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DSE price index 1578.06
Market capital Tk 11041.00 cr
Transactions in volume 915817
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JS probe team goes to Rangamati today

The parliamentary enquiry team headed by Chief Whip Abul Hasanat Abdullah leaves Dhaka today for Rangamati to investigate the recent killing of 30 woodcutters in the hill districts, reports BSS.

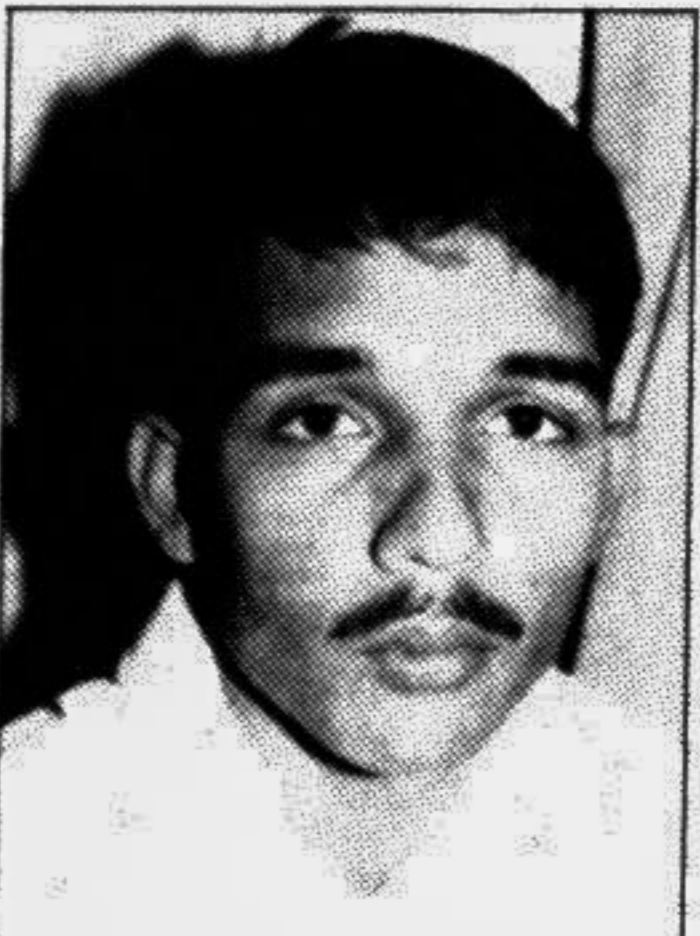
Panchanan takes oath as MP

MP-elect from Khulna-1 constituency Panchanan Biswas took oath from Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury at the Speaker's chamber in the city yesterday. Biswas won the by-election held on September 5, reports BSS.

Massive win against UAE

Bangladesh champions

By Al-Amin



Khaled Mahmud... m-o-m

Bangladesh's ICC Trophy blues were effectively dispelled in the delirium of ecstasy as the country's cricketers lifted the Pepsi ACC Trophy with a resounding 108-run victory over United Arab Emirates at the Killat Club ground in the Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur.

The venue proved to be a happy hunting ground for Bangladesh cricketers as two years back the country's colts won a seven-nation invitational tournament there. But, yesterday's triumph is certainly a milestone in our 26-year-old history after the national team's sensational one-run victory over the second-string side of India in 1994.

