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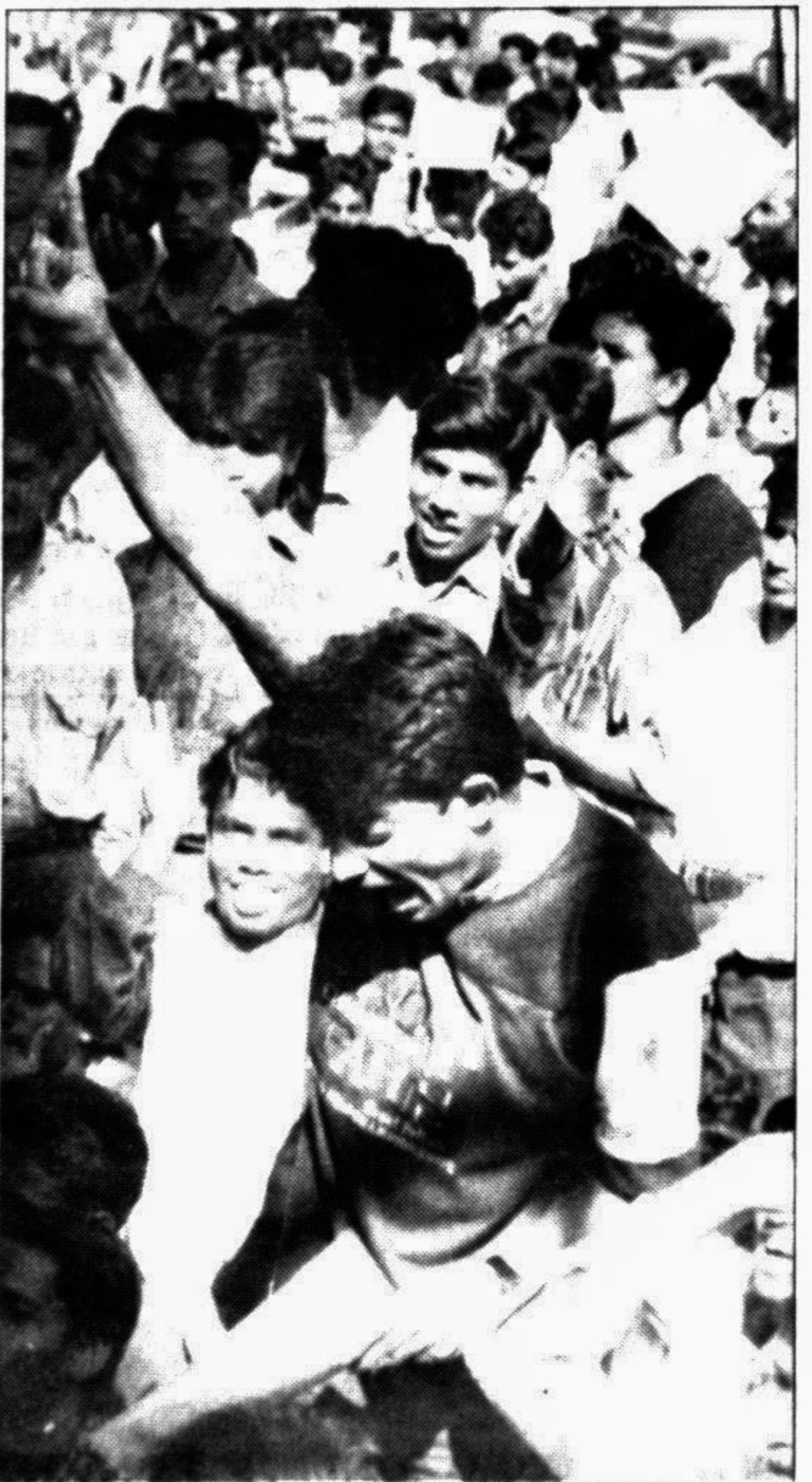
DSE MARKET

DSE price index 2613.35
Market capital Tk 18655.34 cr
Transactions in volume 15793
Transactions in value Tk 64.99 lakh

CSE MARKET

CSE price index 1355.45
Market capital Tk 15993.37 cr
Transactions in volume 912
Transactions in value Tk 2.98 lakh

Kerb market traders to continue sit-in DSE turnover dips to record low in brief trading



Kerb market operators demonstrating in front of the DSE building yesterday. — Star photo

By Staff Correspondent

Turnover on the floor of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) dipped to a record low in recent months during brief trading yesterday amid demonstrations and sit-in by kerb market traders outside.

They were demanding government measures to stop the downside in share prices.

