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**TODAY**  
The Parliament functions with the taxpayers' money. This session's operating budget, according to Parliamentary sources, was about 15 crore Taka which makes every minute of parliamentary debate cost almost Taka 30,000. But are we getting for what we have voted? Read this week's cover story *How to Make Parliament More Effective in your favourite Star Weekend Magazine*

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**DSE MARKET**

DSE price index	1786.27
Market capital Tk	12497.74 cr
Transactions in volume	720492
Transactions in value Tk	19.41 cr

**CSE MARKET**

CSE price index	734.62
Market capital Tk	7405.15 cr
Transactions in volume	142940
Transactions in value Tk	3.47 cr

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**NEWS BRIEFS**  
**ALCWC meets today**  
By Staff Correspondent  
A meeting of the Awami League Central Working Committee (ALCWC) will be held at 10 am today at the party's central office at Bangabandhu Avenue in the city. Awami League President Sheikh Hasina will chair the meeting, says a press release.

**BNP Pirojpur body dissolved**  
BNP has dissolved its Pirojpur district committee and formed a 83-member convening committee with Shahidul Haq Jamal as convener. The committee has been instructed to form a full-fledged district committee within next three months, said a press release in Dhaka yesterday, reports UNB.

## PM opens BATEXPO '96 in city RMG sector must be equipped to face global competition

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said her government is working hard to create a stable political and social environment for investment and urged the investors to build up the textile sector utilising the opportunities, reports UNB.

"We are pledgebound to remove all bottlenecks in flourishing a competitive economy," she said, listing the government steps already taken to reactivate the economy with the private sector as the key engine of growth.

Inaugurating a three day Bangladesh Apparel and Textile Exposition (BATEXPO '96) at a local hotel in the morning, she said the government would take steps to create an environment and the facilities conducive to investment, and to protect the rights of consumers.

Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) organised the annual fair to display the readymade garments and the related accessories and service to the international buyers. Ministers, MPs, foreign buyers, representatives of local and foreign buying houses, garment manufacturers and exporters, senior government officials and diplomats were present at the function.

Pointing at gradual phasing out of the multi-fibre arrangement (MFA) introducing free competition for textiles in the developed world, Hasina said the country's readymade garment industry would have to be equipped to face that competition.

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina visiting a stall after opening the BATEXPO '96 at Sonargaon Hotel yesterday. — Star photo

## Consider 'realities' in designing reforms, Dhaka urges donors

Finance Minister Shah A M S Kibria has acknowledged that reforms are necessary, but said the donors should consider the "political and economic realities" in designing reforms and the associated conditionalities, reports UNB.

"Rigidities in the technical detail of conditions — which are liable to bureaucratic interpretation — are also likely to be counter-productive; what is required is a realistically designed and contextually specific set of reforms package," he said.

The minister made the remarks while addressing the plenary session of the 52nd meeting of the Board of Governors of the World Bank and the IMF in Washington on Wednesday, according to a message received in Dhaka yesterday.

Kibria said reforms and restructuring are difficult process, though admittedly necessary, and there is no unique prescription or panacea for all problems for all countries.

"Programmes for reforms, therefore, need to be based on contextually specific and realistic assumption," he said, emphasising that the Bank and the Fund should consider the issue.

More importantly, he added, the relevant countries should have greater role in designing the reform programme that alone can ensure a sense of "meaningful ownership."

"This is ignored all too often, which results not only in incomplete or incoherent reforms which fail to deliver the promised benefits but also causes political instability and social unrest," the finance minister said.

It is needless to mention that political stability and "ownership" are essential for policy and structural reforms, he added.

Referring to the world economic outlook, Kibria said it indicates signs of new opportunities, uninterrupted growth with subdued inflation and accelerated expansion of global trade accompanied by relative calm in foreign exchange market.

There are, however, lurking dangers, particularly in respect of the developing countries, he said mentioning that non-tariff barriers, including demands for unrealistic labour standard, may impose new forms of protectionism constraining expansion of exports.

The social and political order in many developing countries is vulnerable to destabilisation because of the hard-core poverty and rise in the absolute level of unemployment, the finance minister said.