On the other hand, the magnificent victory against United

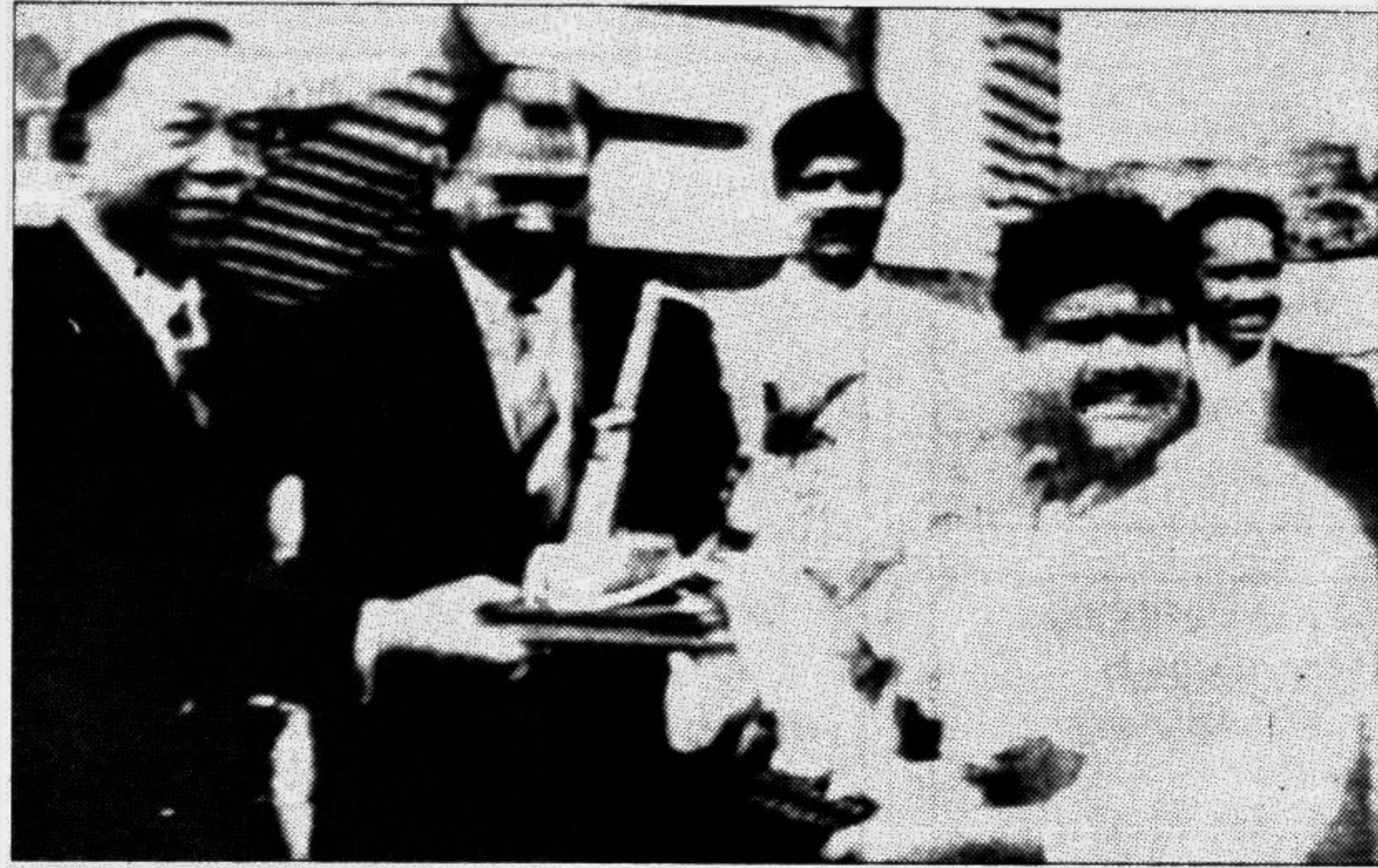
Arab Emirates (UAE), which marked the end of the desert nation's supremacy, opened up a new horizon for the representatives of 12-crore Bangladeshis. A place in the four-nation Asia Cup, scheduled to be held in Sri Lanka next year, would surely do their morale a world of good in their bid to squeeze in the ivy

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league of the Test-playing nations.

The victory was also a deserving gift for the small but ever-enthusiastic group of Bangladeshis residing in Malaysia who cheered the cricketers from the very start of the 12-nation meet, not to mention the scores of sports lovers who had their eyes glued to the television

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A proud Bangladesh skipper Akram Khan receives the Pepsi ACC Trophy from Malaysian King HE Tunku Imran (L) after his side emerged champions with a convincing 108 run victory over the UAE at the Killat Club ground in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

— Star TV photo

12 killed in Daudkandi bus accident

COMILLA, Sept 15: At least 12 people, including two women were killed and 11 others injured in a road accident on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway in Daudkandi thana today, reports UNB.

The accident occurred at about 9 am when a Dhaka-bound coach from Chitosh crashed on pedestrians, rickshaw passengers and rickshaw-pullers while overtaking a standing bus at Shahidnagar bus stand.

