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Transactions in volume	460076
Transactions in value Tk	1223 cr
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CSE price index	870.42
Market capital Tk	8962.02 cr
Transactions in volume	201840
Transactions in value Tk	3.63 cr

NEWS BRIEFS

President to visit Bhasani's mazar

President Shahabuddin Ahmed will pay a visit to Santosh soon to offer *zarat* at the mazar of Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani, Bangabhaban sources said yesterday, reports BSS.

Chandrika greets Shahabuddin

President of Sri Lanka Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga has felicitated Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed on his assumption of the office of President. In her message, the Sri Lankan President hoped that existing cordial and friendly relations between the two countries would continue to widen and deepen in future, reports UNB.

Student politics allowed at SBMC

From Staff Correspondent
BARISAL, Oct 12: The students of the Barisal Shree Bangla Medical College (SBMC) were allowed to resume political activities from today after 2 years and 2 months. The decision was taken at a recent meeting of the academic council. It was also decided to hold the college students union election on the 21st Nov next.

City BNP meets today

An emergency meeting of Dhaka City unit of the BNP will be held today at 7 pm at 29 Minto Road, the official residence of the Leader of the Opposition, Joint Convener, presidents and general secretaries of thana committees and pro-BNP ward commissioners of Dhaka City Corporation have been invited to attend the meeting. Meanwhile, a meeting of the "National Revolution and Solidarity Day Observance Committee" will be held today at 29 Minto Road at 5 pm, reports UNB.

Power sub-station ransacked

From Staff Correspondent
BARISAL, Oct 12: A group of agitated people ransacked the power sub-station at Natun Bazar in the town this evening protesting irregular power supply in the area. Witnesses said the group attacked the sub-station around 7 pm, and damaged the doors, windows and an auto-tempo in front of the sub-station.

PM's directive to complete work on JMB in due time

BHUPUR (Tangail), Oct 12: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today instructed the authorities concerned to expedite the work on the Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge so that this number one national priority project could be commissioned in due time, reports BSS.

The Prime Minister, who came here for the first time after formation of her government to see the progress of work on the project, said that her government would provide all-out cooperation and assistance to complete the bridge.

A long-time dream of the northern population, the 900-million US dollar Jamuna Bridge Project, when completed, would bring an epoch-making development in communication network and usher in a new chapter in the socio-economic development of the country.

"Please bring to my notice at once if you face any bottlenecks or hindrances in any stage of implementation of this prestigious project," the Prime Minister told the authorities engaged in implementation.

At the project site, the Prime Minister was apprised of the various aspects of the project and its progress by Secretary, Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Project Division Abdul Mueyed Chowdhury. He was assisted by project manager Mike Smith.

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad, Post and Telecommunication Minister Mohammad Nasim, Communications Minister Anwar Hossain, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury, Abdul Mannan MP

and Abdul Latif Siddiqui MP accompanied the Prime Minister. Communications Secretary Waliul Islam and Director General of Railway MA Mannaf were also present.

The Prime Minister particularly showed keen interest in commissioning the railway provision right at the time of opening the project to traffic. She instructed the authorities to quicken the completion of the railway track on both the sides of the bridge. She asked the authorities to complete the acquisition of necessary lands for the railway track.

Officials said 1450 acres of land from Joydevpur to Serajganj would be required for the construction of the railway track, of which 278 acres in Gazipur Sadar thana has already been acquired.

Water-sharing Ministers' meet in Delhi Oct 27-28

A Foreign Minister-level meeting between Bangladesh and India will be held in New Delhi next month to further discuss the sharing of the Ganges water, report agencies.

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad told reporters yesterday evening that he would lead the Bangladesh side at the planned meeting with his Indian counterpart I K Gujral.

The date of the meeting will be fixed at a time convenient to both sides, he said.

Before the Foreign Minister-level talks, the Water Resources Ministers of Bangladesh and India will be meeting October 27-28 in New Delhi. Bangladesh Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak will go to attend the water talks.

In reply to a question, Azad said Dhaka has no intention to internationalise the Ganges. See Page 12 Col 6

Talks with IMF soon for \$ 600m loan, says Kibria

Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria yesterday said the government would soon start negotiation with IMF for a loan of some 600 million US dollars to meet any contingency but ruled out any crisis in balance of payment in the near future, reports UNB.

"We're keeping our options open... and trying to be prepared for every situation," he told a news conference, briefing about his recent visit to Washington, DC, for attending the meeting of Board of Governors of the World Bank-IMF Group.