As a number of developing countries are projected with widening current account deficit, the IMF will have to play a more active role not only in enforcing surveillance and

## Save Dhaka Clean Dhaka resumes today



This huge pile of garbage is hampering the flow of traffic on the Awlad Hossain Lane, a vital link-road to the busy commercial areas of Islampur and Nayabazar in the old part of the city, for the last few weeks. This is a common scene in different parts of the city. Meanwhile, The Daily Star, with active support from the Bangladesh Scouts and BUET, resumes the 'Save Dhaka, Clean Dhaka' campaign today. The campaign is aimed at making the citizens aware of keeping their neighbourhoods clean and dumping garbages properly in the dustbins. — Star photo

## Taher Thakur held, placed on 8-day CID remand

By Staff Correspondent  
Former state minister, Taher Uddin Thakur, arrested late Wednesday night in connection with the killing of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, was placed on an eight-day CID remand yesterday for interrogation, according to sources concerned.

Taher Uddin was arrested by CID personnel from his East Nakhla para residence in the city on charges of involvement in the killing of Bangabandhu and his family members on August 15, 1975. He was also shown arrested for his alleged involvement in the killing of four national leaders inside the Dhaka central jail on November 3 the same year, police sources said.

He was produced before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's court at about 4.45 pm yesterday. CID prayed for a 10-day remand.

## Dhaka demands closure of Jerusalem tunnel

Bangladesh condemns the opening of tunnel in the vicinity of the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Israeli oppression on the Palestinian people, reports BSS.

Commenting on the recent developments in Israel, foreign minister Abdus Samad Azad in a statement at the OIC ministerial meeting in New York Wednesday said, "The new Israeli government's arrogance and provocative actions have spurred violence resulting in loss of lives," a message from the UN headquarters said.

Opining that the "peace process is in serious jeopardy," Azad demanded immediate closure of the entrance to the disputed tunnel in Jerusalem. He urged the Israeli government to honour their commitment made under the peace accord and called to take urgent steps for complete withdrawal of Israeli troops from Hebron and dismantling all Jewish settlements in the occupied land.

The foreign minister urged Israelis to begin negotiations.

## Amendment not necessary: Khasru 'Indemnity Ordinance not a part of the Constitution'

State Minister for Law Abdul Matin Khasru has said the 'so-called' Indemnity Ordinance of Khondker Moshaque is not part of the Constitution and there is no scope for debate on the matter, reports BSS.

He said the ordinance is not a part of the Constitution and there is no necessity to amend the Constitution to repeal it. It is repealable by a simple majority in the Sangsad, he added.

The minister was addressing as chief guest a reception accorded to two Members of Parliament from Comilla-2, A H M Mostafa Kamal and Tajul Islam by the Laksam Association, Dhaka at the Engineers' Institute here on Wednesday, according to an official handout issued yesterday.

Khasru said the ordinance, promulgated by Khondker Moshaque, is contrary to human rights and rule of law. He said such heinous example to exonerate the killers could not be found in the history of human civilisation.

He said whether Khondker Moshaque had any lawful basis to declare himself the president or whether he had any power or constitutional authority to promulgate the Indemnity Ordinance, and whether indemnity ordinance was incorporated in the fifth amendment by late President Ziaur Rahman were very significant questions.

Khasru pointed out if, for the sake of argument, it is assumed that Indemnity Ordinance was incorporated in the fifth amendment, it can be said that the Indemnity Ordinance was not a part of the Constitution.



## Polish poet wins Nobel Prize in literature

STOCKHOLM (Sweden), Oct 3: Polish poet Wislawa Szymborska, described as the "Mozart of poetry," won the Nobel Prize in literature today, reports AP.

She was cited for "poetry that with ironic precision allows the historical and biological context to come to light in fragments of human reality."

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## 'No discussion on changes in BNP standing body'

Star Report  
The BNP leaders, however, said any changes in the party's Standing Committee is the prerogative of party chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia.

Though some members of the BNP Standing Committee confirmed that no discussion took place on the issue in the party forum, one senior party leader indicated that some developments regarding the changes in the Standing Committee are in the offing.

The 15-member BNP Standing Committee had three sittings in quick succession over the last two weeks. Majid-ul-Huq, a senior member of the Standing Committee, had resigned on September 11. But the party is yet to take a decision regarding the formal acceptance of Huq's resignation letter.

According to a party source, inclusion of new faces in the party's highest policy making body to some extent, is related with a final decision regarding the fate of Huq's resignation letter.

