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

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Market capital Tk	9118.86 cr
Transactions in volume	199390
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 Mahbubur Rahman and Chief of Air Staff Air Vice-Marshal Jamaluddin Ahmed also made courtesy call on him separately. Later, Inspector General of Police M Azizul 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

Nine autorickshaws were gutted when a fire broke out in a garage at Hanirampur under Uttara thana in the city early yesterday. The vehicles belonging to a local autorickshaw 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 Mahanganj 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).

"No bid for any securities in a day shall be allowed in the exchange in excess of plus/minus 10 per cent compared to the previous day's rate," said a DSE notification issued after the meeting.

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.

"They (kerb market operators) were violent today, directing their anger towards us," said a DSE member, preferring anonymity. "There has been a lot of panic in the market ... people have been worried."

The SEC issued a notification on Wednesday warning the investors of possible risks in trading of securities on rumours or without verifying the economic fundamentals of companies.

Broadcast on television and published in newspapers, the SEC notice mentioned that pur-

chase or sale of securities at places other than the stock exchange is illegal.

The warning followed a wild bull market that witnessed galloping prices of securities of many companies without sound fundamentals and mushroom growth of operators in the kerb market — trading that takes place outside the official market, even on the street.

But after the SEC warning, the benchmark DSE All Share Price Index declined for the second consecutive day yesterday amid a sale pressure by the retail investors, most of whom are new in the stock market, sources in the market said.

"The situation is very grave. If there is any untoward incident, we will hold the SEC responsible," said another DSE member, adding that the SEC

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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 Unitek Apparel Ltd Syed Iskandar, its Managing Director Tareq Rahman, and directors Giasuddin Al-Mamun, Belal Millat and Rezaul Karim Al-Mamun. The two others named in the FIR are Shaikat Ali Chowdhury and Milon Ahmed, police sources said.

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## 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 gunmen, police said.

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

## 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.

The rest four including former Army chief ASM Nasim may appeal to the President soon, the news agency said.

Probe mentioned that articles 157(2), 157(4), 157(5) and 157(6) of the Bangladesh Army Act and the convention in the Bangladesh Army had been violated in constituting a court of the inquiry for the 15 freedom fighter army officials.

## 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.

The extended meeting is considered an important one and it is the last high-level party meeting before the council session, said the sources.

Sheikh Hasina is scheduled to chair the extended meeting at 10 am today at a city hotel.

Fifteen members of AL pre-

sidium, 15 members of its advisory body, 65 members of ALCWC and presidents and general secretaries of 70 organisational districts of the party are scheduled to attend the meeting, being held as a follow up of the last working committee meeting held on October 4.

AL joint Secretary Abdul Jalil told The Daily Star that holding of council session both at national and at district and thana levels would come up prominently on the agenda of the meeting.

Six teams formed earlier to look into matters relating to district level council sessions in the six divisions of the country would get their assignments at today's meeting. Besides, 140 district level leaders, who are

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

Star Report

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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## Body to coordinate development, other activities in Ctg

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday announced a committee for better coordination among service and other organisations in the port city of Chittagong, country's commercial lifeline, reports UNB.

The 16-member committee, with LGED 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

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 Bakhabad Gas Systems and the Civil Surgeon of Chittagong.

The committee was launched in a meeting of CCC Mayor A B M Mohiuddin Chowdhury and its commissioners with the Prime Minister at the International Conference Centre in the city yesterday afternoon.

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

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

Pointing at the importance

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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, Rasheedunabi Biplob, was arrested, along with two other activists from Mirzapool area under Panchlaish 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 Mirzapool 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 BCIC appointed fertiliser dealers — Narayan Chandra Das and Selim Miridha — 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 Raouzan 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 Sima Rani Chowdhury, alleged that the four police men had raped her after making her unconscious at the thana office last night.

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

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

## Worst moment in Rao's life, first time in five decades

From Kunal Ganguly

NEW DELHI, Oct 10: For a man reputed to be a witty strategist and a political survivor, Prime Minister P V Narasimha Rao faced the worst moment in his life when two officers from the Central Bureau of Investigation arrested him on forgery charges. The 75-year-old scholar-politician had just finished eating his usual vegetarian dinner at his home in New Delhi when the drama took place.

