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## DSE MARKET

DSE price index	3235.08
Market capital Tk	22881.18 cr
Transactions in volume	621859
Transactions in value Tk	32.76 cr

## NEWS BRIEFS

### JS session adjourned till 4:15 pm today

The Jatiya Sangsad session was adjourned till 4:15 pm today. Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury announced the adjournment at 11:03 pm yesterday, reports UNB.

### Khaleda goes to Savar today

BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia will visit the residence of Jubo Dal leader Moksad Ali Mollah Moznun at Savar at 3 pm today. Moznun, who was also a ward commissioner, was killed by rivals in broad day light on Saturday, reports UNB.

### Police raid Tejgaon Polytech hostel

Two guns and eight bullets were seized from a dormitory of Tejgaon Polytechnic Institute in the city yesterday evening. Tejgaon police told BSS last night. Police raided the Latif Hostel of the Institute and recovered the illegal arms and ammunition from its two rooms. No arrest has been made in this connection, the police said.

### Sarbahara leader held with arms

From Staff Correspondent  
BARISAL, Nov 10: Police arrested Md Shahjahan, suspected to be a Sarbahara Party leader from Char Sefali village under Mehendiganj thana last night. A pipegun and two bullets were recovered from his possession. Meanwhile, Barisal Kotwali police detained Lipi Begum and Mamtaz Begum with 33 pieces of Indian sarrees from in front of B M College.

### Warrant of arrest against Shakti editor

The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court yesterday issued a warrant of arrest against editor of the Dainik Shakti, A Q M Jaynal Abedin for publishing defamatory remarks on an MP. Court sources said the arrest warrant was issued upon a petition filed by Haji Mohammad Selim MP against the editor for publishing 'defamatory comment' on him in 'Doormooj Khar Column', reports UNB.

### One killed in city road accident

A young man was killed in a road accident at Gopibagh in the city last night, reports BSS. The victim was identified as Bikash Chandra Rishi Das, 20, son of Monoranjon Rishi of Gopibagh Rishi Para under Motijheel police station. He was crushed under the wheels of a speeding truck while crossing the Gopibagh highway. The victim was immediately rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital where he died, police and hospital sources said. The body has been sent to DMCH morgue for autopsy.

## Indemnity (Repeal) Bill '96 placed in Jatiya Sangsad

By Staff Correspondent

The Indemnity (Repeal) Bill, 1996, seeking to pave the way for a trial of the killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, was introduced in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday, in the absence of the main opposition BNP.

The BNP lawmakers abstained from attending the House and as per an earlier decision they will continue the abstention till BNP's 10-point demand is met.

Though the three lawmakers of Jamaat-e-Islami attended yesterday's sitting of the Sangsad, but they were also absent when the Bill was introduced at 8:33 pm.

With Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury in the chair, State Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Ab-

dul Matin Khasru introduced the Bill amidst applause from lawmakers belonging to the ruling Awami League and Jatiya Party.

Immediately after the Bill was introduced, the House decided unanimously through a voice vote to send it to a special Sangsad committee for scrutiny and placing a report before parliament within seven days.

The special committee was formed earlier as per a proposal made by Leader of the House and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on July 23 during the first session of the Seventh Parliament.

The Indemnity Ordinance was promulgated on September 26, 1975 to indemnify those who had killed the country's

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## Return to JS, speak out all grievances, AL urges BNP

By Staff Correspondent

The ruling Awami League yesterday called upon Leader of the Opposition in the Jatiya Sangsad and BNP chief Begum Khaleda Zia to return to the Sangsad along with all her party MPs and speak out all grievances on the floor of the House.

Prime Minister's Parliamentary Affairs Adviser and senior AL leader Suranjit Sengupta MP gave the call while briefing newsmen following BNP's decision to abstain from attending the House till its 10-point demand is accepted.

Chief Whip of the Sangsad Abul Hasnat Abdullah and whips Abdus Shahid and Mizanur Rahman Manu were also present at the briefing held at the Chief Whip's Sangsad Bhaban chamber.

The briefing was held soon after the main opposition

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## 10-pt demand submitted to Speaker BNP stays out of JS

By Staff Correspondent

BNP stayed out of the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday submitting a 10-point demand to the Speaker, saying it would not be possible for the party lawmakers to return to the House unless those were met.

The demands include 'right to reply to personal allegations' and discussion on national issues like transit to India and Ganges water sharing.

