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## Results of 6686 RB examinees withheld

From M A Ali  
RAJSHAHI, Sept 11: The Rajshahi Education Board has withheld the results of 6,686 HSC examinees for alleged irregularities, sources in the board said.  
The Board published the results of the 1997 HSC examination today amid tension among the students, teachers and guardians.  
Tight security was maintained around the Board today. The student's organisations continuing their agitation demanding publication of the results of the 6,686 examinees.  
When contacted, the controller of the Board M Mozammel Haque told The Daily Star that the board is yet to decide on publication of the results of the 6,686 examinees.  
When asked about the senior Assistant Judge court's order to publish results of the retained examinees within 30 days, Haque said, "We did not receive the court's order yet."  
The 11-member Board Committee will meet next Monday to decide the fate of the 6,686 examinees.

## Results of five edn boards published Average pass percentage in HSC exams 37

By Staff Correspondent  
Under the Dhaka Board, 2,18,905 students appeared in the examinations, of whom 78,352 passed. The percentage of pass is 35.79. Among the successful candidates 19,696 got first division, 50,375 second division and 8,281 third division. Of those who passed, 35.80 per cent are male and 35.78 per cent are female students.  
The top three positions in the combined merit list of Science, Agri Science and Home Economics group were secured by candidates from Dhaka College.  
Mohammad Shafiqul Alam of Dhaka College stood first in the merit list of the group, securing 943 marks. Faisal Ibne Rezwana and Nabil Imran Siddiquee of the same college got the second and third positions with 941 and 939 marks respectively.  
In the combined merit list of Humanities, Islamic Studies and Music group, Sabrina M Shaila of the Rifles Public School and College stood first, scoring 883 marks. She was followed by Mosammat Nelema Akter of Viharunissa Noon College with 864 marks. The third position went to Badal Chandra Baroi of DK Sayed Athar Al Academy and College. He scored 862 marks.  
Anisur Rahman Faroque of See Page 12 Col 1



Some of the 16 Bangladeshi children aged between four and eight who appeared in a New Delhi court yesterday. Police claim they entered India without passports and were apprehended as they were being taken to Saudi Arabia, apparently to be used as jockeys in desert camel racing. — AFP/UNB photo

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## Bangladesh, US pledge to expand economic ties

By Staff Correspondent  
Bangladesh and the United States reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen further the existing friendly bilateral relations between the two countries.  
At the official talks yesterday, the two sides also pledged to expand economic and commercial ties.  
Emerging from the talks, visiting US Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs Karl F Inderfurth told newsmen that he had fruitful talks and the outcome reflected "a growing economic dimension of co-operation between the two countries."  
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## Pass percentage increases by 12 this year

Star Report  
The percentage of pass in the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations under the five education boards this year increased by 12 compared to that in the previous year.  
The results of examinations under the Dhaka, Comilla, Chittagong, Jessore and Rajshahi boards, announced yesterday, showed that the percentage of pass this year is 37.00 while that in the previous year was 25 per cent.  
Rajshahi Board has the highest increase in the pass percentage this year, compared to the previous year's. This year, 39.20 per cent candidates came out successful under the board compared to 23.47 per cent last year. The increase is 15.73 per cent.  
Jessore Board, the percentage of pass is 32.59 this year. See Page 12 Col 4

## Vested quarters involved: Minister Nurses call strike in hospitals across country

Health Minister Salauddin Yusuf yesterday termed the nurses' strike at IPGMR 'illogical' and suspected the hand of vested quarters behind it, reports UNB.  
He called upon the striking nurses to join their duties immediately and assured them of solving their problems, if any, through discussion.  
Meanwhile, Bangladesh Diploma Nurses Association yesterday announced an action programme, including 24 and 48-hour strikes in hospitals across the country, to press for their seven-point demand.  
Addressing a press conference at the Health Ministry, Salauddin Yusuf said the government is determined to maintain normal atmosphere in the hospital.  
The Health Minister said the government in principle had agreed to convert the IPGMR into a medical university and named it 'Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University', but this, in no way, would affect the service of the nurses.  
He said it would take some more time to convert the PG into a university and the nurses and all other employees working there would have option to choose whether they would join an autonomous body or continue their government job.  
The minister regretted that the nurses continued their strike even after he had given them a written assurance.  
Replying to a question, the See Page 12 Col 3

