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DSE price index 3587.68
Market capital Tk 25375.08 cr
Transactions in volume 896183
Transactions in value Tk 55.89 cr

CSE MARKET

CSE price index 1638.87
Market capital Tk 18365.31 cr
Transactions in volume 646815
Transactions in value Tk 35.64 cr

NEWS BRIEFS

JS session adjourned

The second session of the
seventh Parliament was ad-
journed last night till 4:15 pm
today. Speaker Humayun
Rashid Chowdhury announced
the adjournment at 8:20 pm af-
ter less than four hours' busi-
ness, reports UNB.

City AL meet today

A working committee meet-
ing of Dhaka City unit of
Awami League will be held to-
day at its Bangabandhu Avenue
office at 6 pm. City unit general
secretary Mofazzal Hossain
Chowdhury Maya has re-
quested its all office-bearers and
secretaries to attend the
meeting, reports UNB.

City BNP meet today

An emergency meeting of
BNP's city convening commit-
tee will be held today at the
Mintu Road residence of the
Opposition Leader at 6 pm,
reports UNB.

RU employees go on indefinite strike

From RU Correspondent
RAJSHAHI, Nov 4: The offi-
cers and employees of the
Rajshahi University have
started an indefinite strike
from today. On the first day of
the strike called by the Officers-
Employees Oikya Parishad to
press for its 55-point demand,
all administrative offices re-
mained closed.

Cabinet decides framing FFYP

Draft Indemnity (Repeal) Act '96 approved

The cabinet yesterday en-
dorsed the draft Indemnity
(Repeal) Act, 1996 to clear the
way for trial of the killers of
Bangabandhu on August 15,
1975, reports UNB.

It is expected to be placed in
the Jatiya Sangsad as a bill in
its current session for approval
in order to repeal the Indemnity
Ordinance that blocked the
trial.

The approval was given in a
cabinet meeting held in the
Secretariat cabinet room with
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in
the chair.

The Indemnity Ordinance was
promulgated on September
26 in 1975 by the then President
Khandker Mushtaque Ahmed
who took over after the assassi-
nation of the country's first
President on August 15.

A six-member committee of
the Law, Justice and
Parliamentary Affairs
Ministry prepared the draft of
the bill after examining pros
and cons of the 'black law'
which indemnified the killers of
Bangabandhu Sheikh
Mujibur Rahman.

The committee also prepared
a report on how to repeal the
Indemnity Ordinance and sub-
mitted it to State Minister for
Law, Justice and Parliamentary
Affairs Advocate Abdul Matin

Khasru. The State Minister later
placed the report and the draft
bill with Prime Minister
Sheikh Hasina. In the report,
the committee observed that the
Indemnity Ordinance could be
repealed by simple majority in
the Jatiya Sangsad.

The judicial opinion in the
country is split over the issue of
scrapping the Ordinance.

According to a section of
lawyers, the bill seeking repeal
of the Ordinance needs support
of two-third majority in par-
liament.

Others argue that it can be
repealed by a simple majority

2-yr RI for 'fake healers' proposed

The cabinet yesterday ap-
proved in principle the
amendment proposal to the
Drugs (Control) Ordinance 1982
to prevent publicity of exagger-
ated, delusive and obscene ad-
vertisements in the name of
medical treatment, reports
UNB.

In the proposal, there is a
provision of punishment for
such crime upto two years rig-
orous imprisonment, or a fine
of Tk one lakh, or both.

in parliament as the Ordinance
is not part of the Constitution.

The cabinet yesterday also
decided to frame the country's
Fifth Five-Year Plan from
1997-98 to 2001-2002 financial
year.

It also approved the internal
Amon rice and wheat procure-
ment policy for the financial
year 1996-97 fixing a target of
procuring 1.5 lakh metric tons
of paddy and 1.5 lakh tons of
rice.

The procurement prices of
paddy and rice have been fixed
at Tk 6.70 and Tk 10.50 per kg
respectively.