Kibria, who returned home on Thursday, led a Bangladesh delegation in the meeting after attending the Commonwealth Finance Ministers Conference

in Bermuda September 24-26. During his meeting with the Managing Director of International Monetary Fund, Michel Camdessus, the minister approached him about the Enhanced Structural Adjustment Facility (ESAF), a phase of which expired in 1993.

Kibria said Bangladesh does not need immediate support for its balance of payment and the final decision whether the country would take the loan from the international body would come later, after the negotiation.

"It's too early to say whether the country will need support, everything will depend on the performance of the economy..." See Page 12 Col 4

Ozone hole covers 90 pc of Antarctica

GENEVA, Oct 12: For the fourth week in a row, scientific monitoring shows the loss of an entire ozone layer in the atmosphere, the United Nations weather agency said Friday, reports AP.

The surface area of the loss remains roughly steady — about 7.7 million square miles (20 million sq kms) — twice the size of Europe, the World Meteorological Organisation said.

"About 90 per cent of Antarctica is covered by the ozone hole, which has expanded also over the ocean areas," said Dr Rumen Bojkov, WMO's adviser on ozone.

A protective shield of atmospheric gas, ozone absorbs and See Page 12 Col 6

Khaleda goes to S Arabia today

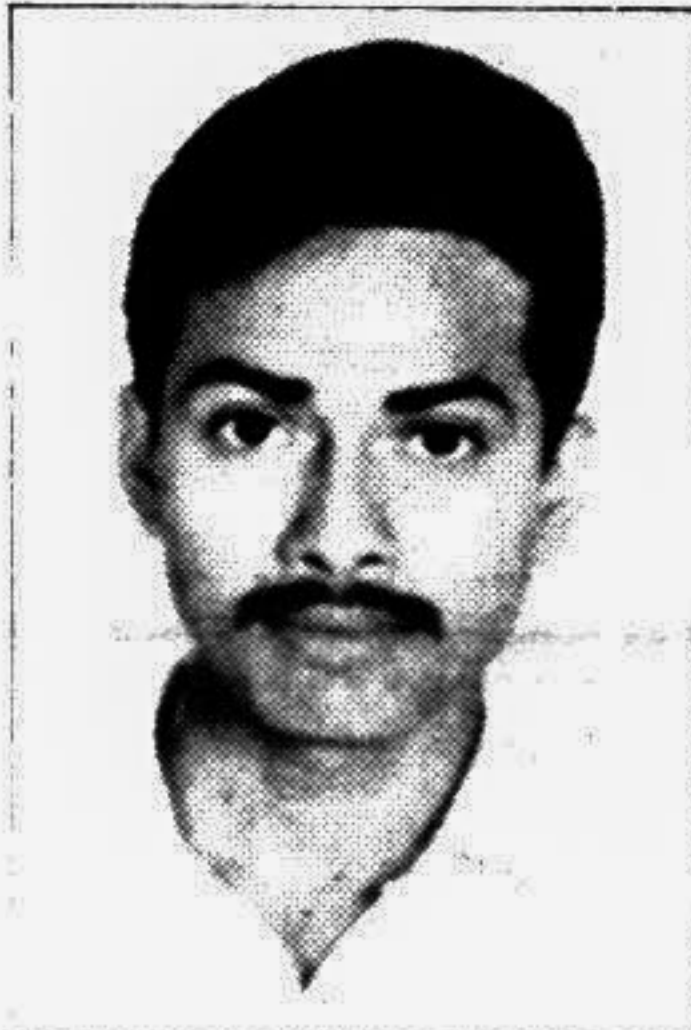
By Staff Correspondent

Leader of the Opposition in the Jatiya Sangsad and BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia leaves for Saudi Arabia today to perform Umrah at the invitation of King Fahad Bin Abdul Aziz.

Begum Zia is scheduled to fly from the Jatiya International Airport by a Saudi Airlines flight at noon.

This will be the first foreign trip of the former prime minister since her government resigned on March 30 this year.

Begum Zia's entourage includes her sons Tareq Rahman and Arafat Rahman, Tareq's wife, Begum Zia's brother Sayed Iskandar and his wife, her per- See Page 12 Col 1



Nasiruddin Ahmed Munna

PIO's son murdered in city

A son of the Principal Information Officer of the government was killed in a 'terrorist' attack in the city's Mohammadpur area on Friday night, reports UNB.

The dead was named Nasiruddin Ahmed Munna, 26, the second son of PIO Makhul Ahmed.