## Saddest moment for Noushad's parents

COMILLA, Sept 11: It was a poignant moment for Noushad's parents when they received the brilliant result of their son who is no more in the world, reports UNB.  
Muhammad Noushad Bin Asheque secured first position in the combined merit list of Humanities group in this year's HSC examination under Comilla Board.  
But Noushad could not relish the glory of his extraordinary performance. Son of Hajiganj Pilot High School Headmaster M Asheq Ali, Noushad died of jaundice a month after HSC examination was completed.  
An examinee from Hajiganj Model College in Chandpur district, Noushad scored 883 marks with distinction in four subjects, bringing the low-profile institution in limelight.  
Instead of celebrating his success, teachers and students of the college are now dumb-founded after receiving the result of Noushad.  
He obtained letter marks in Geography, Statistics, Islamic Studies and Computer Science. See Page 12 Col 3

## Kibria tells The Daily Star Economy not in crisis, it's all Opposition's 'scare tactic'

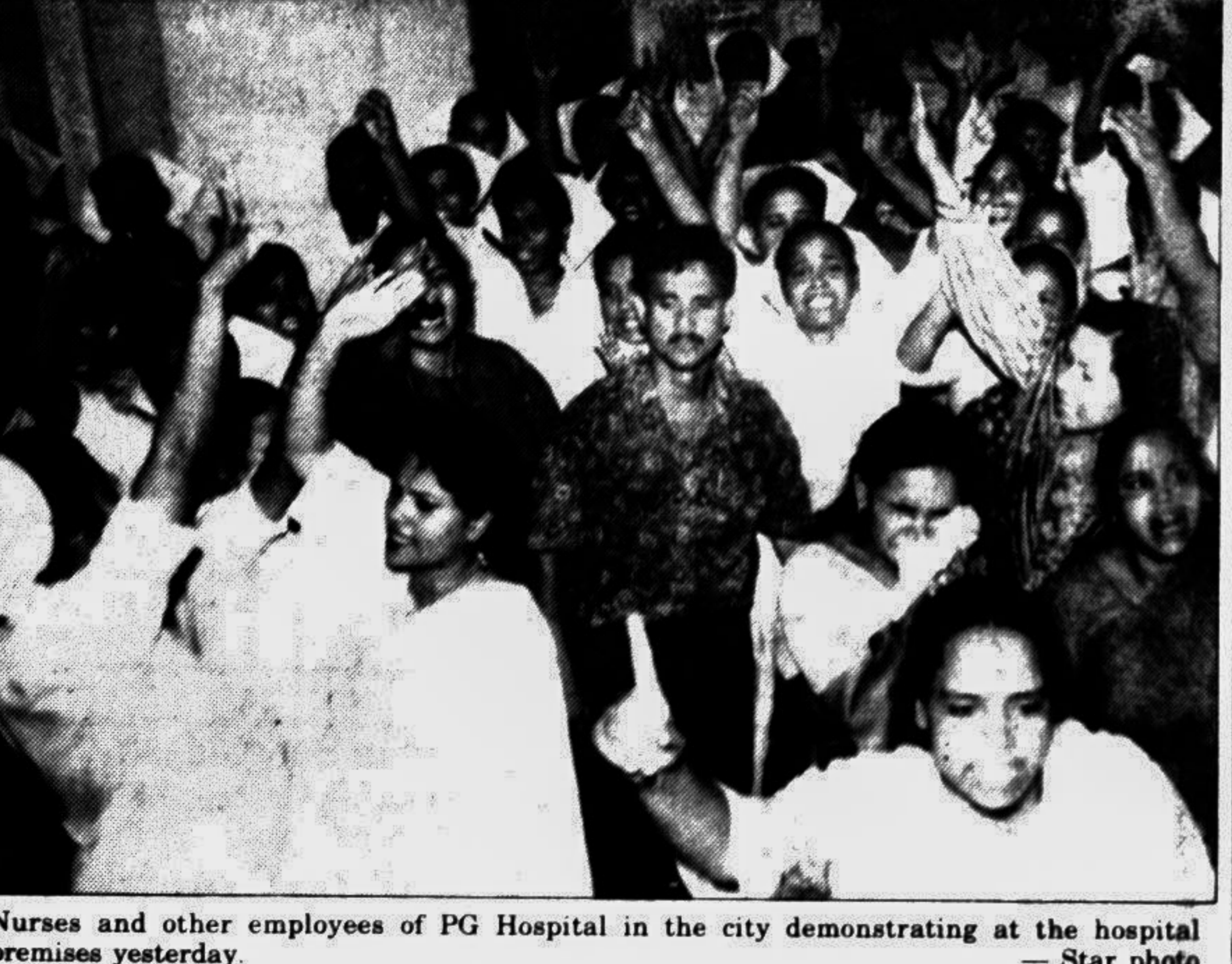
By Toufique Imrose Khalidi  
Finance Minister S A M S Kibria has dismissed opposition criticism that the economy is in deep crisis and that the government has failed to manage it, calling it all a 'scare tactic'.  
In an exclusive interview with The Daily Star Wednesday, he gave macro data for different sectors to say "the macro-economic situation of the country is sound and the prospects are bright".  
Much, however, will depend on political stability, he said.  
"Your paper has gone out on to the streets and shops, and asked questions, I will go by the indicators, and that is what one must go by to find out the state of the economy," he began his carefully-articulated defence, backed by statistics, poured in from different government agencies for the finance minister to prepare for the interview.  
The minister was referring to a Daily Star portrayal last week of a slumping economy. He, however, admitted that "at any given time an economy may have different problems".  
The finance minister's first point during his 105-minute interview was to highlight the government's success in containing the budget deficit.  
"One clear indication of how the macro economic situation is today is the overall budget deficit as a proportion of GDP," he said.  
In 1991-92, it was 5.9 per cent; in 1992-93 it continued to be 5.9 per cent; in 1993-94, it was six per cent; in 1994-95, it jumped to 6.8 per cent. The deficit came down in 1995-96 to 5.7 per cent. In 1996-97, the first full year of the Awami League government, it was brought down to 5.1 per cent, he said.  
Exports were up, and the government borrowing has gone down, he said, going through graphs. (See figures on Business Page.)  
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Shah AMS Kibria