Besides, 1.20 lakh metric
tons of wheat will be procured
at a rate of Tk 8.70 per kg, the
meeting decided.

As part of celebration of the
Silver Jubilee of independence,
the cabinet decided to arrange
march past of combined forces
on December 16 at Sher-e-
Bangla Nagar National Parade
Square and the march past and
rally of children and juvenile at
the Dhaka Stadium on
December 15.

It also approved proposal for
amendment to 'Artha Rin
Adalat' 1990 and draft amend-
ment to the Inland Water
Transport Authority Ordinance
1958.

Trespass: 3 held from PM's JS office, residence

By Staff Correspondent

Three persons were arrested
on charges of trespassing into
the Sangsad Bhaban office of
Leader of the House Prime
Minister Sheikh Hasina and
her official residence, the Gana
Bhaban, last night.

According to Officer-in-
Charge of Tejgaon thana,
Akhtuzzaman alias Shaju,
Hemayet and Bahar were ar-
rested on charges of criminal
trespass into restricted areas.

One of the three,
Asaduzzaman Shaju, 27, was
caught by Special Branch (SB)
police at around 8:25 pm from
in front of the office of the
Leader of the House on the sec-
ond floor of the Sangsad
Bhaban.

Besides, patrol police ar-
rested the two others—
Hemayet, 25, and Bahar, 25—
from the reception room at the
Gana Bhaban at around
11:30pm, police said.

Shaju was intercepted by the
SSF as he crossed the scanning
machine close to the PM's of-
fice. Later, the SB Inspector on
duty there detained Shaju and
handed him over to Tejgaon po-
lice.

Police said, they did not find
any entry pass for Parliament

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PM's instruction for project implementation

Prime Minister Sheikh
Hasina has given a three-point
instruction for implementation
to ensure that works on the pro-
jects were done properly and
standard of the articles sup-
plied was maintained, reports
BSS.

According to an official
handout in Dhaka yesterday,
the Prime Minister's instruc-
tion came in the light of various
irregularities like sale of tender

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20 plots allotted to BNP leaders, relatives in Khilgaon

By Staff Correspondent

Minister of State for Hous-
ing and Works Afzaruddin
Ahmed Khan said in the Jatiya
Sangsad yesterday that 344
plots were allotted in Khilgaon
rehabilitation area in the city
in the last five years.

The allottees include former
Deputy Leader of the Jatiya
Sangsad and BNP Vice Chair-
man AQM Badruddoza Chowd-
hury and his three brothers and
former Mayor of Dhaka City
Corporation and BNP leader
Mirza Abbas and his fifteen
relatives, he said. Allotment of
their plots were, however, ap-
proved by the advisor concerned
in the last caretaker

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BNP submits bill to amend CrPC

Star Report

BNP has submitted a Bill in
the Jatiya Sangsad Secretariat
seeking amendment to Section
54 of the Criminal Procedure
Code (CrPC) of 1898 to check al-
leged abuse of the law by police.
BNP lawmaker from Ki-
shoreganj-2, Maj (ret'd) Akhtar-
uzzaman submitted the private
member's bill titled 'The Code
of Criminal Procedure (Amend-
ment) Act, 1996' at the Law
Section of the parliament. It
was said in the Bill that police
enjoyed unlimited powers under
Section 54 of the CrPC. Harassment of innocent people by
arresting them under this
Section was rampant, it alleged.

Therefore, it is necessary to
amend the law to incorporate in
it the provision for recording
the reasons for arresting some-
one after he/she is held by po-
lice under this law.

Clinton's lead over Dole shrinks as US goes to polls today

MANCHESTER, (New Hamp-
shire) Nov 4: Bob Dole plunged
into final campaign dash today
asserting he's overtaking Presi-
dent Clinton. But opinion
polls showed Clinton maintain-
ing a comfortable lead over
the Republican challenger on
the eve of the presidential
election, reports AP.

