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DSE price index 2024.43  
Market capital Tk 14164.00  
Transactions in volume 590590  
Transactions in value Tk 16.79cr

### CSE MARKET

CSE price index 904.62  
Market capital Tk 9118.86 cr  
Transactions in volume 19990  
Transactions in value Tk 3.75 cr

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#### Rafiq Samad meet Shahabuddin

Home Minister Major (Retd) Rafiqul Islam and Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad yesterday called on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, separately at Bangabhaban. Chief of Army Staff Lt General Mabubur Rahman and Chief of Air Staff Vice-Marshals Jamaluddin Ahmed also made courtesy call on him separately. Later, Inspector General of Police M Azzul Huq called on him at Bangabhaban, said a press release, report agencies.

#### Finance Minister returns home

Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria returned home yesterday after attending the meeting of Commonwealth finance ministers held recently in Bermuda and the 52nd annual meeting of the board of governors of the World Bank IMF in Washington, reports BSS.

#### 9 autorickshaws gutted

By Staff Correspondent Nine auto-rickshaws were gutted when a fire broke out in a garage at Harirampur under Utara thana in the city early yesterday. The vehicles belonging to a local auto-rickshaw drivers' cooperative society were parked in the garage, fire service sources said. The cause of the fire that broke out at around 1:30 am could not be known immediately. It took about an hour to extinguish the blaze, fire service source added.

#### JCD, BCL clash in Netrakona

NETRAKONA, Oct 10: Three college students were critically injured today following a clash between activists of the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) on Mahanagar Degree College campus, about 25 kms from here, police and witnesses said, reports BSS.

#### Swedish fighter planes collide

STOCKHOLM, Oct 10: Two Swedish military Viggen fighter planes collided in mid-air in central Sweden today, but the two pilots parachuted to safety and survived, Swedish military headquarters announced.

## DSE reimposes 10 pc 'circuit breaker'

Dhaka Stock Exchange, which witnessed a wild bull run for the last two weeks, reimposed the 'circuit breaker' in share trading yesterday to avert any sharp rise or fall in stock prices amid fears of a possible crash, reports UNB.

Decision to apply a 10 per cent circuit breaker came from an emergency meeting of the DSE council held in the afternoon following an order issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

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On the other hand, operators in the kerb market outside the DSE trading floor became agitated after prices of many of the

issues dipped for the second consecutive day yesterday the last trading day of the week.

According to the operators, the decline is due to the recent warning by the SEC, the market watchdog, which dampened the mood and confidence of the investors about the share market.

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### Corruption case against Tareq, Iskandar filed

By Staff Correspondent

The Bureau of Anti-Corruption yesterday filed a case against former premier Begum Khaleda Zia's son Tareq Rahman, brother Syed Iskandar and five others including their business partners for alleged misappropriation of money in 1992, police sources said.

Anti-Corruption officer K M Firoz Miah filed the case with Motijheel thana at about 1:15pm under sections 420 and 109 of Bangladesh Penal Code and section 5(2) of Corruption Prevention Law, police said.

The persons named in the FIR are Chairman of Unitech Apparel Ltd Syed Iskandar, its Managing Director Tareq Rahman, and directors Giasuddin Al-Mamun, Belal Millat and Reazuddin Al-Mamun. The two others named in the FIR are Shawkat Ali Chowdhury and Milon Ahmed, police sources said.

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### ALCWC extended meet today

## Schedule for council session to be fixed

Star Report

An extended meeting of the Awami League Central Working Committee (ALCWC) in the city today will fix the schedule for the party's national council session due in the first week of December, party sources said.

The meeting is likely to form a council session preparatory committee headed by party chief and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Besides, a number of sub-committees will also be formed to make the session a success, the sources said.

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WB report says  
Judicial system in Bangladesh does not meet needs of citizens

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Due to low public faith in the courts and high cost of using it, people often shoulder substantial losses rather than submit disputes to judicial adjudication to forego legitimate claims, said a recent World Bank (WB) report titled, "Government that Works: Reforming the Public Sector".

The laws and judicial system of Bangladesh neither meet the needs of the citizens nor create an environment conducive to transactional efficiency, the report added.

"Legislation is badly designed and outdated, procedures are cumbersome, the superior judiciary does very little monitoring, court facilities are very inadequate and there are too few well-trained judges and law officers," the report noted.

Acknowledging that the monitoring system of the lower judiciary needed improvement, the Minister of State for Law and Justice Abdul Matin Khasru said that his govern-

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Ctg Medical College  
JCD chief held, arms recovered

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Oct 10: The President of JCD, Chittagong Medical college unit, Rasheedunnabi Biplob, was arrested, along with two other activists from Mirzapur area under Panchla thana this afternoon.

Police said, one sawed off rifle and three bullets were also recovered from his possession.

According to police Biplob was earlier attacked by local people at Mirzapur as he along with his four accomplices snatched a briefcase from a textile mill.

