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DSE price index	2101.17
Market capital Tk	14700.89 cr
Transactions in volume	648213
Transactions in value Tk	25.26 cr
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CSE price index	863.80
Market capital Tk	9099.78 cr
Transactions in volume	404695
Transactions in value Tk	8.49 cr

NEWS BRIEFS

Speaker leaves for S Arabia
 Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury left Dhaka yesterday afternoon for Saudi Arabia to perform Umrah. He is accompanied by his wife Begum Mehjabin Chowdhury, and some other family members. The Speaker will return home on October 24, reports UNB.

Directive to identify khas land in city
 The members of the task force of Land Ministry have been directed to identify the khas land, vested property, abandoned land and unutilized acquisitioned land of Dhaka metropolitan area. The directive was given at a meeting of the task force yesterday with State Minister for Land Hajaj Rasheed Mosharaf in the chair, reports UNB.

Biman to resume flights to Barisal
 Biman Bangladesh Airlines will resume its flights to Barisal according to Winter Schedule as announced earlier. As per the schedule, the flights will be operated according to following manner every Sunday beginning November 3: BG 071 Sunday DEP Dhaka 1420 hrs ARR Barisal 1455 hrs. BG 072 Sunday DEP Barisal 1525 hrs ARR Dhaka 1600 hrs, reports UNB.

RB HSC results tomorrow
 Results of the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) Examination 1996 of the Rajshahi Board will be published tomorrow at 11 am.

World Cup qualifying match turns into worst tragedy in years

Stampede kills 83 soccer fans in Guatemala

Some deadly stampedes at soccer ties

GUATEMALA CITY, Oct 17: Soccer fans stampeded before a World Cup qualifying match, crushing and smothering one another in panic in one of the worst sports tragedies in years. At least 83 people — many of them children with grotesquely broken bones — were killed and 180 were hurt, reports AP.

President Alvaro Arzu, who witnessed Wednesday night's mayhem from a box seat at the Mateo Flores National Stadium, called off Guatemala's match with Costa Rica and declared three days of national mourning.

"It's terrible! It's terrible!" said Marlon Ivan Leon, a defender for the Guatemalan national team who stood sobbing by a long row of bodies lined up on the track inside the stadium.

"What does soccer matter now?" said Guatemala's head coach, Horacio Cordero.

Most of the bodies laid out under the glare of stadium lights were young men and women and children, some wearing T-shirts boosting the Guatemalan team.

Firefighters crossed the stiffening arms of the dead neatly over their chests, and covered those whose clothes had been torn them with blankets and their uniform jackets. Fans had filled the 45,000-seat stadium far past capacity for the qualifying match for the 1998 World Cup tournament.

By an hour before the game's scheduled 8 pm (0200 GMT) start, fans dressed in Guatemala's national colours of blue and white were perched on even the press box and stadium walls, and all but blocked the gates.

There were conflicting accounts on what then set off the stampede. Initially, firefighters attributed it to desperate fans trying to claw their way through a concrete passageway into the sold-out stadium.

The world soccer association FIFA, however, said forgers apparently had sold fake tickets to the match, bringing far more people to the stadium than could fit.

Fans outside kicked down an entrance door in the south stands, sending other spectators tumbling to stands below. As the stampede began, guards opened security gates onto the field to try to ease the crush, FIFA said in a statement issued this morning from its head-



A man trying to give first aid to a victim of a stampede at Mateo Flores Stadium in Guatemala City on Monday. — AFP/UNB photo

Mysterious death in custody



The sister of Tuhin (inset) weeping after receiving the news of death of her brother in police custody in the city yesterday. — Star photo

By Staff Correspondent
 A young man, arrested on suspicion from Khilgaon area Wednesday evening, was found dead inside the bathroom of the custody cell in Motijheel thana early yesterday, police said.

The deceased was identified as Soem Mahmud Tuhin, 20, son of late Abdullah bin Mohammad, was a resident of Khilgaon Bagicha. He was found dead inside the cell at about 4 am. Youngest of three brothers and a sister. Tuhin was an activist of BNP's youth wing the Jubo Dal, claimed his family members.

The family of the deceased alleged that Tuhin was tortured to death, while the police claimed that he had committed suicide in the bathroom of the cell.

