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Market capital Tk. 25806.94 cr  
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## NEWS BRIEFS

### CID picks up Havilder Samad

Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of police picked up a retired havilder from his residence yesterday morning. Police said, Havilder Abdus Samad Mia, a member of Col (ret'd) Farooq's tank core, was picked from his Rayerbazar residence at about 10 am. He was later taken into CID custody for interrogation, reports UNB.

### Capt Nurul Huda remanded again

Retired army officer Nurul Huda arrested in connection with the killing of Abdur Rab Serniabat was remanded again for two days. Earlier, Captain (ret'd) Nurul Huda was produced before the CMM Court on completion of his second remand. He was arrested on October 22 and taken on police remand twice for 13 days, reports UNB.

### Yeltsin undergoes heart surgery

MOSCOW Nov 5: President Boris Yeltsin has regained consciousness after heart surgery and opened his eyes, Kremlin press spokesman Sergei Yastzhenbsky said today, reports agencies. Speaking live on MTV television, he said the news came from Prof Yevgeny Chazov, head of the Cardiology Research Centre where Yeltsin underwent a seven-hour bypass operation. He gave no further details of the President's condition. Earlier, American heart expert Dr Michael DeBakey, who

### Sit-in at Kailashtila Gas Field today

From Staff Correspondent SYLHET, Nov 5: The All-Party Action Committee has called a day-long 'sit-in' in front of the four wells of the Kailashtila Gas Field tomorrow to press their 6-point demand. To drum up support for the programme, the committee brought out a procession and held a rally in front of the Thana Muktiyoddha Sangsad office this afternoon.

### ADB okays \$196.3 m for JMB access road

Asian Development Bank (ADB), a co-financier of the Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Project, has approved 196.3 million US dollars for access roads of the bridge, reports UNB.

## Meeraj Khalid caretaker PM: Election on Feb 3

# Benazir under house arrest, Zardari held

ISLAMABAD, Nov 5: Benazir Bhutto was under virtual house arrest today after the President dismissed her as prime minister over allegations her government was corrupt, inept and undemocratic, reports AP. Soldiers with assault rifles guarded the gates of Ms. Bhutto's residence, some 100 meters from the residence of President Farooq Leghari.

after clashing with Ms. Bhutto, as interim prime minister. Leghari set new elections for Feb 3, nearly two years before Ms. Bhutto's term was to have ended.

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Ms Bhutto's husband, Investment Minister Asif Ali Zardari, was also arrested, along with 20 other members of their Pakistan People's party. Zardari has been implicated in

a number of scandals. Ms Bhutto wants to meet with her party people, her central committee, the press, but she can't," said Aftab Sherpao, a People's Party member and chief minister of Pakistan's Northwest Frontier Province. The National Assembly was also dismissed.

Sherpao said Ms Bhutto hasn't decided whether to challenge her dismissal in the Supreme Court, but such a move seemed likely. She fought off a