Police rushed to the spot and arrested three activists of the JCD, including Biplob, while another managed to escape.

Police said, Biplob is wanted in some other criminal cases.

Meanwhile, after the arrest a large number of police were deployed at all important points of the city to prevent any outbreak of violence.

Farmers assault agri officer, fertiliser dealers

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Oct 10: Three persons including an Agriculture Officer were severely assaulted by some farmers in Barguna town this afternoon.

Witnesses said, more than one thousand farmers brought out a procession in Barguna town today demanding regular supply of fertiliser. At one stage, some of the angry farmers left the procession and assaulted Mahabubur Rahman, Deputy Director, Agriculture Extension Department (AED) of Barguna and two BDCI appointed fertiliser dealers — Narayan Chandra Das and Selim Mirza — at Sher-e-Bangla Road in the town.

Police later rescued them.

4 policemen closed for 'raping' girl

From Our Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Oct 10: Four police personnel, including a Sub-inspector of Raon thana have been closed and they are now being interrogated for allegedly raping a young girl while she was in thana custody.

The victim, one Smita Rani Chowdhury, alleged that the four police men had raped her after making her unconscious at the thana office last night.

Smita has been taken to the Chittagong Medical College Hospital for checkups.

The SP of Chittagong has started an investigation into the case.

### Tale of a pair of shoes



Some slum dwellers brought out a procession in the city yesterday protesting removal of slums before their rehabilitation.

— Star photo

### Tofael's cousin shot dead

A cousin of Commerce and Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed succumbed to injuries after he was shot by gunmen at Pallabi in the city last night, reports UNB.

He died at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital after midnight, hospital sources said.

Obaidul Haq, 50, also a leader of the ruling Awami League, received bullet wounds in his head and abdomen in the gun attack by some unidentified, police said.

He was shot at as soon he came down from his "Ananya Apparels" factory on the second floor of Ajanta Plaza at Pallabi

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### 11 sacked army officials appeal to President

Eleven of the 15 senior military officials, sacked by the then president Abdur Rahman Biswas on May 20, appealed to President Shahabuddin Ahmed on Wednesday for reconsideration of the action and for justice, reports Probe News Agency.

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The election is scheduled to be held on 15th of this month.

The by-election is due following the death of Awami League MP Sharifuddin Ahmed. He won the seat in the June 12 general elections with a margin of 16,839 votes. Ahmed had secured 51,369 votes, while his nearest rival, Zakaria Khan Chowdhury of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), who had served as an adviser to late President Ziaur Rahman, got 34,530 votes.

Zakaria Khan Chowdhury has withdrawn from the race at the directive of his party high command, which believes that the ruling AL is "determined to see its candidate win the seat". Abid Ali Chowdhury has also withdrawn his candidature in favour of his senior colleague in the JP, Sirajul Hossain Khan (KSMA).

A section of the JP leadership, which is known as anti-Awami League faction in the party also believes that the BNP supporters in Habiganj will support Sirajul Hossain Khan, who is known to be a member of the anti-Awami League faction of the party leadership.

With the BNP candidate staying away from the race, the AL and the JP candidates are now exposed to a direct fight that will benefit the latter more, according to political observers.

Initially, six candidates had

## Body to coordinate development, other activities in Ctg

sit at least once a month, are: Chairman of Chittagong Development Authority, Chairman of WASA, Chairman of Chittagong Port Authority, CMP Commissioner, WDB Chief Engineer, Chief Engineer of PDB, General Manager of T&T, Additional Chief Engineer of Works Department, DC of Chittagong, Superintending Engineer, Local Health Engineering Department, Director of Environment Directorate, Deputy Director of Social Welfare Directorate, Deputy General Manager of Bakrabhad Gas Systems and the Civil Surgeon of Chittagong.

The committee, with LGRD Minister as Convener and the Chittagong City Corporation Mayor as joint Convener, will plan well-coordinated development programmes to be implemented by the organisations concerned.

Other members of the coordination committee, which will

### JCD calls strike at DMC tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

The Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) unit of Dhaka Medical College (DMC) yesterday called a day-long strike at the college tomorrow.

Expressing satisfaction at the performance of Chittagong City Corporation, Hasina said the committee would help development to the city dwellers through an effective coordination among the organisations concerned.

The Prime Minister assured them of allout support for the development of the port city.

Pointing at the importance

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### Habiganj-2 bypolls now an AL vs 'rest of all' affair

By Nurul Kabir

filed nomination papers for the by election. They included AL presidium member and Parliamentary Affairs Adviser to the Prime Minister Suranjit Sengupta, Zakaria Khan Chowdhury, Sirajul Hossain Khan, another JP leader of the district, Abid Ali Chowdhury, Tofazzel Hossain Chowdhury of the Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal (BSD) and Krishak Mohammad Sadique of the Krishak-Sramik Mukti Andolan (KSMA).

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