Only 15 thousand shares and debentures worth about Tk 64.99 lakh were traded during the transaction lasting less than an hour.

Of the 51 issues traded, 44 incurred loss and only 7 gained, pulling down the DSE All Share Price Index by 48.80 points (1.83 per cent) to 2618.38 points on the day the first trading day of the week.

The agitating kerb market traders staged a day-long sit-in in front of the DSE building and declared that the sit-in would take place everyday from 9 am to 2 pm till "normalcy returns".

They also called upon the DSE members and all investors to refrain from share transactions expressing solidarity with their programme.

The DSE authorities were forced to close trading on the floor as hundreds of kerb market traders began noisy demonstrations and staged sit-in since the morning.

They brought out several processions and held rallies demanding stoppage of trading on the floor and resignation of Finance Minister S A M Kibria for what they called his failure in handling the matter.

They also criticised the finance minister for his comments setting the minimum All Share Price Index at 1500 points for a government intervention.

Chanting various slogans against the DSE members and the government, the processions marched through the Motijheel commercial area, reaching up to Jibon Bima Bhawan where the Securities and Exchange Commission of Bangladesh is located.

They also held a brief rally there and urged the SEC to

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Investors in primary market still undeterred

By Shehab Ahmed

The tempest in the country's secondary market, whipping up a whirlwind interest for the honeymoon, is sagging but investors are yet to be deterred from trying their fortune in the primary market.

They flocked in hundreds during the past fortnight to apply for primary shares of a number of companies while indexes dipped at the two stock exchanges.

They offered at least Tk 100 crore worth of shares for an unsatisfactory market that craved for more.

The last of the season's offering ended yesterday when state-owned Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangsata (BSRS) closed the door for its shares.

It drew tremendous enthusiasm as usual. Bank tellers were overworked yesterday.

A shy housewife was queuing in the ladies counter of a city bank, located at the heart of a posh residential area yesterday afternoon.

Why are you putting your money when the share market is in tumult? Nasrin Kabir had a simple answer to the query. "I am not afraid. I have already applied for a slice of the offer."

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MOU for installing automation system in DSE

Dhaka Stock Exchange signed a Memorandum of Understanding yesterday with Tandem Computers International, a US-based firm, for installing automation system in the bourse, reports UNB.

The MOU was signed by DSE Secretary Shamsul Morshed and Philip Oh, Director, Strategic Business Operations, Asia-Pacific, of the Tandem Computers company, said a press release.

Shahriar taken on fresh remand

By Staff Correspondent

Col (retd) Shahriar Rashid Khan was placed on a fresh remand for five days yesterday for interrogation in connection with the Serniabat murder case, according to official sources.

The CID sought his remand for the second time following the end of the first seven-day remand.

Earlier, Shahriar was placed on remand in connection with the August 15 killings and the jail killings of November 3.

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Star Report

Agricultural growth rate in the country is falling sharply due to declining soil fertility, inefficiency in use of fertiliser and other inputs, increasing intensity of pest attacks and some other reasons, experts said at a seminar on agriculture in the city yesterday.

More than 60 per cent of our cultivated soil has organic matter content below critical level," said agriculture expert Dr Indrajit Roy at the seminar on Environmental Degradation and Agricultural Productivity.

The growth rate of agriculture declined to 1.77 per cent in 1994-95 from 6 per cent in 73-74 while in crop sub-sector it declined to negative 0.20 per cent in 94-95 from 7.90 per cent in 73-74, according to official statistics presented at the seminar.

The seminar, organised by Bangladesh Academy of Agriculture (BAU) at the BARC auditorium, was told that rice production growth rate declined to 2 per cent during 1985-95 from 3 per cent during 1965-75.

Inaugurated by Agriculture Minister Begum Matia Chowdhury, the seminar was participated by, among others,

Monument at Suhrawardy Uddyan soon

An 'independence monument' will be erected at the city's Suhrawardy Uddyan to commemorate the historical speech of the father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on March 7 and the surrender of the Pakistan army on December 16, 1971, reports UNB.

The decision was taken in an inter-ministerial meeting held at the conference room of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs yesterday with State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader in the chair.

The meeting also decided that the construction work of the monument will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on December 16, said a PID handout.

Cultural Affairs Secretary Anisul Haq Chowdhury and Director General of Shilpkala Academy Shamsuzzaman Khan, among others, attended the meeting.

PM's directive to go for efficient food management

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday directed the Food Ministry to go for efficient management of foodgrains with well-coordinated measures, reports UNB.