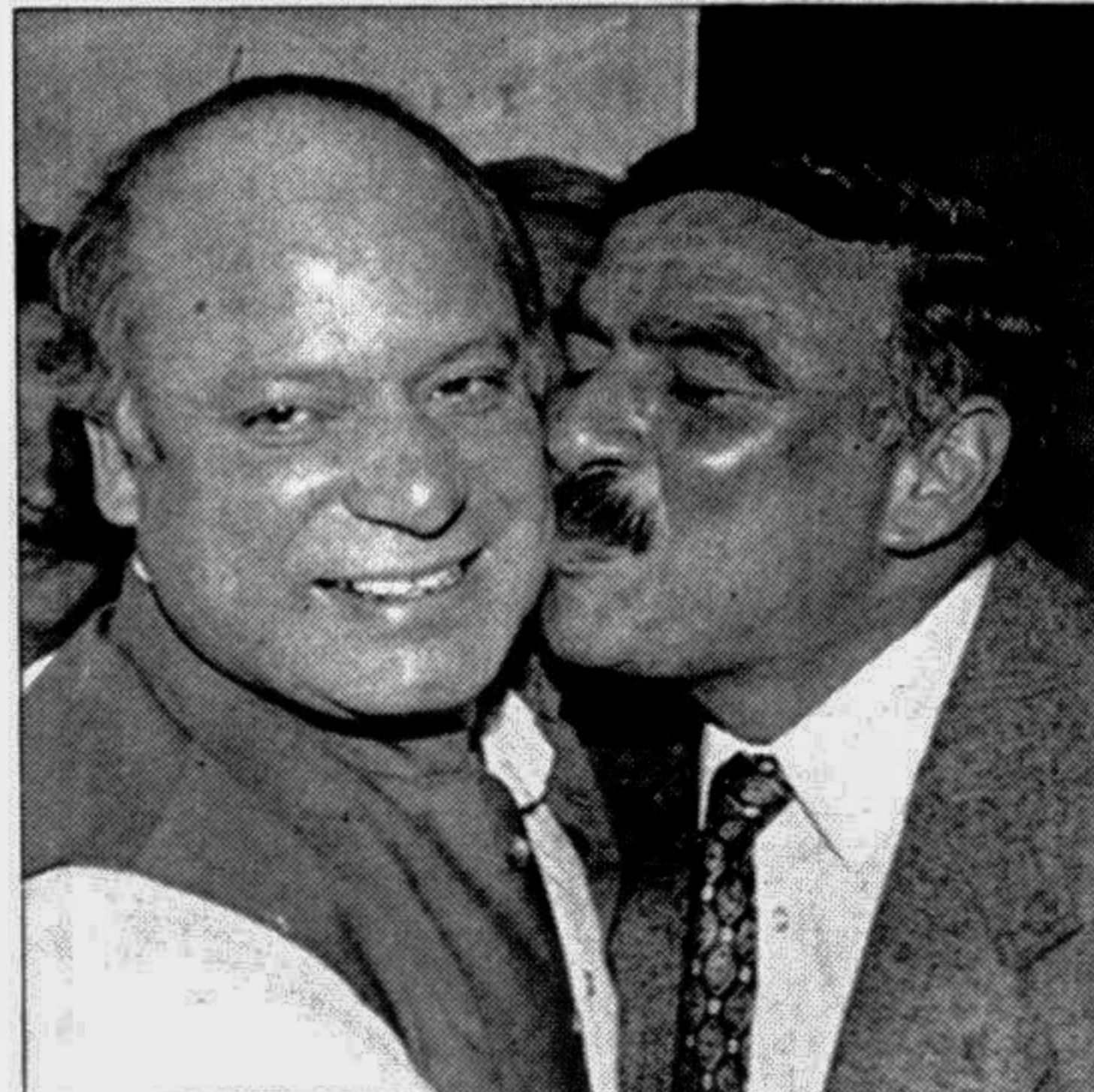
similar challenge in 1990, eventually regaining power in 1993.

Leghari also administered the oath of office to nine Cabinet ministers, most of them either retired bureaucrats or politicians. Six more ministers were to be sworn in later.

"Public faith in the integrity and honesty of the government has disappeared," Leghari said in a six-page indictment against Ms Bhutto's three-year-old government.

ISLAMABAD, Nov 5: Lawyers filed habeas corpus petition in Lahore High Court today claiming that ousted Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto had been illegally detained. The court issued a notice to the secretary of the Interior Ministry and set the hearing for Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Leghari, a veteran member of the People's Party, has become increasingly critical of Ms Bhutto's leadership. There was speculation she and other members of the government would be legally barred from participating in politics, and Leghari's six-page dismissal or-



Former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif being kissed by Sheikh Rasheed Ahmed, vice president of his party, after the dissolution of National Assembly yesterday. — AFP/UNB photo



Benazir Bhutto



Asif Zardari



Meeraj Khalid

## Alleged attack on MP at Madhabdi BNP walks out of JS

Opposition BNP staged walkout from the House last night protesting attack on former BNP minister Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan MP in Narsingdi, reports UNB.

Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia led the walkout at about 9:25 pm.

Deputy Opposition Leader Prof AGM Badruddoza Chowdhury said they were leaving the House as neither the Prime Minister nor any leader on her behalf condemned this incident.

Earlier, Home Minister Rafiqul Islam assured the House that an immediate enquiry into the incident would start and culprits be punished.

Narrating the attack and damage of his car, Dr Moyeen Khan said a group of terrorists equipped with firearms attacked his car and damaged it.

He said his 70-year-old mother, his wife and other family members were inside the car and he was driving it.

