 for seven in 50 overs with opener Shahriar Hossain bidding hammering highest 67. In reply, Hong Kong were bundled out for 116 in 40.1 overs.

Bangladesh will take on either Papua New Guinea or Singapore in the semifinals tomorrow. Bangladesh Betar 'Kha' and Hong Kong based Star Sports channel will air the match live from Kuala Lumpur. (See details in page 10)

40 candidates lose deposit money in Sept 5 bypolls
By Staff Correspondent

The deposit money of 40 candidates in the September 5 parliamentary by-elections have been forfeited as they failed to secure one-eighth of the total votes cast, as required.

Fifty candidates from 10 political parties and 23 independent candidates contested the by-elections in 15 constituencies.

Each candidate deposited Tk 5,000 to the Election Commission (EC) at the time of the filing nomination papers. They are required to secure one-eighth or 12.5 per cent of the total votes cast, failing which, the deposit money is forfeited. Other candidates are exempted. (See Page 12 Col 1)

4 die in separate incidents
By DMC Correspondent

At least two persons allegedly committed suicide and two others died in the city yesterday.

Mala, 20, wife of one Biplop of 270, Dolairpur under Demra thana committed suicide by hanging herself from the beam of the roof of the house, said hospital sources. The body was sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) for autopsy. Police, however, could not confirm the incident. (See Page 12 Col 7)

Next Aid Club meet in Dhaka Donors pledge \$1.9b at Paris meet

Bangladesh got fresh aid commitments of over 1.9 billion US dollars for the current 1996-97 fiscal in the Aid Group meeting that concluded in Paris yesterday with Dhaka pledging to accelerate economic reforms, reports UNB.

The committed aid is about 100 million dollar less than the amount sought by Dhaka. The government, according to the memorandum prepared for the meeting, sought 2 billion dollars from the aid consortium.

The World Bank, which coordinates the annual meeting of donors, also suggested 2 billion dollars in aid to Bangladesh for the current year.

The meeting, however, noted that this year's commitment is "a remarkable outcome in view of the deteriorating overall aid climate and Bangladesh's poor record of aid implementation over the past year."

Realisation of the estimated commitment levels, as well as a substantial increase in actual aid disbursements to approximately 1.7 billion dollars will depend on prompt and vigorous action to translate government's laudable policy pronouncements into specific reforms that are then implemented more expeditiously than in the past, the meeting said.

Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria led an eight-member Bangladesh delegation in the two-day meeting at the French capital that began Tuesday, the first for the new government headed by Sheikh Hasina.

World Bank Vice-president for South Asia Joseph Wood presided over the 23rd meeting of the Bangladesh Aid Group, attended by the representatives of bilateral and multilateral donors to the country, according to a message received here from Paris.

At the invitation of the government, the Aid Group agreed to hold its next meeting in Dhaka in about a year's time. The Group accepted finance minister's proposal for an interim briefing in next February on the government's evolving strategy and implementation plan. (See Page 12 Col 3)

New MPs-elect take oath today

Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury will administer the oath to the parliament members, elected in the September 5 by-elections, today at 12-30 pm at his office chamber in the Jatiya Sangsad, said a press release, reports BSS.

The invitation letters for the purpose have been sent to the MPs-elect. Besides, copies of the invitation letters will be available at the reception counter of the Sangsad Bhaban, the press release added.

The newly elected members have been requested to take identity cards from the respective returning officers or their respective party leaders.

Fifteen MPs were elected in the Sept 5 bypolls. Eight of them were elected from the ruling Awami League, three from BNP, three from Jatiya Party and one was independent.

Joint body of water experts to meet by month end
By Staff Correspondent

A Joint Committee (JC), to be convened by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, will meet with its counterpart body in New Delhi at the end of this month to start work on the details of the proposed water sharing agreement between Bangladesh and India, according to sources concerned.

The Joint Committee on the Bangladesh side is likely to be headed by an Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and include an expert from the Water Resources Ministry and another from the Joint Rivers Commission. It might co-opt more members later.

The Indian committee is also likely to be headed by an Additional Secretary in the External Affairs Ministry and have a similar composition.

Formation of the Joint Committee (JC) will be reported in the next issue. (See Page 12 col 6)

Repression can't bring any good: Khaleda

BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday dismissed current political situation with the members of her party's Advisory Committee, reports UNB.

Party sources said Begum Zia exchanged opinion with the advisors about BNP's strategy to deal with the prevailing situation.

Zahiruddin Khan, Abdur Rab Chowdhury, Rezaul Karim, ASM Hannan Shah, Shamsul Islam Khan, Harun-al-Rashid, M Moshed Khan attended the meeting.

Another report adds: Khaleda Zia yesterday stated repressive measures and called upon the law-enforcing agencies and administration to work impartially.

Referring to the countrywide terrorist acts, Begum Zia cautioned that killing, torture and repression could not bring any good.

She called upon her party-men to further strengthen organisational activities and resist the 'repressive' measures of the ruling party.

"We do not want to enforce hartal which causes sufferings to the common people," Begum Zia said, "but we cannot remain silent when the people are repressed."

She was addressing a delegation of Feni district committee of the BNP, led by its convener Mosharrar Hossain, which called on her at her Minto Road residence in the evening.

The Feni BNP leaders appraised the Leader of the Opposition of the troubled situation prevailing in the district and sought her help in this regard.

They alleged that the activists of ruling Awami League were unleashing terrorism across the district while the BNP workers were being harassed with 'false cases'.

Farmer chopped to death in Sailakupa
From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Sept 11: A farmer was chopped to death at village Panchapakhia in Sailakupa thana this morning.

According to police, some villagers asked Syed Ali Khondokar, 45, to come out of his house at about 3 am for settling a land dispute.

Then they allegedly killed him.

Adverse impact of JMB on char people alleged
By Mizan Ali

A local NGO working for the people living in the Jamuna Chars has urged the World Bank Inspection Panel to investigate into what it called the 'destructive impact of the Jamuna Multi-purpose Bridge (JMB) on char people alleged'.

The NGO Jamuna Char Integrated Development Project (JCIDI), which claims to represent the char people, formally lodged the complaint recently, terming the victims 'environmental refugees'.

Secretary of the Jamuna Multi-purpose Bridge Authority (JMB), Muhiit Chowdhury, talking to The Daily Star said that a complaint to the World Bank Inspection Panel has been lodged by one Mujibul Huq Dulu.

The Panel is now looking into the complaint as per their procedure," Muhiit Chowdhury said adding, "The JMB is providing all the necessary information and assistance to the World Bank management for submission of their reply to the Panel."

Muhiit however said very strongly that these allegations were baseless and were filed by a person who does not belong to the area. "This is an attempt to harm a project which enjoys national consensus," he added.

When asked a senior official at the World Bank resident mission in Dhaka confirmed it. "We have received a request for sending the Inspection Panel there," Arun Banerjee, head of the Energy and Infrastructure section told The Daily Star.

"If the complaint is admitted by the Panel the mega project may face uncertainty. The Panel is an independent body that can suggest suspension of the project but its recommendations are not binding on the WB."

The Inspection Panel was created on September 22, 1993, by the Board of Executive Directors. (See Page 12 Col 7)

JCD faction enforces hartal in Sylhet

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Sept 11: Commercial establishments and educational institutions here remained closed during a half-day hartal called by a faction of the district unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) today.

Police arrested eleven pickets from the Tilagarh and South Surma area of the town during the hartal hours.

The Jaman-Moudud faction of Sylhet JCD called the six-hour hartal from 6 am as part of its week-long agitation programme which began Saturday. They are demanding immediate