'Unless the problems and issues are sorted out to make the Parliament effective, and our presence in it is meaningful, it is not possible for us to participate in its proceedings', the 10-point resolution adopted at a meeting of BNP Parliamentary Party (BNPPP) said.

Badruddoza Choudhury, Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Jatiya Sangsad, read out the resolutions to newsmen at

the end of a nearly two-hour meeting of the BNPPP at the Sangsad Bhaban in the evening while the House was in session.

The decision, which reflected the tenor of Wednesday's heat in Parliament and the speech of BNP chief Begum Khaleda Zia at a rally in the city on the next day to mark November 7, spitting out a headline on what she said subversive policies of the government and denial of their right to speak in Parliament, caught everyone by surprise.

It was sketched out late Saturday night at a meeting of the BNP Standing Committee and drafted yesterday morning before it was placed at the BNPPP meeting, which began at 3 pm at the Sangsad Bhaban with Begum Zia in chair.

The resolution was handed

over to Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury in his Chamber by B Choudhury and some senior party colleagues.

'We shall, of course return to the House', Begum Khaleda Zia told reporters as she came out of the ninth-floor meeting room at the Sangsad Bhaban earlier.

'We have given our 10-point resolution for resolving the issues underlined in it', she added while parrying a question that she had stayed out of yesterday's business that included tabling of a Bill to repeal the Indemnity Ordinance, 1975 that indemnified the killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman along with members of his family on August 15.

'Choudhury had briefed you about our resolution', she replied.

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## JS tidbits

By Nazmul Ashraf

'You're a microphone before you and you don't need to speak so loudly.' Deputy Speaker Abul Haq advised ruling party lawmaker Shamsul Haq, causing laughter in the House.

Known for speaking loudly in the House, Haq continued his deliberation at the top of his voice apparently ignoring the advice of the Chair.

The Awami League deputy took the floor on a point of order and gave a lengthy statement on the killing of two pro-AL student workers allegedly by the BNP-backed Chhatra Dal activists at the Bangladesh Agriculture University (BAU), in the typical style of addressing a public rally.

In his speech, Shamsul Haq castigated the Home Minister and the local administration for their inaction against the attackers at the BAU.

Shortly after his heated speech was over, the AL lawmaker stood again to say, 'I've

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## Visit fruitful, Japanese team tells PM

The visiting Japanese delegation led by U Uwatoke, Chairman of Japan-Bangladesh Joint Committee for Commercial and Economic Cooperation, called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her Sangsad Bhaban office yesterday, reports BSS.

Uwatoke told the Prime Minister that the outcome of the visit of his delegation was

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'very positive.' He said the delegation had fruitful discussions with the business personalities including the President of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI).

Referring to the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the Japanese delegation leader hoped that the economic and commercial ties between the two countries would further be intensified during the days to come.

Referring to their visit to Chittagong Export Processing Zones, he said they were very glad to see the successful operation of a number of Japanese

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## Houses of 3 JCD leaders near BAU torched

MYMENSINGH, Nov 10: With heavy deployment of police and paramilitary BDR, the Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) campus was calm, but houses of three JCD leaders at nearby villages came under attack allegedly by the Chhatra League activists today, reports UNB.

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Police arrested four people in connection with vandalism and arson in the houses of JCD leaders at Boyra and Kayotkhali villages.

The arrested were identified as Biplob, Nannu, Jamal and Bhubu.

Earlier, the agitated BCL workers brought out a procession on the campus protesting the killing of two of their colleagues — Kamal and Ranjit.

Kamal Hossain and Ranjit Kumar were killed when some

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## Jubo Dal leader killing 50 hurt, 40 vehicles damaged during barricade on Dhaka-Aricha road

SAVAR, Nov 10: Some 50 people were injured, when mob damaged vehicles on the Dhaka-Aricha highway during a blockade on the 30-km road from Anin Bazar to Nayarhat today, reports UNB.

Seriously injured Israfil, 25, and Polu Mollah, 30, were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Witnesses said that at least

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## L R Sarkar likely to be appointed BB governor

By Staff Correspondent  
Lutfar Rahman Sarkar, Managing Director of Prime Bank, is likely to be appointed Governor of Bangladesh Bank soon, according to finance ministry sources.

He will replace Khorshed Alam who is now serving under an extension of his contract service which expires in December.

The replacement is likely to be made this month, possibly by this week, the sources hinted.

