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DSE MARKET

DSE price index	2328.51
Market capital Tk	16480.13 cr
Transactions in volume	1136395
Transactions in value Tk	28.56 cr

CSE MARKET

CSE price index	1021.25
Market capital Tk	10981.94 cr
Transactions in volume	337484
Transactions in value Tk	7.25 cr

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BNPPP meets Oct 31

A meeting of the BNP Parliamentary Party will be held on October 31 at the No. 1 committee room of the Jatiya Sangsad at 8 pm. Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia will preside over the meeting, said a press release. Opposite Chief Whip Khandaker Delwar Hossain has requested the party MPs to attend the meeting, reports UNB.

12 BCL activists freed on bail

From Staff Correspondent SYLHET, Oct 27: Twelve leaders and workers of the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) were released on bail today. They were arrested on October 1 following an incident over realisation of unauthorised tolls from the Luekatoorah Tea garden areas.

Attack on Chinese national: 3 held

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Oct 27: Police arrested three suspected terrorists last night in connection with the attack on a Chinese national working in the Raosa 210 MW power station. The arrested were identified as Abdul Karim, Mehruul Islam and Ahmed Nabi.

22 die in Gujarat bus-truck collision

NEW DELHI, Oct 27: At least 22 people were killed and six injured when a bus collided with a truck in the western state of Gujarat, the United News of India reported today. The accident took place at Charodi, a village 200 km (125 miles) north of Bombay, the news agency said. It did not say when the collision took place. The bus was travelling from Ahmedabad to Bombay, reports Reuters.

City BNP joint meet today

In observance of the National Revolution and Solidarity Day, a joint coordinating meeting of Dhaka city BNP and its front organisation will be held at 6 pm at BNP central office today. The Dhaka city BNP convenor, joint convenors, and presidents and general secretaries of the front organisations have been requested to attend the meeting, reports UNB.

Snatching

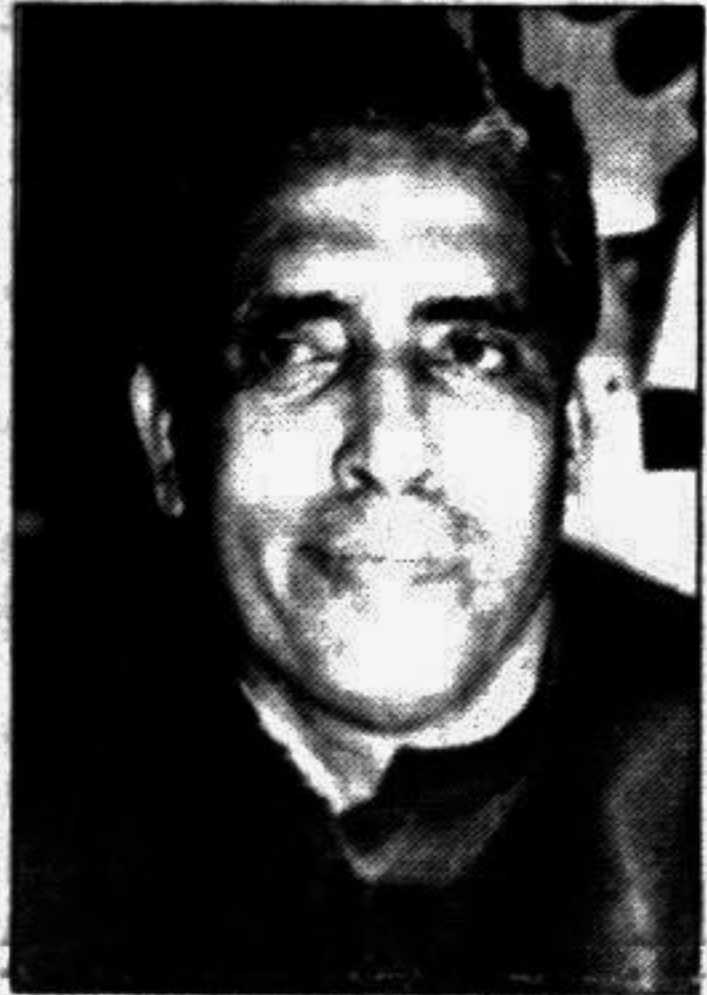
By Staff Correspondent Two gold rings and about 6,000 were snatched a woman and her daughter from near private clinic at Dhanmondi residential area in the city last night, said police. The snatchers—three youths—came by an autorickshaw and fled away after taking the gold rings and money from the mother and daughter. They were waiting for rickshaw in front of the clinic at Road No 3



WAIT, HAVE PATIENCE: Hundreds of patients, mostly mothers with babies, are queuing for hours everyday at the outdoor medicine counter of Dhaka Medical College Hospital since October 15. The trouble began when members of Bangladesh Diploma Pharmacists Association went for work-stoppage to press their demands. The strike will continue until November 5 from 9 am to 1 pm. — Star photo

Razzak leaves for Delhi today

Dhaka may seek around 40000 cusec of water



Abdur Razzak

Bangladesh may ask for 35,000 to 40,000 cusec of water during the leanest period as Dhaka and New Delhi resume talks on sharing of the Ganges flow tomorrow, reports UNB.