Police and witnesses said the coach then skidded off the highway and fell into a roadside ditch. The bus was partly damaged, but there was no casualty of its passengers.

The dead were identified as Amir Hossain, 17, Alamgir, 19, Majnu, 20, Tamji, 38, Shahid,

40, Fazlu, 20, Mohsin, 24, Ismail, 20, Gani, 18, Billal, 8, Shahinur, 28, and Kamala Bibi, 50.

Two of the injured — Sadeq, 22, and Maya, 35, were admitted to Gouripur Hospital and another two sent to Dhaka. The other were released after first aid.

After the accident, angry people put barricade on the highway, demanding arrest and trial of the bus driver who fled the scene soon after the accident.

State Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Abdul Matin Khasru, former minister Abdur Rashid Engineer, Dr Khandaker Mosharruf Hossain MP, and DC and SP of Comilla visited the spot. Road communications on

the Dhaka-Chittagong highway resumed after the mob removed barricade at about 12:40 pm at the assurance of the leaders.

The bodies were handed over to the relatives of the victims without postmortem examination.

In another accident in Savar a young man was killed and 30 people were injured when two buses collided near Salepur bridge on Dhaka-Aricha highway today.

Police said Ansar, 22, died on the spot and 30 passengers of the two buses were wounded when a Sataria-bound bus collided with a Dhaka-bound coach in the early morning.

The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for autopsy while the injured were admitted to different hospitals.

2 ex-army officials CID awaits Home Ministry clearance for interrogation

Star Report

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) is awaiting clearance from Home Ministry for interrogating the two detained former army officials, already granted remand by the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, according to official sources.

Col (ret'd) Shahriar Rashid and Major (ret'd) Khairuzzaman were given seven days' remand on a petition by the CID on September 10, for interrogation regarding the jail killing incident of November 3, 1975.

The CID also took Col (ret'd)

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Second autopsy of Salman's body performed

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Sept 15: The autopsy of the body of film actor Salman Shah was done for the second time in the MAG Osmani Medical College morgue here today.

Earlier at about 6-30 am, the body was exhumed from the graveyard attached to the shrine of Hajrat Shahjalal (RA). A contingent of police, in the presence of the sadar thana magistrate, exhumed the body in compliance with an order from the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate of Dhaka following a petition filed by the father of the deceased.

Kamaruddin Chowdhury, fa-

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JCD-BCL trade gunshots on JU campus

By JU Correspondent

Activists of the Chhatra Dal (JCD) and the Chhatra League (BCL) traded at least 15 rounds of gunshots on the Jahangirnagar University (JU) campus Saturday night, campus sources said.

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Habiganj-2 byelection BNP yet to decide on fielding candidate

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) till yesterday did not field any candidate for the October 15 parliamentary byelection to Habiganj-2 (JS-239) seat of the Jatiya Sangsad.

Today is the last date for filing nominations for the seat that fell vacant following death of Sharifuddin Ahmed of Awami League.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan said the party could not reach a decision on the matter till last night.

UNB adds: BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday said taking part in an election is meaningless when the results are prepared before the voting.

"We'll wait until tomorrow,

(Monday) to decide whether BNP will participate in the Habiganj byelection," she told reporters at her Minto Road residence in the evening.

Begum Zia said BNP standing committee is scheduled to meet Tuesday to decide on its next course of agitation. "The present government is pushing us to the streets," she said.

The opposition leader said her government had decided to support Japan in securing permanent membership of the UN Security Council. "But it is not clear to which country the present government will render its support. Ask them about their decision," she told a questioner.

Begum Zia yesterday blamed the present government for

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Kibria tells The Daily Star No conditions tagged to aid commitment

By Staff Correspondent

The government wants to achieve a satisfactory foreign aid disbursement level through quick decision-making regarding project implementation, Finance Minister S A M S Kibria said yesterday.

The main reason for slow disbursement (of aid) is lack of decision-making," said Kibria while talking to The Daily Star yesterday. "A change in the decision making process has already been brought about by the PM. She sits in the ECNEC meetings. She has instituted tough procedures that every two months, a special ECNEC meeting should be held to review the progress of projects."