Moyeen Khan said usually Madhabdi bazar is always a jammed area and when the incident took place there were more than 100 vehicles stranded there.

Suddenly, the attackers shouted, beat the BNP MP and started hitting the car indiscriminately with sticks.

"I can't understand why the attackers chose my car. Perhaps I came under attack as I speak for the people and possibly being an MP of the BNP is my crime," he said.

"There cannot exist the rule of law, if I am giving death penalty by the terrorists because of speaking for the people. The Parliament and member-

ship are both meaningless if life of an MP and his family members is put at a stake."

He blamed the ruling party men for the incident and said the local Awami League made the attack in a well-planned way.

Deputy Speaker Abdul Hamid Advocate termed the incident a matter of shame and unfortunate. "We don't have word to condemn it."

He said law would take its own course and the responsible persons must be brought to book.

Taking floor, Home Minister Rafiqul Islam termed the incident most unfortunate and told the chair that he instantly ordered investigation.

He said those involved in the incident would be given exemplary punishment after the investigation and urged the opposition to refrain from blaming others before the probe.

Later, Deputy Leader of the Opposition Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury stood up and said it was clear who made this attack on Moyeen Khan.

BSS adds, Badruddoza described the statement of

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## Cyclonic storm over Bay

The depression over the west-central Bay moved slightly westwards and concentrated into a cyclonic storm over the west central Bay and the adjoining north-west Bay, reports UNB.

According to a Met Office special weather bulletin, the depression was centred about 850 kms southwest of Chittagong Port and 730 kms southwest of Khulna town at 6 pm yesterday.

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## Pandemonium in JS as Suranjit takes floor

The Jatiya Sangsad witnessed a pandemonium yesterday for about half an hour when newly elected ruling party deputy Suranjit Sengupta took the floor.

As Suranjit rose on a point of order after the question-answer session was over at 7:06 pm, BNP legislators started shouting at the top of their voices calling him 'vole thief'. Their angry Awami League col-

leagues in the Treasury bench, also at the top of their voices, were asking them to stop.

Suranjit, who won a by-polls in Habigonj last month, was trying to make a point over the reported attempt by the PS to the Leader of the Opposition to enter into the Parliament building with a licensed firearm on the opening day of the current session.

Deputy Speaker Abdul Hamid appealed to the BNP legislators to allow Suranjit to speak but he failed to call the House in order. "Go ahead, I am hearing you," the Deputy Speaker then said.

## PM tells JS BNP out for another bloodbath

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina made a call for the people to fall any plot against the elected Parliament and democracy, reports UNB.

"This Parliament has been elected with people's mandate after a bloody struggle... And it is the people who will resist the conspirators," she told the House after opposition BNP raised a furor and later staged walkout.

BNP members led by Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia walked out at about 9:25 pm protesting the ransacking of the car of former state minister Dr Moyeen Khan MP in Narsingdi yesterday afternoon.

Hasina questioned the motive of the walkout when the Home Minister had promised to enquire into the incident and punish the culprits.

Before blaming any party, she said, it must be ascertained whether the damage was done as a result of intra-party conflict of BNP in Narsingdi where a son of BNP MP was killed by another BNP MP in 1995.

The Leader of the House assured that enquiry must be held

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## JS tidbits

By Nazmul Ashraf

"As if Allah has leased out Bismillah Rahman Rahim to the BNP and we're not Muslims", young Treasury Bench member Haji Mohammad Selim responded loudly to his Opposition Bench colleagues who had urged him to start his speech with a Quranic verse.

Haji Selim, elected from Dhaka City and well known for his deliberations in Dhakaite dialect, pronounced Bismillah Rahman Rahim loudly on both the occasions when he raised question during yesterday's sitting of the Jatiya Sangsad.

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## BNP programmes on Nov 7

The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) has chalked out an elaborate programme to observe the National Revolution and Solidarity Day on November 7, reports UNB.

The programmes include offering *fateha* and placing wreaths at the mazar of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman at 9 am and a public meeting in front of the party central office at 3 pm.

BNP Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia and other central leaders will address the meet-

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## JP won't observe Nov 7

By Staff Correspondent The Jatiya Party will not observe the November 7 this year, acting chairman of the party Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury said while talking to The Daily Star over the telephone last night.

