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DSE MARKET

DSE price index	1629.02
Market capital Tk	1397.56 cr
Transactions in volume	977562
Transactions in value Tk	24.69 Tk

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#### Local Government Commission

The government has formed an eight-member Local Government Commission to formulate recommendations in rendering the local government bodies more financial and administrative power. Meanwhile, a questionnaire has already been published in the newspapers for public opinion survey on the local government, said an official announcement last night, reports UNB.

2 MPs leave for  
Australia

A two-member parliamentary delegation left the city yesterday for Canberra to attend a three-day Asian parliamentarians' meeting beginning tomorrow. The member of the delegation are MPs Shah Azizur Rahman and Prof Khaleda Khanam, said a press release.

**Sylhet Parishad to  
gherao PDB office**

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Sept 23: The Greater Sylhet Ganabadi Parishad at a meeting today, has decided to gherao the office of Superintendent Engineer of PDB here on October 7 to press their demand for immediate solution to the continued load-shedding.

**Saudi envoy  
hosts reception**

Abdullah Omar Barry, Saudi Ambassador to Bangladesh, hosted a reception at Sonargaon Hotel yesterday evening to celebrate the National Day of his country. The reception was attended by some ministers, political leaders, high civil and military officials, diplomats, elite and journalists, reports BSS.

**3 JCD activists  
held in Sylhet**

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET Sept 23: Kotwali police arrested three young men from Fazlulhaq area of the town tonight. One Chinese revolver and 6 rounds of ammunition were also recovered from their possession, police said. The arrested young men — Faisal Oti, Tahir Ahmed Chowdhury and Ishtiaque Khan Ruhul — are reportedly the activists of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), sources said.

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## Inability to meet pre-polls pledges alleged AL out to divert people's attention, says Khaleda

By Staff Correspondent

BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia said yesterday the ruling Awami League (AL) has resorted to oppression on political opponents to divert people's attention from its inherent inability to meet the pledges made before the general elections.

The Awami League had made a lot of pledges before the last general elections. Inherently incapable of meeting those, the party has now indulged in oppressing its political opponents to divert attention of the people from the promises it made," said the Leader of the Opposition in the Jatiya Sangsad. "AL wants us to remain busy facing various false charges, instead of reminding the government of its responsibilities to meet the pre-election pledges," she added.

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tion to "continue to fight for the rights of the people from the opposition political camp," the BNP Chairperson said that oppression would not stop her party from taking to the street.

"We want the government to work for the people undisturbed and meet the election pledges. We are still ready to cooperate with them in running the affairs of the state," she said. As a ruling party only recently, BNP knew it well how difficult it was to work for the people with the opposition consistently refusing to play a positive role, she noted.

"We really do not intend to start agitating so soon but the government is provoking us to take to the street everyday by

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