Police said Munna came under attack by a group of terrorists near a family planning office at Arwangee Road while, along with two friends, returning home after attending a function at about 8:30 pm.

The attackers, said to be members of the daring Joseph group of Mohammadpur area, See Page 12 Col 8



Major portion of the river Dhaleswari at a point near the Bank Colony in Savar thana is being illegally earth-filled for the protection of an under-construction textile mills, obstructing normal flow of the river. — Star photo by Anisur Rahman

'SAPTA doesn't allow transit for two regions of a country'

Former Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman sharply reacted to the Prime Minister's remark at a party meeting Friday that "BNP gave transit to India through SAPTA."

"I feel this is not correct. It's a misquoting of facts," he told UNB at his Gulshan residence in the city yesterday evening.

Mostafiz, who signed the SAPTA (South Asian Preferential Trading Arrangement) on behalf of Bangladesh in 1993 along with the foreign ministers of other SAARC countries, said: "This was not a bilateral agreement."

As a foreign minister of former BNP government, I had not signed any document bilaterally with India on the issue of transit," said the BNP standing committee member from his sickbed.

Termining the SAPTA a "public document," Mostafiz said it should be made public so that people are aware of its contents.

The people of the country, he added, should be given the opportunity to read and evaluate the SAPTA to find out the reasons of signing such an agreement.

He said this was a regional agreement signed by all seven foreign ministers of the SAARC member countries. "It's not a question of only two countries."

There is a provision in the SAPTA for transportation of goods from one SAARC country to another through the territory of a third country. Mostafiz said: "But it does not mean that goods will be transported between the two regions of a country through another member country."

For argument's sake, he explained, if such transportation of goods between the two regions happens then it should be called a corridor like Tin Bigha.

Replying to question, the former foreign minister said: "Foreign policy cannot change overnight. I don't claim that our policy was extraordinary. But we were able to give it a certain direction."

Asked about the latest development of the Ganges water sharing issue, the BNP leader See Page 12 Col 7

Fire breaks out at Bangabazar again

By Staff Correspondent

A fire broke out at Bangabazar market in the city last night. A garments shop was gutted and two other nearby shops were damaged.

The cause of the fire could not be known immediately. However, an agency report said, the blaze originated from an electric short circuit.

The fire was brought under control within around 20 minutes," said a fire brigade official. The extent of damage was not immediately known.

Some people were also seen looting goods from the nearby area before the arrival of the police, witnesses said.

The Bangabazar, the country's biggest wholesale and retail market, See Page 12 Col 5

Rape of woman in Raozan: Probe body begins work

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Oct 12: The two-member committee formed by the district administration earlier has started investigation into the alleged rape of one Sima Rani Chowdhury in custody at Raozan thana by four police personnel, according to official sources here today.

The committee members are ADC (dev) of Chittagong Monjur Hossain and Additional SP Maruf Hasan.

Police officials said that the probe report would be submitted shortly. See Page 12 Col 5

All market indicators fall at DSE

By Rafiq Hasan

Market indicators at the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) fell sharply yesterday following re-imposition of 'circuit breaker' system in share trading.

A large number of share holders rushed to the DSE to sell their shares resulting in fall of the All Share Price Index and the Market Capitalisation, according to sources in the DSE.

The All Share Price Index declined by 106 points to 1934.40 points from 2044.43 on Thursday, the closing day of the week.

The market capitalisation also decreased by more than Tk 629.85 crore and closed at Tk See Page 12 Col 7