Dole stopped at a diner in
Phoenix, Arizona, and told
about 500 people gathered out-
side that one poll even showed
the race close to a dead heat.

"If that poll is accurate, if it's
tied today, we'll win tomorrow,"
Dole declared. "The polls are
moving in our direction."

Dole flew to Phoenix follow-

ing a midnight rally in Sacra-
mento, California, and an
hour break for a shower as he
continued his almost round-
the-clock campaign blitz to to-
morrow's ballot.

With a lead in national opin-
ion polls of 10 to 13 percentage
points, Clinton was devoting
much of his homestretch time
to promoting Democrats in key
congressional races.

Clinton was up early for his
last day of campaigning. He had
breakfast with several dozen of
his early supporters from New
Hampshire's 1992 primary.

"We're one day away from
victory," Elaine Krasker told
him.

"It's hard to believe, isn't it?"
Clinton replied.

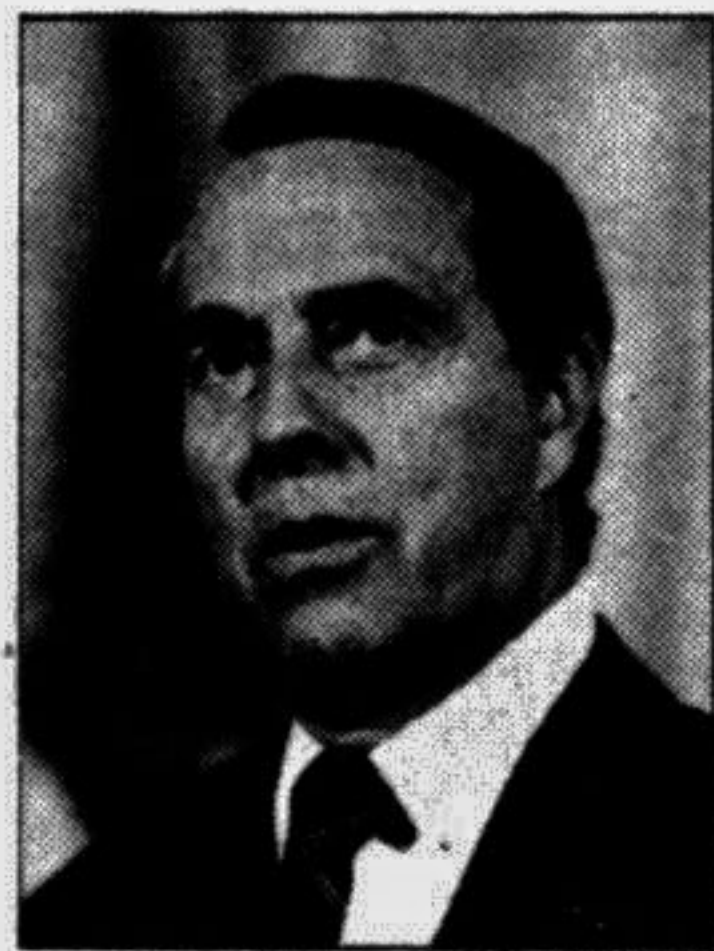
But hopes of his Democratic
Party to regain control of
Congress are in doubt.

The elections feature con-
tests for 34 Senate of 100 seats
and all 435 in the House, as well
as 11 elections for governor
among the 50 states. Demo-
cratic leaders predicted they
would get the 18-seat gain
necessary to retake the House
and put the odds of the three-
seat Senate gain needed for a
majority at 50 per cent.

