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DSE price index	2690.14
Market capital Tk	19213.38 cr
Transactions in volume	1.87 lakh
Transactions in value Tk	8.26 cr

CSE MARKET

CSE price index	1277.55
Market capital Tk	14971.17 cr
Transactions in volume	12068
Transactions in value Tk	3847580 cr

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PM hosts dinner for foreign dignitaries

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina hosted a dinner in honour of the foreign dignitaries who are now in Dhaka to join the Silver Jubilee celebrations of the Independence of Bangladesh at her Ganobhaban official residence Monday evening. The foreign dignitaries included Annada Shankar Roy, PN Dhar, Sunil Kumar Gangopadhyaya, Debudul Banarjee, Subrata Roy, Arundhuti Maistry and Gautam Ray from India, Mrs Motos Hayakawa from Japan, John R Kelly from Switzerland, Simon Dring and Rashed Suhrawardy from the UK and Prof Peter Bertocci, Prof Enayet Rahim, Archer Blood, Arnold Zeitlin, Mrs Vicki Zeitlin and Charles Ashton from the US, reports BSS.

Fresh vow to uphold spirit of Liberation War

By Staff Correspondent

The nation celebrated on Monday the Silver Jubilee of its victory in the War of Liberation with a fresh vow to uphold the spirit of the war and materialise the dreams of millions of martyrs.

The Silver Jubilee celebration was a peoples' event in every sense of the term. Hundreds of thousands of people came out onto the streets, many with families including young children, to partake in an event that brought pride, glory, happiness and euphoria in the hearts of all.

It was a virtual sea of human beings from day break. Every

street corner was a meeting place and every empty place a place for a function. Patriotic music filled the air and poetry recitation and songs from Liberation War days could be heard from all sides. People from all walks of life participated in the celebration, just as 25 years ago, people from all walks of life fought to free the country.

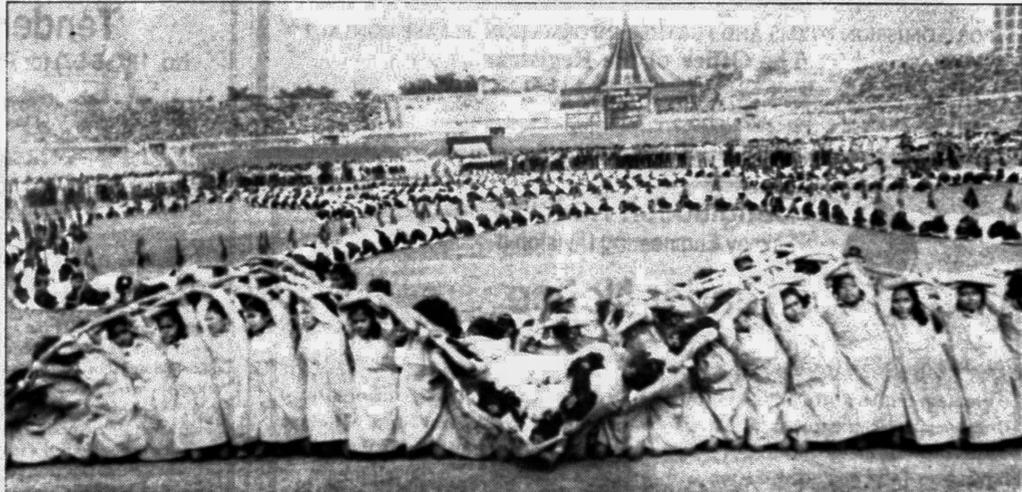
The nation won the nine-month Liberation War defeating 93,000 Pakistani occupation troops who surrendered to the joint command of the Indian army and the Mukti Bahini at the Suhrawardy Uddyan on December 16, 1971.

The President and the premier also signed the visitors' book at the memorial. Sheikh Hasina also placed another wreath at the memorial in her capacity as Awami League chief.

Ministers, MPs, Awami League leaders, heads of foreign missions, chiefs of the three services and high civil and military officials were present. From Savar, Hasina drove straight to Bangabandhu Museum at Dhanmondi to place wreath at the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. An impressive combined

band played the last post.

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An attractive and colourful display by children at the National Stadium-1 on Sunday on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of Victory. — Star photo

PM lays foundation of Independence Monument 'Our struggle yet to end'

'Our struggle is yet to end' said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina laying the foundation of the Independence Monument Monday at the historic venue from where her father gave a call for the Bangalee to prepare for war 25 years back, reports UNB.

This is also the site — Suhrawardy Uddyan — where some 93 thousand Pakistani occupation forces surrendered to the joint command of Indian Army and Mukti Bahini on December 16, 1971 when the nation wrest victory in the War of Liberation after a nine-month bloody struggle.

'This monument will always speak about the heroism of the Bengalee nation who earned independence at the dear cost of millions of lives,' Sheikh Hasina told thousands of cheering people who thronged the park to witness the historic event.