## Female students capture top 3 positions in Ctg Board

Female candidates have captured all three top positions in combined merit lists of three groups in this year's HSC examinations under Chittagong Board, reports UNB.  
In all, 19 female students against 10 male were placed in the merit list of Commerce group, 13 girls against 9 boys in the Humanities, and 5 girls against 17 boys in the Science group in this board.  
Besides, a considerable number of female candidates got positions in the merit lists of other boards.  
A total of 37 female candidates, against 42 males, were placed in the three top-20 merit lists of Science, Humanities and Commerce groups in the Dhaka Board HSC examination results.  
The female candidates have done well particularly in Humanities and Commerce groups. Sixteen girls were placed in Humanities merit list, 13 in Commerce and 8 in Science.  
However, the position of female students in Comilla Board was not better than that of male. The girls secured only 11 positions in Humanities and Commerce groups against 34 male students.  
Six female students got positions in Humanities and five in Commerce groups merit list. See Page 12 Col 4



Nurses and other employees of PG Hospital in the city demonstrating at the hospital premises yesterday. — Star photo

## Khaleda's passport applications bear different dates of birth: Sayeed

By Staff Correspondent  
The date of birth mentioned by Begum Khaleda Zia in her two separate passport applications are contradictory, said State Minister for Information Abu Sayeed yesterday.  
While exchanging views with newsmen at a city hotel, the state minister quoted two passport applications of the BNP chairperson — one in 1978 and the other in 1986. He said, in the '78 application, Begum Zia (then Mrs Khaleda Rahman) had mentioned September, 1946 as the month of her birth and did not mention the exact day of the month.  
She applied for a passport again in 1986 and mentioned her date of birth as August 15, 1946, Sayeed said.  
Copies of the two applications for passport were made available to The Daily Star.  
The state minister said both the times she was issued with passports — one on April 1, 1978 and the other on See Page 12 Col 7