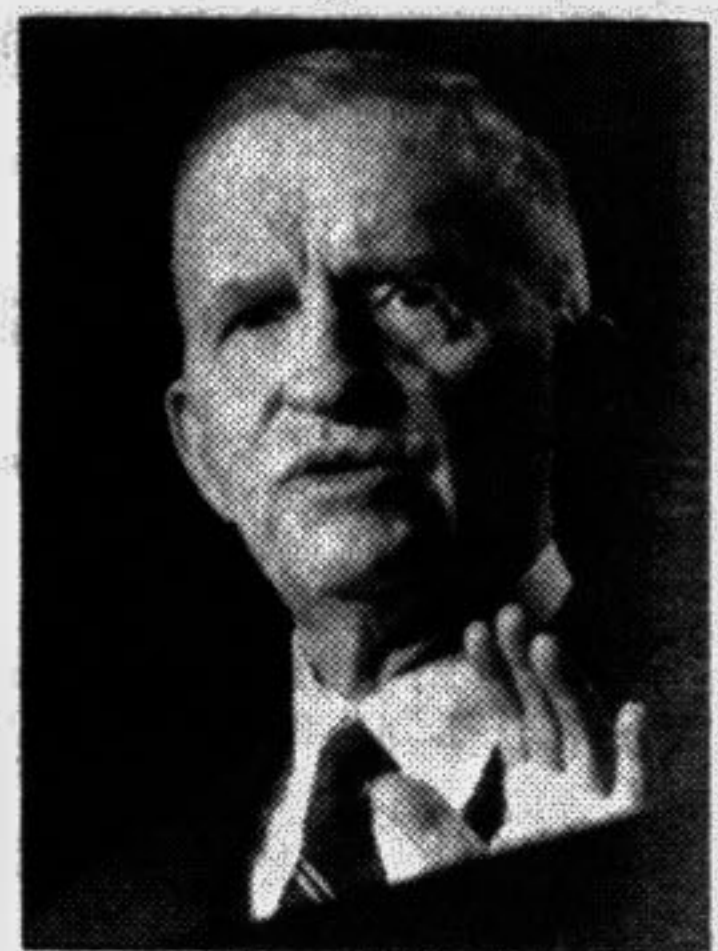
But party pollsters and op-
eratives were less optimistic,
and most late polling suggested
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Bill Clinton



Bob Dole



Ross Perot

JS obituary ref on 4 leaders killed in jail

By Staff Correspondent

An obituary reference on
four national leaders, killed in
Dhaka Central Jail on No-
vember 3, 1975, was made in the
Jatiya Sangsad yesterday.

The leaders were Syed
Nazrul Islam, Tajuddin Ahmed,
M Mansur Ali and A H M
Qamruzzaman.

The four were top members
of the liberation war-time gov-
ernment and the post-indepen-

dence Awami League govern-
ment.

While proposing the condo-
lence motion, Speaker Huma-
yun Rashid Chowdhury told the
House that the leaders concern-
ed made important contribu-
tion to the country's strug-
gle for independence. "But it is
very unfortunate that no obitu-
ary reference has so far been
made in parliament on the
death of these front-ranking
architects of the country since
their death 21 years back."

The text of the condolence
motion said the leaders were
"brutally killed in Dhaka
Central Jail on November 3,
1975, at the directives of the
then President Khandaker
Moshataque Ahmed who had il-
legally grabbed the state power
of the country."

The motion was adopted by
the House unanimously with no
front ranking BNP legislator
present at that time. Nine BNP
lawmakers, who were present,
joined the Awami League,
Jatiya Party and Jamaat MPs
in the prayer for the departed
souls, led by Moulana Ruhul

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Samad Azad leaves for Delhi Friday

By Staff Correspondent

Foreign Minister Abdus
Samad Azad is scheduled to
leave Dhaka for New Delhi on
Friday on a three-day official
visit, official sources said.

Much importance is being
attached to the visit which is
expected to finalise the "crucial
framework" for reaching a
permanent water-sharing
agreement with India.

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Tk 1.2 lakh snatched in city

By Staff Correspondent

A gang of terrorists attacked
a young man and snatched
money and share certificates
worth about Tk 1.2 lakh from
him at Gopibagh in the city
yesterday.

