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Market capital Tk 23148.68 cr
Transactions in volume 92336
Transactions in value Tk 57.08 cr**NEWS BRIEFS****JS session adjourned**

The Jatiya Sangsad session was adjourned yesterday till 4:15 pm today. Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury announced the adjournment at 11:02 last night, reports UNB.

ALCWC meets tomorrow

An emergency meeting of the Awami League Central Working Committee (ALCWC) will be held tomorrow at Ganabhaban at 8 pm. Awami League President and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will preside over the meeting, said a press release, reports UNB.

Capt Wahab sent to jail

Captain (retd) Abdul Wahab was sent to the Dhaka Central Jail yesterday after his last five-day remand in the Serniabat murder case. Wahab was arrested on October 22 on charge of Bangabandhu murder and had been in 15 days remand before the five-day one in the Serniabat murder case, reports UNB.

BCS psychological test Nov 29

The psychological (written) test for the successful candidates of 17th BCS examinations will be held at their respective centres at 9:30 am on November 29. The candidates, who have not yet received admit cards for the test, are advised to contact the concerned PSC head or regional offices alongwith their original written test admit cards from November 26-28, said an official handout yesterday. They will have to show the two admit-cards in their examination centres, the handout said, reports UNB.

Indian sarees worth Tk 6.1 lakh seized

By Staff Correspondent Detective Branch (DB) police seized smuggled Indian sarees worth about Tk 6.1 lakh and arrested one person in the city yesterday. The police seized 1850 pieces of sarees when these were being unloaded from a truck on Secretariat Road near Bangabazar early in the morning, police said. The arrested person was identified as Emran Hossain. 38, police added saying a gang was involved in smuggling Indian sarees into the country. The number plate of the truck in which the goods were carried was also forged. A case has been filed with Ramna thana in this connection.

AL leader beaten to death in Sherpur

SHERPUR: Nov 11: A local leader of the Awami League was beaten to death at Gazarpura village in Jhenaigati thana today, reports UNB.

Harun, former president of Jhenaigati thana Awami League, succumbed to his injuries on way to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital.

Dhaka, Delhi to boost border trade, resolve water dispute

NEW DELHI, Nov 11: India and Bangladesh today decided to open up their border trade by reactivating the existing bilateral agreement as the two countries reaffirmed their commitments to find a solution to the vexed issue of sharing of the Ganges water, reports PTI.

The decision to open up the border trade was taken during official talks between External Affairs Minister I K Gujral and his Bangladeshi counterpart Abdus Samad Azad here, according to official sources.

The two leaders decided to resume their parleys on wide ranging issues on Wednesday including the river waters dispute. The two countries are likely to find a solution to the dispute before the onset of the next dry season in Bangladesh.

Samad Azad, who is here on a four-day official visit, also had a meeting with Water Resources Minister Janeswar Misra.

Tariff concessions for import of Bangladeshi goods to India and the Chakma refugees were among other issues which figured during Gujral's talks with Samad Azad, the sources said.

The Bangladesh Foreign Minister told Gujral that a national committee has been formed by the Bangladesh government to look into the Chakma issue.

Three MPs from Bangladesh will visit Tripura shortly to reassure the Chakmas, who have fled Chittagong Hill Tracts, about their rehabilitation when they returned home.

During the meeting with Samad Azad, Misra expressed the hope that a solution to the Ganges water sharing dispute would be found in tune with the principles of fair and equitable distribution and rights of the two countries.

He said official level talks between the two countries on

the vexed issue since the new governments were installed in New Delhi and Dhaka this year were extremely fruitful and encouraging.

Misra told Samad Azad that India was committed to the approach of transparency in solving the water dispute.

Referring to his talks with Bangladesh Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak here last month, Misra said the two countries had called for exchanging data and information between various official channels to find an amicable solution to the problem.

Misra and Samad Azad agreed that the problem had affected people in both the neighbouring countries and that it was imperative to understand each other's requirement and perspective in this regard.

Samad Azad expressed Bangladesh's appreciation of the genuine efforts of the United Front government to resolve

the water sharing dispute. He hoped that a solution to the water sharing problem would give a new fillip to bilateral ties between the two countries.

BSS adds: Samad Azad also met Indian Vice President K R Narayanan, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Atal Behari Vajpeyi and widow of former premier Rajiv Gandhi, Sonia Gandhi.

Later in the evening while speaking at an official dinner hosted by Gujral, Samad Azad said, "I have discerned that there continues to exist a good will for Bangladesh among the leadership and people of this great country. The firm resolve to move ahead with our relations is also palpable. All this has enhanced my confidence that a solution to all outstanding issues, particularly the conclusion of a permanent sharing agreement of the Ganges waters before the onset of the next dry

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BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia addressing a public meeting organised by the local unit of Jatiyatabadi Juba Dal at Savar yesterday protesting killing of its leader and Ward Commissioner Majnu.

Backstage move for BNP's return to JS

By Staff Correspondent Backstage parleys are on for the return of BNP lawmakers to the Jatiya Sangsad.

Prime Minister's Parliamentary Affairs Advisor and a senior Awami League leader, Suranjit Sengupta, MP told The Daily Star last night that he had telephonic conversations with Opposition Chief Whip Khandaker Delwar Hossain and BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan for their early return to the House.

The two BNP leaders expressed their willingness to sit for a discussion over it. Suranjit said,

"I rang both Mannan Bhuiyan and Khandaker Delwar at 10:30 am today (Monday) and urged them return to the House. They responded in the positive and expressed their strong feeling to come back," Suranjit told this correspondent at the Sangsad Bhaban.

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Vice-Chancellor of BAU resigns

From Mian Ali MYMENSINGH, Nov 11: The Vice Chancellor of the Bangladesh Agriculture University (BAU), Dr Shah Mohammad Faruque, resigned yesterday.

According to BAU press release issued today, the VC submitted his resignation letter to the Education Minister in Dhaka.

Dr Faruque had left for Dhaka on Sunday, the day after two BAU students were gunned down on the campus.

Dr Faruque was, however, asked to continue in office till a new VC is appointed, the release added.

Meanwhile, the Bangladesh Agriculture University Teachers Association (BAUTA) held an anti-terrorism procession on the campus at around 11:00 am today. The officers and employees of the university and students took part in the procession in the June 12 tolls.

The Speaker is conducting the session like a party meeting. They do not allow us to speak then how can we sit there? she told the public meeting.

The ruling party has made all arrangements to make the

country a province of a neighbouring country," she said protesting the move to give corridor to India and import electricity from that country.

Whatever the ruling Awami League is doing is to appease their masters, the BNP chief said. "They are doing everything for their dadas."

The BNP chairperson said at least 250 people had been killed, including 30 in police custody, during the last four and a half months of the Awami League government.

Turning to the Parliament boycott, started on Sunday, Begum Zia alleged the ruling party desecrated the Jatiya Sangsad by using it as party of state.

The former prime minister, who lost power in the last general election, said the Awami League came to power at the mercy of its 'masters' through massive rigging and terrorism in the June 12 tolls.

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