Police, quoting the report by metropolitan magistrate Reazul Kader, said that the body of the deceased was found hanging from the pipe of the bathroom with a shoe lace. There was no mark of injury over the body, police quoted the report as saying.

The body was sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital for autopsy yesterday afternoon, police added.

Police said that Tuhin was wanted in two cases and was arrested at around 7.35 pm Wednesday from Khilgaon Bagicha area under Section 54. Police claimed that Tuhin

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Probe body formed
 The government yesterday formed a one-member committee to investigate the death of a young man in custody at Motijheel thana in the city, said an official handout.

The committee headed by Murtaza Ahmed, Metropolitan Magistrate, Dhaka, has been asked to submit the report within two days.

DB 24.32 pc: CB 30.76 pc: JB 19.35 pc: Ctg 34.49 pc

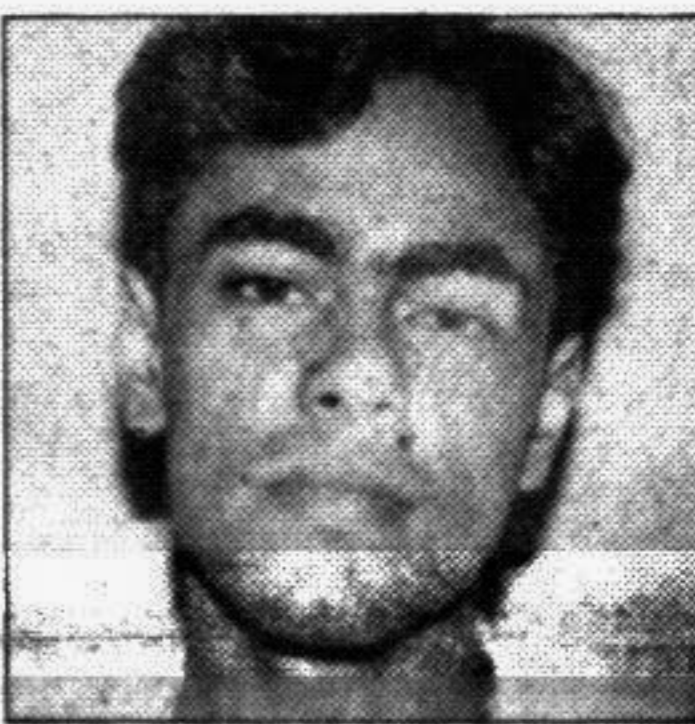
HSC results of 4 edn boards announced

By Staff Correspondent
 Results of Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations of 1996 under Dhaka, Comilla, Chittagong and Jessore education boards were announced yesterday.

The results of the Rajshahi board will be announced tomorrow, said a government handout.

Out of 393 950 who appeared at the examinations under the four boards, 99,175 came out successful. The percentage of pass is 24.32 in Dhaka Board, 30.76 in Comilla Board, 19.35 in Jessore Board and 34.49 in Chittagong Board. The average percentage is 25.17.

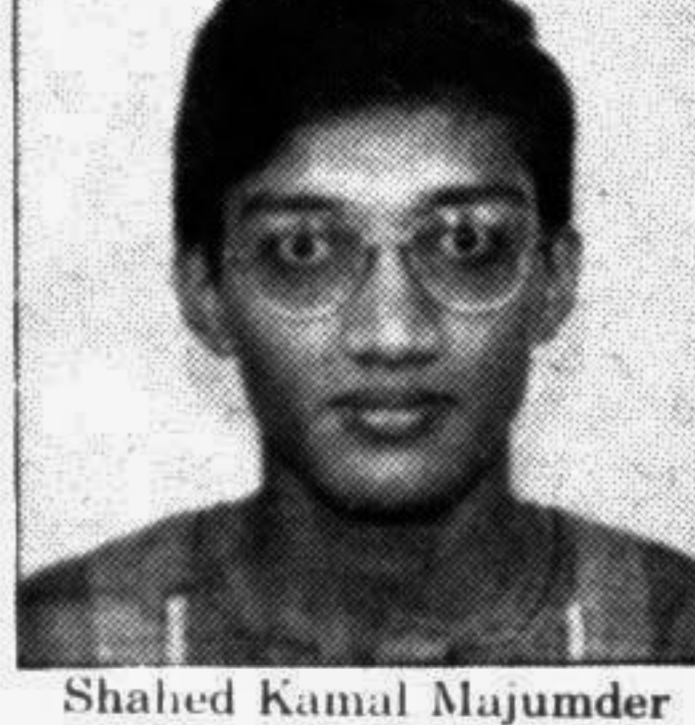
This is for the first time this year that HSC examinations under all the five education boards were held with same questions.