He said, "The party will not observe the day this year as it did not observe it last year. Since 1976, the day had been officially observed by all the successive governments, in-

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## Civil courts will try Aug 15, Nov 3 killers

By Mizan Ali

The government has decided that trial of the persons responsible for the killings of August 15 and November 3, 1975, would be held in civil court under the laws of the land, according to Minister of State for Law and Justice Abdul Matin Khasru.

The decision was taken in a Cabinet meeting on October 14, prior to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to New York, he told this correspondent.

"For the sake of humanity and fundamental rights they should be tried... under the law of the land in the civil courts," he said.

Majority of the Cabinet members were of the view that formation of any special court for the trial of the killers would affect the fairness of the trial and lower the image of the government to the international community, another source said.

An ordinance will have to be promulgated or a law passed by the government to hold the trial in a special court, the source said.

During the meeting, history of trials of killers of Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi and Liaqat Ali Khan were also discussed. All the trials were held in ordinary courts, the source said.

The Cabinet also decided to assign an additional sessions judge exclusively for the trial of these cases, the source added.

Another source said that discussions for signing extradition treaties with a number of countries was progressing to bring back the fugitive killers.

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and some of his family members were killed on

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## DSE to reduce circuit breaker to 5 pc

The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) is going to reduce the circuit breaker from the existing 10 per cent to 5 per cent from November 9, a DSE official said yesterday.

DSE General Secretary Shahid Khan told BSS that the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), in a letter yesterday advised the DSE to reduce the circuit breaker to avoid any scope of crash in the fast growing and expanding capital market.

The DSE council sits today for the board approval of the SEC advice.

SEC also advised to introduce a 15 per cent circuit breaker on the trading after a company's disclosure of dividend, bonus share, right share, expansion, joint venture etc.

Earlier, the circuit breaker was exempted for three days for such disclosures.

The DSE share price index showed down-ward trend for three days following the re-impose of 10 per cent circuit breaker last month.

But, later it was corrected automatically.

## DSE investor shot dead in city

By Staff Correspondent

A young man was shot dead and another injured when some unidentified gunmen fired on them near Pir Jangi Mazar under Motiheel thana in the city last night.

The deceased was identified as Shafiqul Alam alias Moni, 28, of Kathalbagan area. The injured, reportedly Moni's friend, Abdul Kader alias Jewel, 27, of Bangla Motor, was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) with bullet wounds, police sources said.

According to Police the two young men, reportedly investors at the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) came under attack at about 10 pm when they were going to one of their friends house at Kamalapur.

The injured were rushed to the DMCH where the doctors declared Moni dead, police added.

## 70 killed in plane crash

NEW YORK, Nov 5: A Peruvian jetliner crashed into the Pacific Ocean because workers forgot to remove duct tape they had put over key sensors while cleaning the outside of the plane, NBC News reported Monday, says AP.

The Aeroperu Boeing 757 crashed into the Pacific Ocean shortly after taking off from the Peruvian capital of Lima on October 2. All 70 people on board were killed.

**Star Fashion '97**  
Entry by Nov 25 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. 2,600
  - Party wear Tk. 4,000
  - Salwar Kameez: Casual Tk. 1,501
  - Party Tk. 3,500
  - Ladies dress: Casual wear (not Salwar Kameez) Tk. 1,500
  - Party wear (not Salwar Kameez) Tk. 2,500
  - Men's traditional wear
    - Cotton Panjabi up to Tk. 1,000
    - Silk Panjabi from Tk. 1,001 up to Tk. 2,500
  - Children's dress:
    - Boys up to Tk. 1,000
    - Girls up to Tk. 1,000

2. Rules  
a) Who can participate: Any Bangladeshi individual or organisation in the business of producing fashionable clothes in the above categories.  
b) 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.  
3. Criteria for assessment: creativity, comfort and elegance.

4. Selection Process:  
a) All entries will be catalogued and participants will be given a receipt, with the value of their entry mentioned.  
b) The Daily Star will pre-select 10 entries from each category with its own panel of judges.

c) 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.

d) 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.  
e) The selected items will be given as gifts to the models.  
f) Items not selected will be returned to the participants.  
g) 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.

5. 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: Ms Ratna, Tel: 863036 between 2 pm and 5 pm except Fridays.