The country will also seek a guarantee clause in the proposed water-sharing agreement to ensure 80 per cent of available flow of the common river during dry season.

Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak leaves for New Delhi today to lead a 5-member delegation to the three-day talks with his Indian counterpart, Janeswar Misra.

During his sojourn in New Delhi, Razzak will call on Indian Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda and hand over to him a message from Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

He will meet Indian External Affairs Minister I K Gujral and West Bengal Chief Minister Jyoti Basu to discuss the crucial issue, which is considered as a major irritant in the relationship of the two closest neighbours.

Talking to some reporters at his ministry on the eve of his Delhi trip, Razzak expressed optimism about a solution of the Ganges water problem before the coming dry season commencing in January.

In an understanding can be reached by the two sides, Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Indian Prime Minister Deve Gowda may sign an accord sometime in December.

We are hopeful because of... See Page 12 Col 3

Morshed Khan, 3 others get anticipatory bail

By SC Correspondent

M Morshed Khan, Chairman, A Rahim Chowdhury, President and Managing Director of Arab-Bangladesh Bank Ltd and two others have been granted anticipatory bail by the High Court in a corruption case.

A division bench of the HC comprising Justice Kazi Shafiuddin and Justice A K Badrul Haque yesterday granted them bail for three months or till submission of the chargesheet whichever is earlier.

A part from M Morshed Khan and A Rahim, Muktadir Billah, Chief Officer (Presently Sub-Manager) of the A B Bank and M F Rahman, Managing Director, Asian Surveyors Ltd also prayed for bail on surrender and were granted the same.

It was alleged in the FIR that the accused in collusion with each other by abusing their official status, disbursed and received Tk 3.50 crore against... See Page 12 Col 8

Depression over Bay intensifying

By Staff Correspondent

The depression that released showers in most parts of the country on Saturday began gaining strength yesterday, moving northward into West Central Bay, concentrating into a deep depression.

It was centred at about 1050 km south west of Chittagong port at 6 pm yesterday, the Meteorological Office said.

Under its influence, the day remained wet as grey clouds burst almost all over the country.

Meteorologists watching the depression, that brewed in the north Andaman Sea, said they would be able to chart its 'definite course' towards the coast by today. But they advised the maritime ports of Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and Mongla to hoist distant cautionary Signal No 2.

The deep depression is likely to intensify further and more northwards for sometime, the Met Office said last night. The maximum sustained wind within 48 km of the deep de-

pression centre is about 60 km per hour, rising to 70 km in gust or squalls.

All fishing boats and trawlers in the North Bay have been advised to remain close to the shore so as to take shelter at a short notice.

The sky was cloudy yesterday with drizzles sprinkling the city since morning. Rains were reported from most parts of the country.

Under the influence of the depression, Khepura had 76 mm of rainfall yesterday. Other places where rains were recorded includes Khulna-15 mm, Chuadanga-11 mm, Barisal 12 mm, Bhola 21 mm, Patuakhali 30 mm, Majidi Court 9 mm, Sandwip 11 mm, Feni 5 mm and Chittagong 4 mm. Rains were also reported from a number of areas, the Met Office said.

As the clouds broke with stray winds, the temperature fell and a cool breeze in the afternoon... See Page 12 Col 8

Rly link with Europe

'Southern corridor will be thru' Myanmar and Bangladesh'

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 27: The proposed trans-Asia railway would have both northern and southern corridors to link Asia to Europe, Malaysian Transport Minister Ling Liong Sik said today, reports AP.

The northern corridor would pass from Singapore, through Kunming in southern China, Beijing, the Korean Peninsula or Mongolia and on to the Trans-Siberia in Russia, Ling said before leaving for a meeting in New Delhi, India, on the plan.

The southern corridor would be through Myanmar and Bangladesh into India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran and the Middle East to Europe, Ling added.

He said representatives of about 60 countries would attend the New Delhi meeting to discuss the economic impact and engineering costs of the proposed railway links. The four-day conference is sponsored by the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

Gold worth over Tk 19 lakh seized at ZIA

By Staff Correspondent

Customs personnel seized 400 tolas of gold worth over Tk 19 lakh from a Biman passenger at Zia International Airport (ZIA) yesterday, according to official sources.