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Percentage of pass falls
 The percentage of pass in the HSC examinations under the four education boards this year has dropped sharply compared to those of previous years.

According to the results announced yesterday, the percentage of pass in the Comilla Board is 30.76, Chittagong 34.49, Dhaka 24.32, and Jessore Board 19.35.

The HSC examinations this time were held under five education boards — Dhaka, Comilla, Chittagong, Jessore and Rajshahi. See Page 12 col 7

4 colleges capture most of top positions
 Students of the Dhaka College, Comilla Cadet College, Barisal Cadet College and Chittagong College captured most of the positions in the merit lists in the HSC examination of 1996 under their respective education boards, reports UNB.

Chittagong College secured 33 positions in the combined merit lists of two groups — 17 in the combined list of the Science group and 16 in the Humanities group.

Chittagong Government Commerce College took 14 positions, all from the Commerce group, while Fauzdarhat Cadet College secured six positions from Science group. See Page 12 col 7

Harun's panel sweeps FBCCI election

By Staff Correspondent
 The panel of Yussuf Abdullah Harun swept the election of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industries (FBCCI) held here yesterday according to unofficial results declared by the Election Board of the Chamber late last night.

Harun was declared elected President of the FBCCI for a two year term. He scored 171 votes while his rival, Latifur Rahman got 70 votes.

Kazi Shafigul Islam from the association group was declared elected Vice-President of the FBCCI. He scored 310 votes while Amin Laskar secured 180 votes and the other candidate MA Kamal got 128 votes.

The other members of Harun's chamber panel who were unofficially declared elected are: Muhammad Razzak Sharif (192 votes), Jahangir Akhand Selim (168), Abdur Razzak Khan (167), SM Nazrul Islam (187), Muhammad Ali Sarkar (145), MA Muzim (224).



Yusuf Abdullah Harun

'93 Bombay riots: 11 Muslims get life-term
 BOMBAY, Oct 17: A court convicted 11 Muslims of murder and sentenced them to life in prison for burning six Hindus to death during religious riots that erupted in Bombay three years ago, newspapers reported Thursday, reports AP.

The judge said the prosecution had not proved charges against 10 other suspects, and acquitted them in his ruling Wednesday.

The 11 convicted men locked the victims in their houses and set the buildings on fire.

More than 800 people were killed in Bombay during three days of violence that erupted across the country after Hindu nationalists tore down an ancient mosque in the town of Ayodhya in northern India. The riots killed 2,000 people nationwide.

Low over Bay may intensify this evening

The low over South-West Bay and adjoining West-Central Bay is likely to intensify this evening, the storm centre said in a forecast yesterday, reports BSS.

It said Wednesday's low over South-West Bay and adjoining West-Central Bay has become well marked over the same area yesterday. It is likely to intensify, it said and added that it could extend to North Bay.

Weather remained mainly dry over the country today and the day temperature remained nearly unchanged all over the country except at Rangamati and Majdi Court where it rose by 1.2 degree.

The highest temperature of the day was recorded at 36.2 degree at Kutubdia.

Save Dhaka, Clean Dhaka campaign today

By Staff Correspondent
 Boy and girl scouts of 48 schools and scout units in the capital will carry out a house-to-house motivation campaign today in their respective areas as part of the Bangladesh Scouts' on-going 'Save Dhaka, Clean Dhaka' programme.

The two-hour campaign will start at 9 in the morning under the supervision of nine Field Commissioners of the Bangladesh Scouts.

The campaign aims at motivating the city dwellers to dump

City development body formed EPZ in Rajshahi after JMB commissioned

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said an export processing zone (EPZ) in the Rajshahi region will be set up as soon as the Jamuna Bridge is commissioned, reports agencies.

One 300 MW power generation plant and another 110 MW power generation plant would also be set up at Barapukuria and Baghabari for solving the electricity crisis of the northern region, she said.

