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DSE price index	3124.11
Market capital Tk	22258.85 cr
Transactions in volume	30087
Transactions in value Tk	1.48 cr

NEWS BRIEFS

Dr Milon's wife meets PM

Wife of Shaheed Dr Shamsul Alam Khan Milon and his minor daughter called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office yesterday. Mahmuda Alam Kabita and her seven- and-a-half-year-old daughter, Shama, stayed with the Prime Minister for some time. Hasina enquired about their well-being, reports UNB.

Queen Sophia leaves Dhaka

Queen Sophia of Spain left Dhaka yesterday after a six-day private visit to Bangladesh. Grameen Bank Managing Director Prof Mohammad Yunus saw her off at the Zia International Airport at 2:10 pm. During her tour of Bangladesh, the 58-year-old Spanish Queen visited different important places of Rajshahi, Panchpur, Sirajganj and some sites of Grameen Bank projects, reports UNB.

Bus strike in Sylhet continues

SYLHET, Nov 27: Bus service on the Sylhet-Sunamganj road remained suspended for the third day today. Transport owners began the strike protesting the damage to some vehicles by villagers following death of two persons. At a meeting tonight, the transport owners decided to continue the strike for an indefinite period demanding action against the attackers. The district administration of Sylhet has called a meeting to discuss the situation tomorrow.

Khulna dist AL confice today

KHULNA, Nov 27: A conference of the Khulna district Awami League will be held at the Hades Park here tomorrow. Health and Family Welfare Minister Salahuddin Yusuf will inaugurate the conference.

Mongla Port workers postpone strike

KHULNA, Nov 27: Mongla Port workers have postponed their strike till December 3 following an assurance by the Stevedors' Association that their demands will be fulfilled.

Job fair begins today

By Staff Correspondent
North South University (NSU) will host its two-day job fair from today, according to a press release issued by the institution.
The job fair, first of its kind will be held at the university premises from 9 am to 5 pm. It will be inaugurated by the State Minister of Labour and Manpower M A Abul Mannan.

Jyoti Basu, Samad Azad hold talks

Water accord may be signed next month

By Staff Correspondent
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to sign a water-sharing accord with India sometime next month in New Delhi.
This was stated by Additional Foreign Secretary Tariq Karim while briefing newsmen at the end of official talks between the visiting Chief Minister of the Indian state of West Bengal Jyoti Basu and Bangladesh Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad at state guest house 'Padma' yesterday evening.
Bangladesh and West Bengal officials indicated that further talks will be held during the five-day stay of the Chief Minister.
Samad Azad was assisted in the talks by Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak.
Foreign Secretary Farooq Sobhan, Water Resources and Irrigation Secretary ATM Shamsul Huda, Bangladesh High Commissioner to India CM Shafti Sami, Additional Foreign Secretary Ahmed Tariq Karim and Director General in the Foreign Ministry Shamim Ahmed. The talks lasted over an hour.
Jyoti Basu were assisted by West Bengal Home, Information and Cultural Secretary Dev Bhattacharya, Finance Minister Dr Ashim Das Gupta and Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Deb Mukerjee.
When accosted by newsmen at the end of meeting, Basu said he would not say anything.
Tariq Karim said that the discussions focused on the sharing of the Ganges water.
He said Jyoti Basu has not come to negotiate. 'We negotiate with the government of India. The West Bengal chief minister's visit is a goodwill visit. He has come at the invitation of the government of Bangladesh. His visit will have a very valuable input in the final negotiations which we will have with the government of India.'
He said the discussions were held in a frank and cordial atmosphere and there certainly was 'some forward progress'.
Karim emphasised that 'Bangladesh was seeking a permanent solution. We have reiterated our position to the West Bengal chief minister.'
When asked about Basu's remarks in Calcutta about a two-year agreement, he said, See Page 12 Col 7