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman delivered his historic speech on March 7, 1971 from this ground, giving a clear hint to the nation to get prepared for the country's independence and freedom. 'This time struggle is for freedom... for independence,' he told a mammoth gathering of mil-

lions. Saying that struggle is not yet over, Hasina called upon her party leaders and workers to launch a movement for making the independence meaningful by establishing Sonar Bangla where people will be free from hunger and poverty, as dreamt by Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

'We have only achieved our voting right, but we're yet to achieve economic prosperity,' she said.

Hasina recalled with gratitude the countries and individuals who had helped the country's Liberation War. She said neighbouring India and its late leader, Indira Gandhi, Russia, Japan, UK, people of the United States and many people had supported and helped the

Bangladesh liberation struggle. Some 19 distinguished personalities from four countries came at the invitation of the Bangladesh government to attend the foundation-laying ceremony. Among them were Ananda Sankar Roy, PN Dhar, Sunil Kumar Gangopadhyaya, Shantimoy Roy, Subrata Roy and Deb Dulal Bandopadhyaya from India; Hotoe Hayakawa from Japan; John Kelly from Switzerland; Simon Dring, Rashed Suhrawardy and Peter Bertoric from UK and, Enayet Karim, Archer Blood, Arnold Zeitlin, Vicki Zeitlin, Charles Ashlon and Martin Walcott from the USA.

The Prime Minister said shortly an open competition would be arranged for the design of the monument work on See Page 16 Col 4

JCD-BCL clashes leave 25 hurt in Feni

FENI, Dec 17: At least 25 people were injured in separate clashes between pro-Awami League Chhatra League and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal in Sonagazi thana in the district on Sunday and Monday, police and hospital sources here said, reports UNB.

Seriously wounded — two police men Raihan and Motiur Rahman, rickshawpuller Kamaluddin and JCD activist Faruk — were admitted to Feni Sadar hospital.

On Sunday, the clash began when some activists of Chhatra League stormed a Victory Day stage, erected by JCD men at Boktarmunshi Bazar.

The rival students blasted a number of crackers during the clash that left ten people wounded. Police however, brought the situation under control. See Page 16 Col 1

Kidnapped TNO, others rescued

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Dec 17: Security forces today raided a Shantibahini camp in a border area under Ruma thana of Bandarban hill district and rescued the kidnapped Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO) of Thanchi thana and seven others, official sources said.

During the raid the security forces had a half an hour exchange of fire with the Shantibahini who at one stage fled from the camp, the sources said adding that no casualty was reported.

The security forces recovered four SMGs, one US made M-16 rifle, 10 hand grenades, 18 magazines, 888 ammunitions, one walkie-talkie set, uniforms and some other goods from the camp located at the zero line of

the border of Bangladesh, Myanmar and India, the sources added.

Among the rescued victims, TNO Azim Uddin Chowdhury and five others were abducted by Shantibahinimen at gunpoint on November 29 from a country boat while they were moving from Ruma to Thanchi at 2 pm. The five others were identified as Shahjahan Kabir, sub-assistant engineer of Thanchi thana health department, Lutfur Rahman, electrician, Abul Kalam, boatman, Abdul Mannan and Khalilur Rahman, a businessman.

Besides, the two others rescued today from the same camp were identified as Abdul Karim and Rafiq Uddin. Both of them are workers and they were ab-

ducted by Shantibahini on October 3 from Bangachhari under Roangchhari thana of Bandarban district, the official sources said.

Officials said on receipt of secret information the security forces launched a commando-style attack on the camp of Shantibahini before dawn today.

The victims were shifted to this camp from another camp located at a border area near Kantoli under Ruma thana few days ago, the sources said. After abduction of TNO and five others a number of security patrols launched search operations. But the Shantibahini demanded a huge ransom for their release.

Prisoners take control of Jessore Central Jail

JHENIDAH, Dec 17: Prisoners demanding improved diet and a better living in prison seized took control of Jessore Central Jail driving out the warden on Monday, reports UNB.

High officials concerned from the capital and Khulna division rushed to Jessore but failed to come to grips with the jail revolt till the despatch of this report late this evening, reports reaching here said.

Sources said the unruly prisoners, meanwhile, had made sharp weapons in the jail's smithy and got entrenched around the jail compound.

Police from other districts were called in and deployed around the prison to prevent any jailbreak and bring the situation under control. Paramil-

tary, BDR troops were also on guard.

Police said the trouble started at about 9 am Monday, the Victory Day, following a wrangle between jail warden and prisoners over distribution of food.

The angry prisoners swooped on the wardens, drove them out and blocked the entry by placing sacks of rice and flour at the jail gate.

They are also demanding reintroduction of a rule made in 1990 by the then caretaker government enhancing facilities for jail inmates but later abrogated. They put forward several other demands, including end to alleged irregularities in the jail, which has a capacity for 1,400 but crammed with some 2,700 prisoners.

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Prince Charles arrives Feb 26

Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales will arrive here on February 26 on a three-day official visit to Bangladesh, reports UNB.

The announcement was made by the Prince of Wales's Household in London on Monday, said a British High Commission press release.