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- শেয়ার বিনিয়োগে যেমন লাভের সম্ভাবনা আছে তেমন লোকসানের ঝুঁকিও রয়েছে। শেয়ার বাজারে শেয়ার মূল্য ইয়া বা ক্রয়মূল্যের নিচে নেমে আসার কারণে মূলধনী লোকসান হতে পারে। কোম্পানী লোকসান বা সীমিত লাভ করার কারণে লভ্যাংশ নাও প্রদান করতে পারে।
- গুজব বা কানকথার উপর ভিত্তি করে বিনিয়োগ করবেন না। বিনিয়োগ সিদ্ধান্ত নেবার আগে (ক) প্রাথমিক শেয়ার বা আইপিওর ক্ষেত্রে প্রসপেক্টাস বা অফার ফর সেল; (খ) রাইট শেয়ারের ক্ষেত্রে রাইট শেয়ার অফার ডকুমেন্ট; এবং (গ) ষ্টক এক্সচেঞ্জের মাধ্যমে শেয়ার ক্রয় বা বিক্রয়ের ক্ষেত্রে সর্বশেষ বার্ষিক/অর্ধবার্ষিক হিসাব বিবরণী; বিবেচনা করবেন। সংশ্লিষ্ট কোম্পানীর আর্থিক অবস্থা, ব্যবসা পরিস্থিতি, ব্যবস্থাপনা দক্ষতা ইত্যাদি সম্পর্কে অবগত হয়ে বিনিয়োগ করবেন। এ বিষয়ে বিনিয়োগকারী অভিজ্ঞ ও নির্ভরযোগ্য বিনিয়োগ উপদেষ্টার পরামর্শ নিতে পারেন।
- ষ্টক এক্সচেঞ্জ বাতীত অন্য স্থানে শিকিউরিটিজ ক্রয় বা বিক্রয় আইন সংগত নয়। এক্ষেত্রে বিনিয়োগকারীদের জাল সার্টিফিকেট, অন্যায্য মূল্য বা অন্যায্য পরিস্থিতির শিকার হওয়ার সম্ভাবনা রয়েছে।
- কমিশন হতে সনদপ্রাপ্ত ষ্টক-ডিলার বা ষ্টক-ব্রোকার বা তাদের অনুমোদিত প্রতিনিধি ব্যতীত অন্য কারো মাধ্যমে শিকিউরিটিজ ক্রয়বিক্রয় করবেন না।
- শিকিউরিটিজ ক্রয়বিক্রয়কালে ষ্টক-ডিলার বা ষ্টক-ব্রোকার বা তাদের অনুমোদিত প্রতিনিধিকে লিখিত ক্রয়/বিক্রয় আদেশ প্রদান করবেন। ষ্টক-ডিলার বা ষ্টক-ব্রোকার ক্রয়বিক্রয় শেষ হওয়ার ২৪ ঘণ্টার মধ্যে বিনিয়োগকারীদের কনফারমেশন নোট প্রদান করতে বাধ্য।
- ষ্টক-ডিলার বা ষ্টক-ব্রোকার বিনিয়োগকারীদের ক্রয়ের ক্ষেত্রে ক্রয়ের সর্বোচ্চ দশ দিনের মধ্যে শেয়ার ডেলিভারী এবং বিক্রয়ের ক্ষেত্রে বিক্রয়ের সর্বোচ্চ দশ দিনের মধ্যে মূল্য পরিশোধ করতে বাধ্য।
- বিনিয়োগকারীরা প্রবঞ্চিত হলে বা তাদের অধিকার লংঘিত হলে তারা কমিশনের "অভিযোগ সেল"-এ যোগাযোগ করতে পারেন।

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Miss World's swimsuit contest shifted from India to Seychelles amid protest

BOMBAY, Oct 12: The swimsuit round of the 1996 Miss World Pageant has been shifted from India to the Indian Ocean island of Seychelles following mounting protests against the contest, the hosts said today, reports AP.

Manohar Arcot, General Manager of the Amitabh Bachchan Corp. Ltd (ABCL), the organisers said the swimsuit round and the profiling of the contestants would be moved because they could cause problems in India.

"In the background of protests in India (against the contest) we felt it was better to See Page 12 Col 8

an irritant, let us remove it," Arcot told AFP from the southern city of Bangalore where the pageant will be held.

"Also, the Seychelles government was very keen and enthusiastic to hold the entire event this year. They were making it worth our while," he said.

Arcot said ABCL had signed the deal with the Seychelles authorities three weeks ago.

"We did not announce it for so long because our teams were checking out the logistics," he said.

Miss World contestants begin arriving in India on November 2 and the final contest is scheduled for November 23.

The swimsuit round and profiling was due between November 6 and 11.

But the beauty contest ran into stiff opposition in India from Hindu nationalists and women's groups who have branded it obscene and an insult to Indian culture.

One women's group threatened suicide protests at the venue and other feminist and protest groups said they would sabotage the event. It is the first time an international beauty pageant is being held in India.

Arcot said the move to the See Page 12 Col 3

Seychelles would be a loss to India, and criticised the media coverage of the protests as 'unbalanced'.

"The benefits and the prominence India will gain by hosting the event are not getting due mention in the media. The media is not being balanced," he said.

An anti-beauty contest action committee plans to collect 100,000 signatures to exert pressure on provincial authorities to demand the event be shelved and announced a protest meeting in Bangalore for October 31.

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