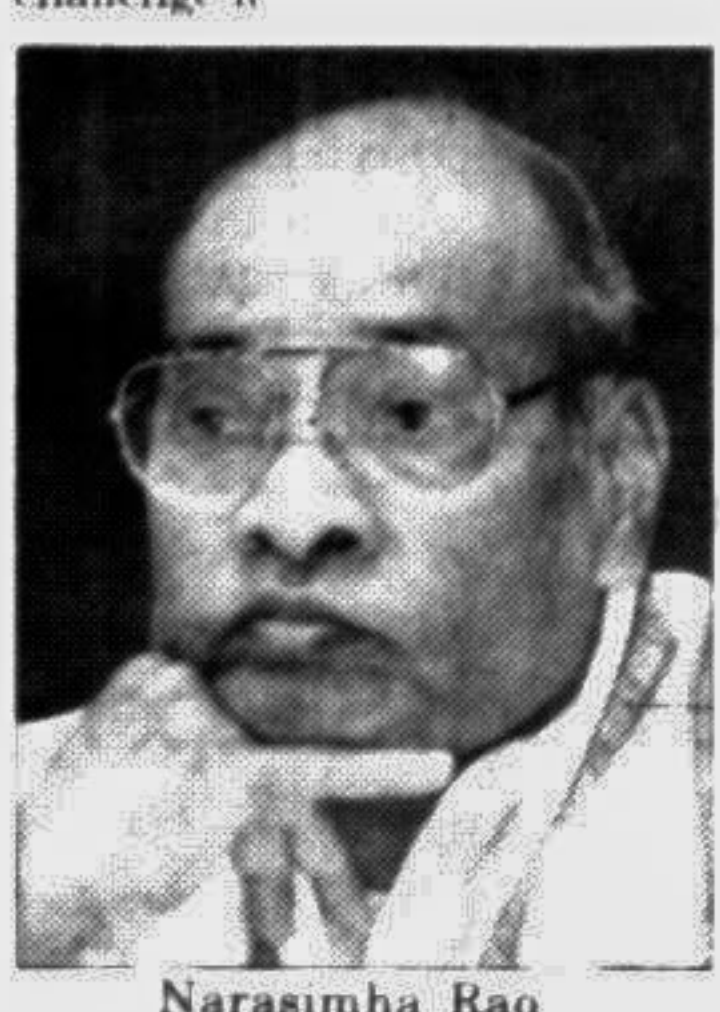
Though the 75-year-old leader was released on bail, this was the first time in India's five decades of political history after independence that a current or former prime minister had to be arrested on criminal charges.

The scholar-politician, who inherited the party leadership after former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was killed during the 1991 campaign, has made no comments on his arrest, but political analysts widely believe that the news will bring further bad name to the

It gave India its greatest leaders — from Mohandas Mahatma Gandhi to the post-independence Nehru Gandhi — a nasty and stamped its ideals of secularism and democracy on a nation that had lived under British colonial rule for 200 years.

Congress lost two of the previous 10 elections, in 1977 and 1989, but it was replaced by a succession of weak governments that quickly collapsed.

Of the last 49 years, it has governed all but 50 months. Blame for its election debacle was falling on Rao. Critics say Rao failed to curb corruption, that his economic reforms did not seep down to the rural poor, that he lost his grip on party affairs, that he failed to inspire the public with his pedantic style.



Narasimha Rao

The Congress lost the support of the Muslims when Rao failed to keep his promise to rebuild the ancient Babri Mosque that was destroyed in 1992 by a Hindu mob.

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

By Nurul Kabir

The parliamentary by-election in Habiganj-2 Constituency is now an Awami League (AL) versus 'rest of all' affair, although it was supposed to be a race between the AL and Jatiya Party candidates with the BNP officially keeping itself off the polls.

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.

Sirajul Hossain Khan, a presidential member of the Jatiya Party who had served the government of Ershad as a Minister, bagged 32,361 votes and secured third position in the electoral race.

Initially, six candidates had

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

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'.

Abul Ali Chowdhury has also withdrawn his candidature in favour of his senior colleague in the JP, Sirajul Hossain Khan.

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. Had it been a triangular

fight, the AL candidate could have an easy sail because the late party MP won the June 12 elections by a margin of 16,839 votes, one observer said.

Now that the BNP nominee has withdrawn from the race, most of the BNP supporters and sympathisers are likely to vote for the JP candidate according to the observers. "We have not issued any particular directives to our party rank and file in Habiganj, but the BNP supporters have no reason to vote for AL candidate, when the ruling party has indulged in repressing our activists across the country including the areas concerned," a member of the BNP standing committee told The Daily Star last night.

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 would be voting for Sirajul Hossain Khan, who is known to be a member of the anti-Awami League faction of the party leadership.

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## Save Dhaka, Clean Dhaka: Motivation campaign today

By Staff Correspondent

The boys and girls scouts of 48 schools and other scout units in the city will carry out a house-to-house motivation campaign today in their respective areas as part of Bangladesh Scouts' on-going 'Save Dhaka, Clean Dhaka' programme.