This will be the first visit of the Royal Prince to Bangladesh. The number one successor of the British Kingdom, Prince Charles, is the eldest son of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip.

Major to visit Dhaka in Jan

British Prime Minister John Major is likely to visit Bangladesh early next month, reports UNB.

Officials here yesterday indicated that the British Prime Minister would come to Dhaka in the first week of January at See Page 16 Col 8

Premier division MSC regains league title

Sports Reporter Mohammed Sporting Club beat arch-rivals Abahani Krira Chakra 1-0 to regain the Danish Premier Division football league title at the Mirpur stadium yesterday.

Opportunists' forward Arman netted the all important goal ten minutes into the game. (Story and pictures on page-15)

22 killed, 6 injured in road accidents

By Staff Correspondent

Twenty two people were killed and six injured in road accidents in Dhaka, Jessore, Comilla, Narasingdi, Khagrachhari and Cox's Bazar during the last two days.

Our DMC Correspondent reports. Four persons, including a naik of Bangladesh Army, were killed and one was injured in separate road accidents in the city during the last two days.

Naik Shahbulbul Alam, aged around 30, died when a bus hit him on the Airport Road near Joar Shahara yesterday, police said.

The Dhaka-bound bus from Gazipur hit Alam from behind, said police adding he was riding a bicycle at the time. Alam died on the spot.

Cantonment thana police seized the bus but the driver fled soon after the accident. A case has been filed with Cantonment

thana. Naima Khatun, 3, daughter of one Nurul Huq was killed when a truck ran over her on Biswa road near Gulshan at around 3pm Tuesday. The body was sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) for autopsy, hospital sources said.

In another accident, a rickshaw puller, aged about 27, was killed when a minibus hit his rickshaw near the Ansar camp at the Mirpur section-1 yesterday.

Hasan, a passenger of the rickshaw was admitted to the DMCH where he succumbed to his injuries.

According to UNB, another unidentified person, aged about 30, died on the spot when a speeding truck hit him near the Parbat Cinema Hall at Gabtoli yesterday morning.

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USAID to help set up small power generation units

The US Agency for International Development is making arrangements for the Rural Electrification Board to set up small power generation units, the USAID Director in Dhaka said yesterday, reports UNB.

Addressing a meeting of American Chamber of Commerce in Bangladesh (AmCham), USAID Director Dr Richard M Brown said work on the power units will begin by April next and is expected to be finished within six months.

He said Pali Biddyt Samity or the Rural Electrification Cooperatives are operating successfully, but lack of power supply from the national grid and high level of loadshedding are seriously affecting its performance.

A study shows that these small generation units are 'highly feasible' in Bangladesh and this will be an investment

opportunity for sellers, agents and banks to arrange the purchase and servicing of the units, he said.

The power units of three to See Page 16 Col 6

Upazila polls in mid '97: Zillur

COMILLA, Dec 17: Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Zillur Rahman said here today upazila election would be held by the middle of the next year, reports BSS.

Inaugurating the newly-built 'pourabhaban' here built at a cost of Taka 29 lakh the minister said we would build up people's administration by distributing power among the elected local leaders.

Referring to the distortion of the history of the liberation war he said people would not forgive those who had distorted history.

Zillur Rahman declared that Laksam Pourasabha would be promoted to a 'kha' grade pourasabha.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh National Board of Revenue Dhaka

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The date for advance income tax payment for the 2nd quarter of the current financial year is December 15, 1996. The advance income tax payable by the concerned taxpayer is to be paid through IT Form No. IT31 (B) (Amended) Challan.

The taxpayers should pay the advance tax filling in the said challan form as usual by replacing the figure "74(1)" with the figure "64" in as many places as it occurs in the form. It may be mentioned that the financial limit of total income for payment of advance income tax for all classes of assessee is now Taka. 1,00,000

All assessee concerned are requested to pay their advance income tax for the 2nd quarter of the current financial year relevant to the assessment year 1997-98 under this system by December 15, 1996. Simple interest @ 10% per annum will be leviable if the advance income tax is not paid or paid at a lesser amount than due.

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National Board of Revenue

Parties urged to place nat'l interest above all

Vision of The Young

By Staff Correspondent

Young professionals and students want to see forward-looking politics of tolerance and mutual respect in the country to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

They want a greater role of logic and facts in national debates and less of emotion and rhetoric.

Professionals below the age of 29 at a seminar on 'Vision of the Young' yesterday urged political leaders to shun acrimony, negativism and 'opposition for opposition's sake', and put national interest above partisan ones.

The seminar was organised by The Daily Star at the Jatiya Press Club in cooperation with the Independent University of Bangladesh. Rotary International and North South University to mark the Silver Jubilee of Victory in the War of Liberation. Participated by students. See Page 16 Col 7

The Daily Star Seminar on VISION OF THE YOUNG 17 December, 1996

A student addressing the seminar on 'Vision of the Young,' organised by The Daily Star at the Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday. — Star photo

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