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DSE MARKET

DSE price index: 2618.35
Market capital Tk: 18655.34 cr
Transactions in volume: 15793
Transactions in value Tk: 64.99 lakh

CSE MARKET

CSE price index: 1355.41
Market capital Tk: 15909.37 cr
Transactions in volume: 912
Transactions in value Tk: 2.98 lakh

NEWS BRIEFS

2 Shantibahini men surrender

From Staff Correspondent
CHITTAGONG, Dec 7: Two Shantibahini men surrendered to the security forces, along with arms and ammunition at Ruma under Banderban district early today.
According to the security sources, they fled their hide-outs in the deep forest of Banderban being disgusted with their jungle life and due to internal rivalry.
During the past one year, 10 Shantibahini men had surrendered in Ruma area, the sources added.

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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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 S 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 processionists marched through the Motijheel commercial area, reaching up to Jiban Bima Bhaban where the Securities and Exchange Commission office is located.

They also held a brief rally there and urged the SEC au-

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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 Shilpakala 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 remembrance meeting held at the National Museum auditorium in the city yesterday.

The Bangladesh National Museum organised the meeting in celebration of the Silver Jubilee of the Victory Day.

25th V-Day

They said, the killers must be punished for their brutality during the nine months of the Liberation War for the sake of our existence as a sovereign nation.

"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. Jeba 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 rea-

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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 would 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

last two days, according to official sources.

A four-member advance team from Bangladesh led by Secretary to the Prime Minister Dr. Mouluddin Khan Alamgir is now in the Indian capital.

The Bangladesh Premier arrives here by a commercial flight of the Biman on Tuesday morning. Her 25-member entourage will include Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad and Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzaq.

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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 G 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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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

and January 8, 1997.

Nearly 20 million children under five years will be vaccinated during the two days to protect them from the crippling disease.

Earlier, similar two-day vaccination drives were conducted in March and April last year and in April and May this year.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Salah Uddin Yusuf, UNICEF country representative Rolf C. Carriere, WHO representative Dr. W. Hardjotonojo, past president of Rotary International Clem Renouf, US Ambassador in Dhaka David N. Merrill and Japanese Ambassador Yoshikazu Kaneko also spoke on the occasion.

Health Secretary Muhammad Ali presided over the function, which was also addressed by EPI director Dr. Shamsul Hoque and Joint Secretary Azizur Rahman.

Addressing the function, the Prime Minister hoped that all would perform their assigned

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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 quaffing 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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Agri growth rate falls mainly due to decline in soil fertility

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 (BAA) 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, agriculture experts including Dr Kazi M. Badruddoza, Dr M. Hasanullah, Dr Indrajit Roy, Dr Serajul Islam, Dr Salauddin Ahmed and Dr Ekramul Ahsan.

About the problem of pest attack Dr Indrajit Roy said "pests damage, on an average, 10 per cent of rice yields annually. Potential losses of up to 55 per cent before harvest have been estimated."

The action committee will gear up the office of TNO of Golapganj on December 10 as part of its agitation programme, the speakers told the rally.

Agriculture expert Dr Ekramul Ahsan suggested that a small farmers development bank with appropriate operational mechanism should be introduced in the country to facilitate use of farm credit for a positive impact.

Most of the public sector institutional credit programmes were not accessible to the small farmers who constitute the bulk of the farmers community, he noted.

According to Bangladesh Bank statistics quoted by Dr Ahsan, agriculture credit recovery rate against amount due had declined from 49 per cent in 1980-81 to 18 per cent in 1992-93.

At the same time, overdue loans under agriculture credit in 1992-93 stood at Tk 3854 crore from Tk 234 crore in 1980-81. This amount is increasing due to heavy backlog of amount due for recovery which shot up from Tk 425 crore in 1980 to Tk 4,719 crore in 1992, experts said.

The benefits of cheap institutional credit have mostly been reaped by the influential few in the rural society. Also

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আপনার পরিবেশ সুন্দর ও পরিষ্কার রাখুন

জাতীয় টিকা দিবস ৮ ডিসেম্বর '৯৬ ও ৮ জানুয়ারী '৯৭

প্রিয় নগরবাসী,

আসসালামু আলাইকুম।

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