The directive came during a briefing in the Food Ministry at the secretariat in the morning on the overall food-management situation.

The briefing session was also attended by Food, Agriculture, Relief and Disaster Management Minister Begum Matia Chowdhury.

Food Secretary Abdul Hamid Chowdhury apprised the Prime Minister of the overall food management situation in the country.

The Prime Minister said all programmes and activities of the Food Ministry should be orchestrated in such a way that it could function as the central point in the procurement, distribution and management of grains.

"Food is the most vital among the basic needs of the people" and our government

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'Killers of '71 must be punished'



A Z M Rafiq Bhuiyan, Director General of the National Museum addressing a meeting reminiscing the Liberation War at the museum auditorium yesterday. — Star photo

By Staff Correspondent

The members of the martyrs' families yesterday urged all pro-liberation forces to come up with the demand for trial of the killers of 1971.

The killers of '71 are still roaming on the sacred soil of Bangladesh, the relatives of the martyrs said at a reminiscence meeting held at the National Museum auditorium in the city yesterday.

"We do not want to come before you to narrate the sad events of our lives. We want the trial of the killers and collaborators of 1971," said Shahin Reza Nur, son of Shaheed journalist Sirajuddin Hossain.

He said, the pro-liberation

forces have now come to state power and so our expectations from this government are naturally high.

Speaking on the occasion Dr. Juba Mahmood, daughter of Shaheed Mamun Mahmood, said, sometimes the sacrifices of the people of the country will be meaningless if there are injustice and oppression in society.

"Bangladesh is a unique state in the world. There is no country which has achieved independence for cultural re-

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Hasina-Gowda summit in Delhi on Dec 12

From M Anwarul Haq

NEW DELHI, Dec 7: Preparations are being finalised for the summit between the prime ministers of Bangladesh and India here, now scheduled for Dec 12.

The summit between Sheikh Hasina and Deve Gowda will take place at the Hyderabad House where an accord on water-sharing between the two countries is expected to be signed.

At least six rounds of talks between officials of Bangladesh and India were held here in the

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20m to be given polio vaccine today

Help children grow in good health: PM

By Staff Correspondent

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called up all sections of society to work unitedly to free Bangladesh of the crippling polio disease.

"Active participation and spontaneous support of people from all strata is essential for the gigantic task to vaccinate nearly 20 million children in a day," she said while inaugurating the 3rd National Immunisation Day at the Osmani Memorial auditorium.

"Country's children will be free from being crippled when we will succeed in eradicating polio from Bangladesh," the Prime Minister added.

Support and participation from people of all walks of life are very essential in this regard. "Guardians have to come forward to help their children grow in good health. We have to go for preventive measures, rather than opting for curative ones.

The vaccination programme for polio-prevention will be conducted throughout the country for the third time today

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Zia proclaimed independence when AL leaders fled to India : Mannan

By Staff Correspondent

BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan has alleged that attempts were being made to undermine Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman's contributions to the War of Liberation.

Besides, the contributions of Maulana Bhasani and Gen M A Osman to the War were also being tactfully ignored, he said.

Mannan Bhuiyan was inaugurating the Fourth Shaheed Zia Memorial Open Chess competition, organised by the Kot-

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15 injured as BCL factions clash in Tangail

From Our Correspondent

TANGAIL, Dec 7: At least 15 people were injured, most of them with bullet and bomb splinters, during a clash reportedly between two factions of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), the student wing of the ruling party, in the district town this afternoon.

The condition of one of the injured persons, a young man, was stated to be critical, an official of the district administration quoted doctors said. He

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9 senior officials promoted

Nine senior officials of the administration have been given promotion. Of them, two have been made secretaries, one member of the Planning Commission and six additional secretaries, reports UNB.

The six promoted as additional secretaries have been appointed Officer on Special Duty in the Establishment Ministry until further orders, it was officially announced yesterday.

A B M Abdus Shakur, acting secretary of the Ministry of Re-

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BOI NEEDS INTERNET EXPERT SERVICE

Board of Investment (BoI) is going to have exposure through Internet locally and internationally. With this end in view expert services are essentially needed for developing a homepage to provide on-line information on Government Policies and all other relevant details on how foreign as well as local investors have to proceed.

An Internet web-sites to be set up to have an on-line homepage which will approximately have a text of 50 pages with tables and graphs numbering approximately 20. It should preferably be interactive. This will contain information on Government's investment related policies.

Interested firms or individuals who have expertise on internet and homepage making are invited to submit their proposal by 22 December, 1996 (12 Noon). The detailed terms of reference (TOR) may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

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