The two-hour motivation programme is scheduled to start at 9 in the morning under the supervision of nine Field Commissioners of the Bangladesh Scouts.

The programme aims at motivating the city dwellers to dump household garbage at dustbins from 6 pm to 9 pm.

Pioneered by The Daily Star, the 'Save Dhaka, Clean Dhaka' campaign is being carried out by the Bangladesh Scouts in co-operation with the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET). The programme was started on the first Friday of the current month and will be carried out on the

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## Release of waste in Buriganga Water treatment plant faces serious threat

By Reaz Ahmad

Release of waste through surface drains near Chadnighat Water Treatment Plant's (CWTP) intake point in the river Buriganga posed a serious threat to availability of fresh water for treatment and subsequent supply to city households, Dhaka WASA sources said.

CWTP's lone water treatment plant in the city is now being forced to relocate its intake point in the Buriganga further downstream to avoid the risk of taking dirty water for treatment and supply, the sources pointed out.

The tannery industry at Jaribagh having no treatment plant of its own is greatly polluting the river water and officials fear that the quantity of chromium, a metallic chemical

element, is on the rise in Buriganga water.

President of Bangladesh Finished Leather Association Rahmatullah told The Daily Star that the issue would be discussed at a meeting with the commerce and industries minister soon.

WASA sources pointed out that CWTP draws water from a point in the Buriganga, only about 700 metres from the plant, but soon the intake point would be shifted to 250 metres further downstream at a cost of Tk five crore to avert the hazard of filth released through surface drains.

But, experts are of the opinion that solving problems in an ad hoc basis would bring no good, rather, a long-term environmental

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## Indemnity Ordinance Report on repeal Oct 13 likely

By Staff Correspondent

The Law Ministry committee formed to examine legal aspects of the Indemnity Ordinance is expected to submit its report on October 13, reports UNB.

The committee is learnt to have completed its examination and now is working to finalise the report, officials of the ministry said.

The government formed the committee with Acting Secretary of the Law Ministry Aminullah as its convener on September 29 and asked to submit its report by October 20. But, officials said, the committee will be able to report a week before the stipulated time.

Meanwhile, Taheruddin Thakur is learnt to have expressed his desire to CID investigators to be approver of the Bangabandhu-killing case.

Thakur, the then state minister for information, was arrested early on October 3 and later brought under Criminal

**গ্যাস লাইন বিচ্ছিন্নকরণের বিশেষ অভিযান**

বকেয়া আদায়ের লক্ষ্যে তিতাস গ্যাস আওতাভুক্ত সকল এলাকায় সরকারী ও স্বায়ত্বশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানসহ সকল খেলাপী গ্রাহকের গ্যাস লাইন বিচ্ছিন্নকরণের বিশেষ অভিযান ১২ অক্টোবর ১৯৯৬ থেকে পুনরায় শুরু হচ্ছে। সেই সাথে অর্থ গ্যাস সংযোগ বিচ্ছিন্ন কার্যক্রম যথারীতি চলবে।

গ্যাস সংযোগ বিচ্ছিন্নকরণ দলের সদস্যদের নিকট কোম্পানীর পরিচয়পত্র ও সংযোগ বিচ্ছিন্নকরণ আদেশ থাকবে।

সম্মতিদেহ গ্রাহকদের অবিলম্বে বকেয়া গ্যাস বিল পরিশোধ করে সংযোগ বিচ্ছিন্নকারী দলকে গ্যাস ব্যবহারের স্থানে বকেয়া পরিশোধের রসিদ প্রদর্শন করার অনুরোধ জানানো হল। সংযোগ বিচ্ছিন্নকৃত কোন গ্রাহক সকাল ৮-০০ হইতে ৫-০০ টার মধ্যে কোম্পানীর সর্জনগত কোন/অফিসে বিচ্ছিন্নকরণের পূর্বে পরিশোধিত বিলের রসিদ দেখাতে পারলে তৎক্ষণিকভাবে পুনর সংযোগ প্রদানের ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হবে।

সংযোগ বিচ্ছিন্নকৃত ও (তিন) মাসের মধ্যে পুনর সংযোগ না নিলে গ্যাস সংযোগ স্থায়ীভাবে বিচ্ছিন্নকরণসহ গ্যাস সরবরাহ তুচ্ছ বাতিল করা হবে।

বকেয়া আদায় এবং গ্যাসের অবৈধ ব্যবহার বা অপব্যয় রোধকল্পে সকলের সহযোগিতা একান্ত কাম্য।

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