PM wants retrial for Dr Milon's killing

Help promulgate law for summary trial of killers

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday sought cooperation from all in promulgating a new stringent law to ensure summary trial for killing and said no killer should go scot-free, reports UNB.
'New law is required for speedy trial for killings, particularly in educational institutions,' she said referring to the trial of the Dr Milon murder case in which none was punished.
'I want retrial and reinvestigation of the killing of Dr Milon,' the Prime Minister said while addressing a function at the Dhaka Medical College on the occasion of inaugurating the Shaheed Dr Shamsul Alam Khan Milon auditorium.
She said the killers are to be awarded capital punishment. Those who kill people should not go scot-free, she told the function.
Sheikh Hasina said mystery still shrouded the killing of Dr Milon. 'The killers of Dr Milon are yet to be punished.'
She regretted that three government, including two caretaker ones, were in power after Milon's death, but the mystery over the killing was not unravelled.
A teacher of the Dhaka Medical College and leader of the Bangladesh Medical Association, Dr Milon was shot dead in the Dhaka University area at the fag-end of anti-Ershad movement on this day in 1990.
The Prime Minister said many a killings had taken place, including those on the campus, but the killers still remained at large and out of reach of the law. Bloodshed still continues in the educational institutions, she noted.
Paying rich tributes to the memory of Dr Milon, the Prime Minister said his (Milon) sacrifice hastened the fall of the autocrat and helped establish a democratic process in the country.
She also mentioned the names of those who laid down their lives in the anti-autocracy movement on this day in 1990. See Page 12 Col 7

Khaleda leaves for S Arabia

BNP Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia left Dhaka yesterday morning for Saudi Arabia for treatment, reports UNB.
She will stay there for a couple of weeks and receive treatment for arthritis in her leg at the King Faisal Hospital in Riyadh.
The BNP Chief was accompanied by her son Tareq Rahman, former Bangladesh Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Mir Muhammad Nasir Uddin and his wife Dalia Naznin Nasir. Begum Zia's Private Secretary Mossadek Ali and his wife Mahbuba Sultana.
Begum Zia and her entourage will stay in the Saudi capital as Royal guests, party sources said.
A large number of BNP leaders and workers including Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Abdus Salam Talukdar, Khandaker Delwar Hossain, M Shamsul Islam, K M Obaidur Rahman, Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury, Col (Retd) Akbar Hossain, Sadeq Hossain Khoka and Amanullah Aman saw their party chief off at Zia.
BNP Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia talking to senior party leaders at the Zia International Airport yesterday before her departure for Saudi Arabia — Star photo

Rayer Bazar canal may be filled up to construct truck terminal

By Staff Correspondent
secondary connection between the Turag river and the Buriganga via Mohammadpur and Rayer Bazar. It has also been a source of irrigation water and providing for pisciculture and water transport facilities to hundreds of people in the area as well as boatmen who bring merchandise to the capital from different parts of the country.
Locals fear that the DCC's proposed project will not only dry off the area but also spoil the surroundings around the Smriti Saudha.
The canal, about ten miles long, has been serving as a vital

No move yet to survey arsenic affected areas

Star Report
Permissible level of arsenic in water is 0.05 ppm, according to experts. The Atomic Energy Commission found the level of arsenic at between 1.5 and 2 ppm in tubewell waters in districts bordering West Bengal, according to the sources.
Reasons behind the arsenic toxicity were yet to be ascertained, they said adding that research facilities in this regard in the country were very poor.
Dr Khan also said that his department has established collaboration with the School of Environmental Studies in Jadavpur University of India and that some doctors of NIPSOH have already received training there on treatment of arsenic affected patients.
Stressing the need for preventive measures against arsenic toxicity, Dr Khan said, that his department has already developed a filter to purify arsenic contaminated water.
Dr Mujibul Huq, Head of the Dermatology Department, Dhaka Medical College Hospital, when contacted said that with proper medication and access to pure drinking water, arsenic-affected patients can be cured but it is very important to take advice from the experts at the early stage. Medicine for this is scarce now and steps have been taken to make those available, he said.



Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad receiving West Bengal Chief Minister Jyoti Basu at the Zia International Airport yesterday — PID photo

Currency smuggling 2 arrested Biman staff confess at CMM's court

By Staff Correspondent
Police yesterday arrested a flight purser and a crew of Biman for their alleged involvement in smuggling out foreign currency worth about Tk 2.78 crore through the Zia International Airport last July.
Police said flight purser Mohammad Nuruzzaman was arrested from the city's Mohammadpur area while crew member Mahmudul Huq was picked up from Uttara.
They were produced before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court and were placed on a 5-day remand.
Police said the two arrested Biman staff confessed their involvement in the currency smuggling and gave confessional statements under Section 164.
They confessed that they were involved in smuggling out foreign currency worth about Tk 2.78 crore through the Zia International Airport last July. See Page 12 Col 1