## Private TV channels to be allowed to operate soon

By Staff Correspondent  
Private television channels will be allowed to operate in the country very soon after completion of legal and other formalities next week.  
This was disclosed by Minister of State for Information Abu Sayeed yesterday while exchanging views with newsmen at a city hotel.  
As many as 22 applications have been received for opening private TV channels, he said.  
The state minister also talked about government plans for opening a media centre, disinvestment of the 'Dainik Bangla', autonomy to the state-run electronic media and increasing the rate of government advertisements.  
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## 2 escape from Gulshan police custody

By Staff Correspondent  
Two young men, who were on remand at Gulshan thana, escaped from the police station after assaulting a constable yesterday morning.  
One of them, Nobinur Rahman, 25, was re-arrested near the Gulshan crossing but the other, Shahidul Islam alias Roni, 27, was still at large, police said.  
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## PSC intialled to develop Shahbazpur Gasfield

Petrobangla and UNOCAL yesterday intialled a production sharing contract (PSC) for the development of the Shahbazpur Gas Field in Bhola, reports BSS.  
The intialling ceremony was attended, among others, by the Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources, Muhammad Noor Uddin Khan, the visiting US Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs, Karl F Inderfurth, Foreign Secretary Farooq Sobhan, Secretary, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources Dr Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury, US Ambassador to Bangladesh John C Holzman and the officials concerned.  
This is the first step in the negotiation process of an inte-

## Accords to set up two barge mounted power plants signed

The energy ministry has signed two agreements with foreign companies for setting up two Barge Mounted Power Plants (BMPPs) in the private sector, reports UNB.  
The implementation accords involving Tk 900 crore were signed yesterday with Smith Congeneration International, USA, and Hong Kong-based Wartsila Power Development (Asia) Limited for setting up the power plants at Khulna and Haripur near Dhaka.  
The power plants, each with a capacity of approximately 100 Megawatt, will be commissioned within 12 months from the See Page 12 Col 6

## SAFF football India-Maldives final Saturday

From Al-Amin  
KATHMANDU, Sept 11: Favourites India moved into the final of the first SAFF Championship with a comfortable 2-0 semifinal victory over arch-rivals Pakistan at the Dasarath Stadium here today.  
In a nerve-wracking affair, veteran striker IM Vijayan struck both the goals for the Indians.  
The tall South Indian booter put his side ahead with a brilliant header, from a Carlton Chapman pass in the 42nd minute and then sealed the Pakistanis' fate with a grounder from an Amit Das pass in the 76th minute.  
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## Lunar eclipse Sept 16

By Staff Correspondent  
There will be a full lunar eclipse on September 16.  
This will be the last one to be seen fully from all areas of the country in this century, astronomers said.  
Bangladesh Astronomical Association will arrange an observatory camp at the playground of BUET, says a press release.  
Meanwhile, Meghnad Shah Mohakash Tatyakendra O Grantthagar yesterday gave full time-table of the lunar eclipse. The eclipse will start at 17 minutes past midnight and end at 1:18 am.

## Hashimoto reshuffles cabinet

TOKYO, Sept 11: Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto was formally re-elected as president of the ruling party today and chose a new Cabinet that did not appear to signal any major shifts in the policies of his coalition government, reports AP.  
However, his new foreign minister could irritate some of Japan's neighbours, and his appointment of an ex-convict to another Cabinet post could cause friction in the coalition.  
Hashimoto won a second two-year term as leader of the Liberal Democratic Party during a plenary session of its lawmakers.  
His endorsement was a mere formality as Hashimoto was the only candidate. But it was the first time in the LDP's 42-year history that the party president has been elected unopposed.  
Hashimoto can now stay on as prime minister until the next general election, which need not be held for another two years.  
Hashimoto unveiled his new Cabinet by introducing them on national television, and his choices in most of the major positions had been widely reported earlier.  
Hiroshi Mitsuizuka, a nine-term LDP veteran, retained his post as finance minister. Mitsuizuka has received high marks for allaying fears during recent turbulence in Japanese financial markets.  
Keizo Obuchi, the leader of the LDP's largest faction, replaced Yukihiko Ikeda as foreign minister. Obuchi is widely viewed as a party hawk, notably See Page 12 Col 5

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### শেয়ার বিনিয়োগকারীদের শিক্ষা কার্যক্রম