## Prof Aminul Islam new BOU VC

Prof M Aminul Islam of Dhaka University Geography Department has been appointed Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh Open University (BOU), official sources said, reports UNB.

The government has also appointed Prof Aminul Islam of Dhaka University Soil Science Department the Vice-Chancellor of National University.

The new VCs would take over their respective charges on October 21 for four-year term.

## Crude arsenic was being used at Zoo till early 80s

By Morshed Ali Khan  
The Dhaka Zoo authorities sold a 50-kg bag of crude arsenic, purchased in the mid-seventies, to a private dealer in an open auction last year, according to official sources.

Crude arsenic was being used at the zoo until the early Eighties as a preservative in taxidermy, a process of stuffing the skins of dead animals.

The use of arsenic at the Zoo came to a halt when, in 1980, an elephant and an unspecified number of spotted-deer of the Zoo died of arsenic poisoning, it was disclosed by a Zoo official.

An Indian taxidermist had trained the Dhaka Zoo employees in the early Seventies and introduced arsenic as a preservative, said an elderly employee at the Zoo.

"I was using arsenic on the skin of the dead animals, which bare hands until 1980 when some deer and the elephant died. Then we were warned of the danger," he said.

Talking to The Daily Star, the curator of the Zoo, Md Afzar Ali, said that the lot was kept at a godown at 48 Kazi Alauddin Road for over 10 years. "Last year we sought permission from the government to dispose of it."

## Move soon to secure bail for Ershad in 17 cases

By Shehab Ahmed  
Lawyers for Jatiya Party chief Hussain Mohammad Ershad, MP, are moving the courts soon to renew their efforts to secure bail for their client in 17 more cases, JP sources said.

The former president was recently granted bail by the High Court in a corruption case in which he was sentenced to three years simple imprisonment.

Two of Ershad's counsels met him on Tuesday to discuss the strategy. Their hope for obtaining bail for their client was brightened following a meeting between top government leaders and a senior JP leader on Friday last.

The JP leader conveyed Ershad's "frustrations" over what he feels delay in obtaining bail. Ershad has reportedly conveyed to the government leaders that he would like to see that his bail petitions are not opposed and the process is completed by November 1. Otherwise, he would consider withdrawal of his party's support to the government.

JP sources claimed they were reassured by the ruling party leaders that they would not oppose the bail petitions. But government sources said they would not interfere with the process of law. It's upto the courts to grant him bail, they added.

The JP chief also expressed his desire to go out of the country for treatment, after performing Umrah at Makkah and a short stay in Dubai, if he obtains bail in different cases. But he prefers to have a thorough medical check-up in London if a medical board, which checked him twice last month for various complaints, suggests treatment abroad, JP sources said.

Ershad, meanwhile, also continued to the authorities against jail officials who reportedly did not allow him to encash a cheque for over Tk 500,000.

The cheque was sent by the Parliament Secretariat paying his arrears salary and allowances.

## Fresh sanctions likely Travel to US by members of Myanmar junta banned

WASHINGTON Oct 3: President Bill Clinton signed a ban today on travel to the United States by members of the Myanmar junta and others who benefit from its rule in protest at the regime's human rights abuses, reports AFP.

An administration official also noted that the Clinton administration was considering new economic sanctions against the military-ruled country.

A provision just signed into law by Clinton calls for a ban on new US investment in Myanmar if the junta launches a large-scale crackdown on its critics or takes steps against opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

The visa proclamation follows the arrest of between 500 and 800 members of Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD) ahead of a planned conference last weekend in Yangon.

"We deplore these actions and call on the SLORC to release immediately and unconditionally all of the NLD members and other democratic activists," the White House said in a statement, referring to the ruling State Law and Order Restoration Council.

The visa ban takes effect immediately and bars entry to the United States by anyone "formulating, implementing, or benefitting from policies that are impeding the transition to democracy in Myanmar and their family members."

It does not necessarily apply to diplomats coming to the United States on official business, according to one administration official.

**Shibir, BCL call meetings at IU today**  
From Our Correspondent KUSHTIA, Oct 3: Chhatra Shibir, Islamic University Branch, has called a meeting at the main gate of the University at 10 am tomorrow.

Asaduzzaman, president of the Islamic University branch Chhatra Shibir, will preside over the meeting.

The speakers at the meeting will demand reopening of the University immediately.

On the other hand, the BCL has also called a similar meeting at the same place at 3 pm tomorrow.

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