Abdul Mannan, who came by a Biman flight from Abu Dhabi, was carrying 40 gold bars, each weighing 10 tolas in his underwear, said a Customs official. The aircraft landed at the airport at about 7:45 am.

A case in this connection was registered with Cantonment thana and Mannan was taken by the DB for interrogation, police sources said.

Earlier this month, 2000 tolas of gold worth about Tk 1.4 crore were seized from the baggages of two foreigners at ZIA. See Page 12 Col 3

Separation of judiciary: Report by Oct 31 likely

By Mizan Ali

The committee formed for separation of the judiciary is likely to submit its recommendations along with the draft bills for this to the ministry concerned on October 31, according to competent sources.

Meanwhile, the committee formed to examine separation of the judiciary held its sixth meeting yesterday, chaired by Law Secretary, Aminullah Secretary who heads the body, the sources said.

Two separate bills seeking separation of the judiciary are likely to be placed in the Jatiya Sangsad session scheduled to begin on November 1.

The two draft bills prepared by the committee are on constitutional amendment and on amendment to the Code of... See Page 12 Col 2

Khaleda criticises PM's speech For whose interest Ganges issue was dropped?

Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday urged the ruling party to ensure the right to speak of the Opposition in Parliament's next session, reports UNB.

"We hope the government will provide us with the opportunity to speak in Parliament and give us more time," she said at a discussion meeting organised on the occasion of 18th founding anniversary of the Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal, her party's youth wing.

The Jatiya Sangsad goes into session next Friday.

Begum Zia said her party wants to inform the people of the countrywide terrorism unleashed by the ruling party as well as misdeeds of the government in various sectors through the Jatiya Sangsad.

She said the country's image was tarnished by the speech of the Prime Minister in the United Nations. "We don't know why and for whose interest the issue of the Ganges water was left out of the Prime Minister's speech," she added.

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CDS body wants changes in Company Law

By Staff Correspondent

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A policeman walks past the wreckage of a bus that met with an accident on the Airport Road in the city yesterday. — Star photo

World Bank suggests separate ministry for private sector

By Rafiq Hasan

The World Bank has suggested setting up of a separate ministry for development of the private sector.

The WB also suggested establishment of a prime minister's private sector advisory council, bringing all state-owned enterprises (SOEs) under a single ministry and ensuring accountability of the three main government agencies. The agencies are Board of Investment (BOI), Export Promotion Bureau (EPB), and Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA).

Establishment of a separate ministry will "send an unequivocal message to the private sector on the importance the government attaches to it," the WB said in its recent report titled government that works reforming the private sector.

The WB suggested that the prime minister's advisory council should be formed with "key economic ministers, secretaries and leading businessmen from different sectors and regions."

The council would meet regularly and be pro-active in resolving issues to ensure its effectiveness and credibility. It said.

According to the WB report, broad-based and sustainable private sector growth depends on effective partnership between the state and the private sector and good coordination and high "users responsiveness" among the various institutions handling private sector development.

About the activities of the three government agencies, the WB said, "although it is difficult to make objective assessment, the agencies in Bangladesh have had only a modest impact on investment and export promotion."

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Complaint lodged with Dhaka 'Stop hiding of trainees while in Japan'

The Japanese government,

annoyed at rising incidence of disappearance, has asked Bangladesh to take steps to prevent such hiding of trainees while in Japan, reports UNB.

The request came from the Japanese side at the inaugural session of a three-day annual consultation on economic cooperation between the governments of Bangladesh and Japan that began in the city yesterday.

In a written complaint along with a dozen requests to the Bangladesh government, the Japanese government said a number of trainees from Bangladesh had disappeared recently in Japan.

"This kind of problem affects not only the image of Bangladesh in Japan, but also the number of trainees to be received in Japan from Bangladesh in the future," the Japanese side pointed out.

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Evidence found, Rao to be chargesheeted by tomorrow

NEW DELHI, Oct 27: Indian investigators probing a one-million-dollar bribe allegedly paid by former Premier PV Narasimha Rao to save his government in 1993 said today they had found incriminating evidence, reports AFP.

Sources in the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) told the Press Trust of India news agency that four former MPs accused of accepting bribes had suddenly amassed huge unaccounted wealth after 1993.

They said Suraj Mandal, a former deputy from the regional Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) Party deposited 16 million rupees (457,142 US dol-

lars) in a New Delhi bank on August 1, 1993. "He subsequently deposited another three million rupees (85,714 US dollars) in another account while the three others opened bank accounts for similar sums," an unidentified official said.

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