When contacted, Sarkar told The Daily Star that he did not yet receive any letter regarding his appointment.

## PM outlines objectives of industrial policy

By Staff Correspondent

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday outlined a 4-point objective of the proposed industrial policy of her government which would include creating job opportunities, boosting exports and increasing quality production.

'Our industrial policy will be aimed at attracting foreign and local investment, increasing quality production, boosting export and generating employment,' the Prime Minister told the House amidst thumping of desk by her party deputies.

The government would take all steps necessary to attract foreign investment in the industrial sector, Hasina said. 'Without ensuring new investments, the objectives of the policy could not be achieved'. She added that the year 1997 will be observed as the year of investment.

The Prime Minister was winding up the general discussion in the Jatiya Sangsad on the industrial policy.

Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed initiated the two and a

half-hour general discussion at 8:35pm. Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim, Prime Minister's Parliamentary Affairs Adviser Suranjit Sengupta, former president and Jatiya Party chief H M Ershad, Jamaat-e-Islami leader 'Moulana Delwar Hossain Sayeedi took part in the discussion.

Hasina said her government has already offered a package of incentives for foreign investors and taken steps to ensure infrastructure facilities and overcome bureaucratic complexities.

Referring to her government's present policy of 'economic diplomacy,' Hasina said she has instructed Bangladesh's missions abroad to work for attracting more foreign investment in the industrial sector.

About the process of disinvestment, she said special steps will be taken so that poor industrial workers are not affected by the disinvestment. She said arrangements would

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Police were deployed on the Dhaka University campus yesterday to avert any possible untoward incident following the killing of two students on Bangladesh Agricultural University campus on the previous day. — Star photo

## Delimitation of unions completed Steps to readjust voters' list for UP election

By Morshed Ali Khan

With the completion of fresh delimitation of all the unions in the country, the Election Commission (EC) is now taking up programmes to readjust the voters' list for the Union Parishad elections, according to sources in the EC and Local Government and Rural Development (LGRD) Ministry.

The LGRD Ministry has just completed delimitation of the 4,473 unions and has raised the number of wards in each union to nine from three. The number of members of a union parishad will continue to remain nine

but every ward will be represented by a member. A member must be a registered voter in his ward, the sources said.

The provision for three reserved seats for women in each union parishad, however, will remain the same. An official of the LGRD Ministry said that as per law the three women members would be elected by the members and chairman-elect of the union parishad concerned.

EC sources said they have sought an allocation of Tk 35 crore from the government for readjusting the voters' list in accordance with the new delimitation. The readjustment process is likely to be completed within a month. There are about five crore voters in the unions.

Moreover, the EC has requested the Ministry of Finance to provide Tk 30 crore for conducting the union parishad elections, which might begin sometime between March and May next and continue to be held in phases as per expiry of the five-year tenure of the parishads, an EC official said.

'After readjusting the voters' list, we have to update it and then announce the schedule for union parishad elections,' he added.

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## PM leaves for Rome Thursday

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina leaves early Thursday for Rome to lead the Bangladesh delegation to the World Food Summit in the Italian capital November 15-17, reports UNB.

An official announcement said the summit would be preceded by ministerial and official segment meetings from November 13 to 15.

Begum Matia Chowdhury, Minister for Agriculture, Food, and Disaster Management and Relief leaves Dhaka today for attending the meetings.

Besides, the premier's delegation will include Foreign

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## Call for hartal in Golapganj Nov 17

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Nov 10: The All Party Action Committee has called a day-long hartal in Golapganj thana areas on November 17 to press its six-point demand.

At a joint meeting at Dhaka Dakshin bazar today the leaders of the action committee had talks with the transport workers of different routes to make the strike a success.

Thana BNP secretary Mohius Sunnah Chowdhury, Thana JP President Osman Harun Chowdhury, and Thana Muktiyoddha Sangsad Commander Tuta Miah were

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## Gunmen kill car driver, snatch Tk 4.4 lakh in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Nov 10: Gunmen swooped on the car of a business firm in the city's Agrabad area and snatched Tk 4.4 lakh killing the driver on the spot today, reports UNB.

Police said the muggers waylaid the car by a bus at Agrabad when the staff of M/S Ruhul Amin Brothers were returning to their office drawing the money from Janata Bank, Mazirhat branch, at about 1:30 pm.

The miscreants gunned down Dulal Mia alias Rafiq, 28, and snatched the money from three staff of the firm.