### শেয়ার বিনিয়োগকারী হিসেবে আপনি জানেন কি?

- ঢাকা বা চট্টগ্রাম স্টক এক্সচেঞ্জের মাধ্যমে আপনি তালিকাভুক্ত শেয়ার, ডিবেন্চার ও মিউচুয়াল ফান্ড সার্টিফিকেট ক্রয় বা বিক্রয় করতে পারেন।
- "শেয়ার" একটি বিনিয়োগ মাধ্যম। শেয়ার ক্রয়ের মাধ্যমে আপনি তালিকাভুক্ত কোম্পানীতে আপনার সঞ্চয় বিনিয়োগ করছেন। লভজনক কোম্পানীতে বিনিয়োগ করলে হিসাব বকসরতে আপনি নগদ লভ্যতা পেতে পারেন। কোন কোন ক্ষেত্রে এই নগদ লভ্যতা হার বা ফল, ব্যাংক ডিপোজিট ও সরকারী সিকিউরিটির সুদের হারের চেয়েও বেশী। নগদ লভ্যতা ছাড়াও আপনি আনুপাতিক হারে বোনাস শেয়ার পেতে পারেন।
- শ্রীত শেয়ার বিক্রয়ের ফলে আপনার লাভ বা লোকসান হতে পারে। উঠতি বাজারে বিক্রয় করে আপনি লাভবান হতে পারেন। তেমনি নিম্নমুখী বাজারে ক্রয় করে আপনি লাভের সুযোগ সৃষ্টি করতে পারেন। ক্রয়-মূল্যের চেয়ে কম মূল্যে বিক্রয় করলে লোকসান হয় বিধায় এক্ষেত্রে বিক্রয়ের আগে আপনার বিনিয়োগ নীতি ও উদ্দেশ্যে পুনর্বিবেচনা করুন। আপনার বিনিয়োগ নীতি ও উদ্দেশ্যের সাথে সংগতিপূর্ণ না হলে শুধুমাত্র গুজব, কানকথা ও ভয়ভীতির উপর ভিত্তি করে লোকসানে শেয়ার বিক্রয় আপনার স্বার্থের পরিপন্থী।
- কোন কোম্পানীর শেয়ার মূল্য সাধারণতঃ উহার নীট সম্পদ ও লাভের উপর নির্ভরশীল। কোন কোম্পানীর নীট সম্পদ ও লাভ বাড়লে বা কমলে উহার শেয়ার মূল্যের হ্রাসবৃদ্ধি ঘটতে পারে। নীট সম্পদ, লাভ ও লভ্যতার হার বাড়লে কোন কোম্পানীর শেয়ার মূল্য সাধারণতঃ হ্রাস পায় না। সুতরাং শেয়ার বিক্রয়ের আগে কোম্পানীর নীট সম্পদ, লাভ ও লভ্যতার হার বিবেচনা করে আপনার কামিষ্ঠ বিক্রয় মূল্য নির্ধারণপূর্বক স্টক এক্সচেঞ্জ সদস্যকে বিক্রয় আদেশ প্রদান করুন। বাজার দরে আদেশ প্রদান যথাসম্ভব এড়িয়ে চলুন কেননা বাজার মূল্য আপনার কামিষ্ঠ মূল্য নাও হতে পারে।
- যে সকল বিনিয়োগকারী ঝুঁকি কমাতে চান, তারা ডিবেন্চার বা মিউচুয়াল ফান্ডে বিনিয়োগ করতে পারেন। ডিবেন্চারে বিনিয়োগ করলে আপনি হ'মাস অন্তর অন্তর ১৪% থেকে ১৭% সুদ ও নির্দিষ্ট সময়ে আসলের একাংশ ফেরত পাবেন। তাছাড়া ক্ষেত্র বিশেষে, আসলের একাংশ হিসাবে ক্রয়কৃত শেয়ার ও সুদের অতিরিক্ত লভ্যতার হারের একাংশ অতিরিক্ত সুদ হিসেবে পাওয়ার সুযোগ থাকে। মিউচুয়াল ফান্ড শেয়ারে বিনিয়োগ করলে কোম্পানীর কর্তৃক পরিচালিত ও বহুমুখী "পোর্টফোলিও" তৈরিক বলে উহার সার্টিফিকেটে বিনিয়োগ তুলনামূলকভাবে কম ঝুঁকিপূর্ণ একে বেশী ফলপ্রসূ।
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