In the just concluded Parts Aid Club meeting, the donors had stressed the need for improving the aid utilisation rate for continued flow of foreign assistance.

Reflecting on the Aid Club meeting, Kibria said he was fully satisfied with the outcome of the meeting. "Satisfied both in matters of pledge and statements made by member countries who were highly supportive of the present government."

He firmly said that there were no set of conditions attached to this year's aid commitment as had been in previous years.

There were strings attached to aid and the Bangladesh representative, the finance minister, had to accept those conditions in order to get the commitments, he said.

"In our case, no such set of conditions were imposed," the finance minister maintained. "We assured that reforms will be continued which was enough to satisfy the donors."

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Student bodies submit lists of 'troublemakers'

Different student organisations, including pro-Awami League Chhatra League and BNP backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal submitted the lists of troublemakers on the Dhaka University campus, reports UNB.

The lists were submitted to Vice-Chancellor Prof Shahiduddin Ahmed at a meeting at his official residence in the evening.

The university authorities will verify the lists and take action against those who will be identified as outsiders and troublemakers.

"It's a continuous process to formulate a list of troublemakers... any student organisation can submit such lists. General students may also come forward to help identify the outsiders," the VC told UNB after the meeting.

Taking stock of the latest campus situation, the meeting decided not to allow the outsiders to stay in the university halls. But student leaders of other institutions will be allowed to attend their respective meetings in the university.

Presided over by the Vice-Chancellor, the meeting was attended by Proctor AKM Nur-Un-Nabi and central committee and Dhaka University unit leaders of different student organizations.

Tareq's disappearance Rocky taken on remand again

By Staff Correspondent

Rakib Mohammad Fakrul alias Rocky, arrested earlier in connection with the disappearance of Md Moinuddin Kashem alias Tareq, was granted one day's fresh remand by the Munshiganj court yesterday following a prayer by the CID police.

The CID took over the case on August 21. Rocky was earlier placed on police remand for three days on August 25.

Moinuddin Kashem alias Tareq, a BBA student of North South University, has been missing since the night of August 14 when he went out of his Banani residence with his friend Rocky for attending a dinner at a restaurant in Gulshan thana area, according to earlier reports. The reports also said that Tareq, along with Rocky, and a girl friend had gone to the Meghna ghat and was allegedly missing from there.

Tareq's father, Mohammad Abul Kashem had lodged a case with Gazaria thana in this connection naming Rocky as the main accused.

23 Bangladeshis arrested at Calcutta airport

CALCUTTA, Sept 15: A group of 23 Bangladeshis were arrested at the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport here yesterday for their attempt to travel Bangkok en route to Malaysia with forged travel documents, according to immigration sources, reports PTI.

The sources said all the Bangladeshis entered India by road and were about to board a Thai International Airways flight.

The Bangladeshis were later handed over to airport police, the sources said.

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Student leaders of the Dhaka University exchanging views on the problems of campus at a discussion arranged by The Daily Star at its office yesterday.

—Star photo

The Daily Star dialogue with DU student leaders Bringing back DU's glory, together

By Staff Correspondent

Student leaders, representing major student organisations of the country, have urged Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to pursue vigorously her stated policy of arresting all terrorists from the campuses irrespective of party affiliations.

While exchanging views on campus problems in a discussion arranged at The Daily Star office yesterday, the student leaders also urged the opposition political parties not to in-

duge in politics of opposition for opposition's sake.

The discussion, arranged by The Daily Star, was conducted by its Editor Mahfuz Anam.

The student leaders expressed the view that the 10-point agreement between them marks a clear desire on their part to leave the divisive past behind and go towards a future of jointly working together to make the university a great seat of learning that it was.

The student leaders unanimously agreed that terrorists who are mainly outsiders, take shelter under the umbrella of one student organisation or the other on the campus to realise their vested interest.

The two-hour discussion was marked with lively conversation and healthy debate, an uncommon phenomenon among student leaders nowadays.

The leaders pledged to uphold the ten-point accord

reached between student bodies and emphasized that the government had the responsibility to maintain a congenial atmosphere on the campuses.

The student leaders also criticised the role of the media saying the press, on some occasions, displayed negative aspects rather than the positive ones on the campus.

"Gunfires" make news but the

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