## Kidnapped Ctg businessman rescued: 4 held

CHITTAGONG, Nov 10: A city police squad rescued kidnapped businessman Olur Rahman from Gaicha, a remote village of Rangunia thana here today, reports BSS.

Police arrested four persons in this connection.

Police said, businessman Olur Rahman was kidnapped from Amtala-Reazuddin Bazar by a group of miscreants on October 30 last and demanded from him Taka five lakh as ransom. Olur Rahman was taken to the remote village of Rangunia and kept in captivity

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## Yasmin murder case Charges against all 9 accused framed

From Mozammel Haq

RANGPUR, Nov 10: A Special Court here today framed charges against all the nine accused in the Yasmin murder case.

Yasmin was raped and murdered by police at Dashmile near Dinajpur town on August 24, last year.

The sensational incident had sparked violent mass protests in Dinajpur in which several persons were killed in clashes with police.

The case was later transferred to Rangpur from Dinajpur.

## Maulana Obaidul Haq gets bail

Khatib of Baitul Mokarram National Mosque Moula Obaidul Haq was granted bail when he appeared before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court yesterday, reports UNB.

The CMM's Court issued a warrant of arrest against him recently following a divisional investigation on a case filed by a student leader.

Abdullahil Qaiyum, President of JSD-backed Chhatra League filed the case in 1994 bringing treason charges against the maulana.

## Benazir may be banned from polls on corruption charges



ISLAMABAD, Nov 10: Ousted Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto will face corruption charges that could result in her being banned from running in February elections, her successor said today, reports AP.

Interim Prime Minister Meeraj Khalid told reporters he would soon appoint a corruption committee to investigate politicians, including Benazir and her husband, former Investment Minister Asif Ali Zardari. He also said criminal charges would soon be filed against Zardari, who has been detained since last Tuesday.

Benazir faced 'all sorts of charges,' Khalid said. Details of how his corruption committee would operate—including whether its judgments and banning orders could be appealed—had not yet been worked out.

President Farooq Leghari dismissed Benazir Tuesday, accusing her of sanctioning police

hit squads, allowing corruption to run rampant and undermining the judicial system.

Addressing a news conference today, Khalid said Pakistanis could be assured his government's would be more accountable because of his integrity and lifelong reputation as a crusader for democratic rights.

KARACHI, Nov 10: Pakistani authorities today arrested a senior police officer accused of involvement in the killing of ousted Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's estranged brother Murtaza, police sources said, reports Reuters.

Reuters adds: Pakistani authorities have refused to allow Benazir Bhutto to visit her detained husband, Benazir's spokesman said today.

Benazir last saw Asif Ali Zardari on Thursday, two days after she was ousted,

## 10 pc marketing assistance for jute yarn export Rejected exportables can be sold in local market

The rejected goods of the export-oriented industries including leather which amount to 20 per cent of the total volume can be sold in local market after payment of duty and tax, reports BSS.

This was decided yesterday at the second meeting of the National Committee on Exports held at the International Conference Centre (ICC) with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

The meeting also decided to accord 10 per cent marketing assistance on FOB value on jute yarn and twine exports. The problems of exports of ready-made garments, frozen goods, jute goods, frozen food and handicrafts were also discussed at the meeting.

The meeting coopted nine members in the committee

bringing the total number to 29. The new members include foreign secretary, energy secretary, shipping secretary, civil aviation secretary, chairman of Board of Investment (BOI), executive chairman of BEPZA (Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority), president of Employers' Association, president of Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Salman F Rahman.

The meeting was told that the export earnings during the first quarter of the current financial year stood at 1130.98 million dollars compared to 1033.05 million dollars in the corresponding period of the last year marking an increase of 9.48 per cent. It observed that as per the trend, the export target of 4380 million dollars for the current fiscal could be achieved.

The meeting also reviewed the progress of the last meeting. It observed that although the National Committee on Export was established in 1993, only one meeting was held since then.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina called for exploring new items for export so that lower trend of export from tea and jute can be covered from the export of non-traditional items.

The meeting decided to hold the Dhaka International Trade Fair in 1997 in a more attractive way.

Finance Minister Shah A M S Kibria, Commerce and Industry Minister Tofael Ahmed, State Minister for Jute and Textile A K Faezul Haque, secretaries, Governor of Bangladesh Bank, Chairman of NBR attended the meeting.