Contain terrorism, Hasina asks partymen

By Staff Correspondent
Awami League president Sheikh Hasina yesterday asked party leaders and workers to play an active role in containing terrorism and reiterated her government's firm determination that terrorists irrespective of their party affiliation would be brought to book.
'Our main goal is to contain terrorism and establish the rule of law,' Hasina said while delivering her presidential speech at a joint meeting of the party's district units and front organisations held at the International Conference Centre (ICC) in the city.
The leaders of AL units from Dhaka and adjoining districts and various front organisations attended the meeting, says a press release.
The meeting discussed the programmes to celebrate the silver jubilee of independence and the AL's planned grand rally in the city on December 1.
Sheikh Hasina told the party members to play an active role in containing terrorism and reiterated her government's firm determination that terrorists irrespective of their party affiliation would be brought to book.
The authorities have decided to change some of the rules for admission test in the 13 government medical colleges.
Prof AKM Nurul Anwar, Director of the Medical Education in the Directorate of Health, told this correspondent that under the changed rules, viva voce examination will no more be required for admission in the medical colleges. Earlier, it carried 10 marks.
Marks distribution for the written examination will remain unchanged. Out of the total 100 marks, 30 marks each will be for Physics, Chemistry and Biology. The remaining 10 marks will be for English.
Four per cent of the SSC marks and six per cent of the HSC marks will now be added to the total marks secured in the written test. It was five per cent earlier.
Students obtaining a total of at least 1300 marks in the SSC

Costly runs Tigers poisoned as sequel to 'rivalry between Zoo staff'

By Staff Correspondent
The four Royal Bengal tigers which died at the Mirpur Zoo recently were poisoned to death as a sequel to an internal conflict between two rival groups of the Zoo staff over 'financial gains'.
This was said in a confessional statement by one of the nine arrested Zoo staff yesterday, police said.
The Detective Branch (DB) of police which is investigating the Zoo incident is now at the verge of finding out from where the poison was procured and how it was administered, police said.
Alekh Chan, a caretaker of animals at the Zoo, made the confessional statement in presence of a Metropolitan Magistrate yesterday. Alekh was then released.
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Manzur murder case Lt Col Mostafa Kamaluddin freed

By Staff Correspondent
Lt Col (retd) Mostafa Kamaluddin Bhuiyan, one of the accused persons in the Manzur murder case who was allowed bail by Additional Sessions and District Judge, Dhaka on Tuesday was released yesterday, reports BSS.
Bhuiyan was arrested on June 15 last year in connection with Manzur murder case. He is one of the five accused along with former president H M Ershad in the case.

Experts body to see how much can be done to resolve water issue : Basu

By Staff Correspondent
Chief Minister of the Indian state of West Bengal Jyoti Basu has said both the central government of India and his state government are sympathetically examining the water problem of Bangladesh and are making attempts to reach a solution.
'We were in the process of finding avenues towards its resolution. However, it has to be accommodated taking into consideration the difficulties of both sides,' he told newsmen yesterday afternoon at the Zia International Airport.
Basu said, 'We all know that the Padma in Bangladesh is drying up' and with its drying up, some districts like Rajshahi are in the grip of serious crisis.
'Although we already know something of the water related issue, we will see how much can be done to resolve water issue: Basu'
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HC injunction on promotions to posts of jt secy

By SC Correspondent
The High Court yesterday issued an injunction restraining the government from giving promotions to the posts of joint secretary on the basis of the 'seniority list' dated November 3 and giving ante dated seniority to the Industrial Management Service officers absorbed in the BCS Administration Cadre.
A Division Bench of the HC comprising Justice M M Hoque and Justice M A Matin also directed the government not to consider the question of promotions to the posts of joint secretary only in pursuance of the letter dated November 24, purporting to hold the meeting.
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'No need to import rice this year'

The country will not require to import rice this year following increase in production, reports BSS.
This was stated at a meeting on food management and storage at the food ministry with Agriculture, Food and Disaster Management Minister Begum Motia Chowdhury in the chair.
The meeting discussed the current food position in the country.
It was informed in the meeting that at present government godowns have 10 lakh 9 thousand metric tons of foodgrains. The present stock of foodgrain was also termed as sufficient.
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Prof Iqbal Mahmud takes over as BUET VC

Prof Iqbal Mahmud took over as Vice-Chancellor of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) yesterday, a university press release said, reports BSS.
Dr Iqbal Mahmud, a senior-most professor of the Chemical Engineering Department of the University replaced Prof M A Mannan as VC.
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রাজউক বাণিজ্যিক প্লট

নিলাম নোটিশ স্থগিতকরণ প্রসঙ্গে

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