Addressing the Mayor and commissioners of the Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) who called on her at her office yesterday evening the prime minister said that an ambitious Taka 1000 crore integrated development scheme for the people of northern region was under active consideration of the government.

RCC Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu and ward commissioners Anwar Ali, Nurul Huda Chowdhury, and Shahidul Islam Mithu also spoke on the occasion. Mrs Zinnatunessa Talukder MP, were present.

Hasina said her government was making decisive efforts for getting due share of the Ganges water by resolving the Farakka problem to save North Bengal from its adverse impact.

"We'll have to save the country's northern part from desert-

Mother kills baby, hangs herself

From Our Correspondent
 NARAYANGANJ, Oct 17: Hard-hit by poverty, a mother reportedly committed suicide allegedly after killing her two-year-old baby at a village under Sonargaon thana last night.

The 25-year-old mother, Baby Begum, of Damdam village strangled her son, Kanak, while he was sleeping, police quoted the family members as saying. Later, she killed herself by hanging from the ceiling of her house, they added.

Police recovered the bodies

Procession at DU attacked: 6 injured

By DU Correspondent
 At least six students were assaulted when a procession brought out reportedly by general students of the Dhaka University came under attack near Madhu's canteen on the campus yesterday noon.

About 50 students brought out the procession welcoming the suggestion of President Shahabuddin Ahmed to impose a temporary ban on student politics.

The procession was attacked reportedly by some major stu-

Rajuk Commercial Plot Auction Notice

Most suitable Commercial-Cum-Residential Plot No. 16, Road No. 2, Sector No. 3 having road facilities on three sides measuring more or less 650 Sqr. metre (9 katha 11 chattak) of Uttara Model Town, Dhaka will be allotted for 99 years lease on open auction.

Applications on prescribed form with terms and conditions to be obtained from Sonali Bank, Rajuk Bhaban Branch, Dhaka on payment of Tk 500/- (Taka Five hundred) only in cash for each set (non-refundable) and will be received by the Deputy Director (Estates) from the intending bidders up to 2.00 PM on 5.11.96.

The auction will be held on 6.11.96 in the Conference Room 3rd floor of the Rajuk Bhaban, Dhaka at 10.00 AM.

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Draft Indemnity

Repeal Bill submitted

Star Report
 Minister of State for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Abdul Matin Khasru submitted the draft Indemnity Repeal Bill along with a special committee report and opinion of the Law Commission to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday, according to official sources.

The draft Bill along with the Committee report and opinion of the Commission will be placed before the Cabinet in its next meeting for approval. The Bill will be placed in the Jatiya Sangsad in its coming session, the state minister told The Daily Star last night.

The committee formed earlier to examine the Indemnity Ordinance in its report stated, "The Indemnity Ordinance, See Page 12 Col 3

Fire in foreign ship near Mongla: 3 die

From Our Correspondent
 KHULNA, Oct 17: Three persons died and three others were injured in a big fire that broke out in the engine room of a Panamanian ship MV Alexandria in the deep sea, about fifty nautical miles off the Mongla Port this morning.

According to the Harbour Master of Mongla Port, mechanical faults and excessive temperature were the causes of the fire.

The blaze was extinguished by firemen of Bangladesh Navy. See Page 12 Col 8

Jyoti Basu to visit Dhaka in mid-Nov

CALCUTTA, Oct 17: West Bengal Chief Minister Jyoti Basu would visit Bangladesh in the middle of next month to discuss the water sharing and other issues, reports PTI.

Basu, who arrived from New Delhi last night, said that he already had a talk with the External Affairs Minister I.K. Gujral with regard to what India desired from Bangladesh and what they wanted from us.

Basu said that the High Commissioner of Bangladesh had met him during his stay in the capital and "I told him that I can visit that country in the middle of November before that the Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will be away in the United Nations."

The President of Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry RK Dutt requested Basu at the annual general meeting to resolve the issue soon.

Durga Puja begins today

Durga Puja, the greatest religious festival of the Hindu community, begins today amid great enthusiasm, reports BSS.

More than 110 puja mandaps have been erected in Dhaka city this year.

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, in separate messages on the occasion, greeted the country's Hindu community.

Leader of the Opposition Be-

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