Binoy Chowdhury alias So-
hel, 22, sustained bullet wounds
in his leg and back and stab in-
juries when the gang of about
five attacked him near the
Brothers Union Club at

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Star Fashion '97

Enter by Dec 23 and Let
Our Readers Judge Your Product

The Daily Star is pleased to announce its 2nd ever Fashion Competition organised for designers and boutiques
in Bangladesh. The competition is not only an attractive opportunity for designers to show-case their creations before
Eid, but an exciting event for readers too. Readers will be the judges and select the best dresses for Eid 1997.

Details of the competition are:

- Categories of Entries
There will be ten categories of fashion wear in the competition, namely:
 - Saree: Casual wear up to Tk. 1,000
 - Semcasual Tk. 2,000
 - Party wear Tk. 4,000
 - Salwar Kameez: Casual Tk. 1501
 - Party Tk. 3,500
 - Ladies dress: Casual wear Tk. 1500
 - (not Salwar Kameez) Tk. 1501
 - Party wear Tk. 2,500
 - (not Salwar Kameez)
 - Men's traditional wear up to Tk. 1000
 - (a) Cotton Panjabi from Tk. 1001
 - (b) Silk Panjabi up to Tk. 2,500
- Children's dress:
 - (a) Boys up to Tk. 1000
 - (b) Girls up to Tk. 1000
- Rules
 - Who can participate:
Any Bangladeshi individual or organization in the business of producing fashionable clothes in the above categories.
 - How many entries:
No limit to entries in any category. Separate entry form will have to be filled with fee for each item. Sufficient supply of the item has to be ensured.
Entry Fee: Tk. 200/- (two hundred) for each item.
 - Criteria for assessment: creativity, comfort and elegance.
 - Selection Process:
 - All entries will be catalogued and participants will be given a receipt, with the value of their entry mentioned.
 - The Daily Star will pre-select 10 entries from each category with its own panel of judges.
 - The pre-selected entries will be worn by models, photographed and published along with fabric & design details, prices and names of participants in special issue of The Daily Star inviting the readers to send in their judgement.
 - There will be a coupon in this special issue in which the readers will be invited to indicate their choice of the best entry in each category.
 - The selected items will be given as gifts to the models.
 - Items not selected will be returned to the participants.
 - The entries adjudged best by the readers in each category will be published within 27th of Ramadan in The Daily Star with the name of the winners.
- Entries will be received up to 25th Nov 1996 between 3 pm and 6 pm at The Daily Star Office, House-11, Road-3, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka. For further details please contact: Miss Ratna, Tel: 863036 between 2 pm and 5 pm except Fridays.

BEPZA INVESTORS' CONFERENCE '96

6TH NOVEMBER, 1996

AT 11 AM

AT

HOTEL SONARGAON

CHIEF GUEST

SHEIKH HASINA

HON'BLE PRIME MINISTER

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Six others die across country

7 killed, 40 injured in Bhaluka bus accident

By Staff Correspondent

Thirteen people were killed
and 86 injured in separate road
accidents across the country.

Of them, seven were killed
and 40 hurt when a minibus
overturned on the Dhaka-Mymen-
singh Highway in Bhaluka
thana yesterday morning, ac-
cording to UNB.

Five of the deceased were
identified as Abdur Jabbar (28),
Abdur Razzak (29), Osman (30),
Imon Ali (22) and Sohag (8).

Witnesses said the accident
occurred at about 10 am as the
driver of the Dhaka-bound
minibus from Jamalpur district
tried to give passage to another
bus coming from opposite
direction near Sidoutre Bazar.

Of the injured, Idris Ali,
Mofazzal Hossain, Nurul Islam,
Badal, Babul, Manjurul Islam,
Shahidullah, Ambia Khatun,
Hossain Ali, Somed Ali, Rubel,
Rashed, Shahian Ali and Omar.

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