February.

Poland's debt

Poland exchanged an agree-

ment to reschedule Poland's

debt to Japan for the fifth

time, the Foreign Ministry an-

nounced here, reports Reuter.

on an accord reached at a

meeting of Poland's major

creditor countries in Paris in

It covers at least 51.68 mil-

lton dollars and 43.67 billion

yen in capital and interest

owed by the Commercial Bank

of Warsaw to Japanese state

and commercial banks and

commercial debt owed by

Polish debtors to Japanese

creditors and insured by the

Bid to promote US

exports to Japan

Import Bank of Japan said it

was signing a cooperation

agreement Friday with the Los

Angeles-based Union Bank to

promote export from the

United States to Japan, re-

The Bank said the agree-

ment would enable it to publi-

cise a financing programme launched a year ago to extend

long-term loans to foreign

companies to boost exports of

Union Bank, a unit of Bank

manufactured goods to Japan.

of Tokyo Ltd, is one of

California's biggest banks with

Japan gives another

loan to Syria

Japanese government has

pledged to provide Syria with a

loan of up to 51.6 billion yen

(370 million dollars) to help

build a thermal power plant,

the Foreign Ministry said

million dollar commodity loan

to Syria announced earlier this

month is part of Japan's assis-

tance to the countries most

affected by the Gulf crisis.

Terms of the loan were not

Cuba to take part in

take part for the first time in

Venezuela's international trade

fair in April as part of a drive

by the Communist-ruled island

to open new trade outlets in

Latin America, a Cuban trade

official said on Friday, reports

Osilia Travieso of Cuba's

Chamber of Commerce told a

news conference in Havana the

exhibit by 30 Cuban companies

at the April 8-17 fair in the

city of Valencia would be the

biggest trade promotion initia-

tive of its kind by Cuba in

on Latin America, Travieso

China tightens control

on money supply

will tighten controls on its

BEIJING, Mar 30 : China

We're focusing our efforts

Reuter.

trade fair

HAVANA, Mar 30 : Cuba will

The loan along with a 100-

TOKYO, Mar 30 : The

about 180 branches.

Friday, reports AFP.

TOKYO, Mar 30 : Export-

Japanese government.

The agreement was based

TOKYO, Mar 30: Japan and

### Massive housing shortage in India

CALCUTTA, Mar 30 : A colossal amount of Rupees 1 90 000 crore will be reguired for investment to meet the massive shortage of housing units in the country by the turn of the century, according to Ashish Kumar Sen. Managing Director of the Housing Promotion and Finance Corporation Ltd. reports PTI.

The shortage of housing had been estimated at 63.8 million units upto 2001 and a sum of Rupees 34,875 crores would be needed for such investment in the eastern and north eastern zone along. Sen told a Press conference yesterday.

He pointed out that the plan outlay on housing had been reduced from 34 per cent in the First Five-Year Plan to 10 per cent in the Seventh Plan, thus the question of investment was given a backsheat.

Sen said that the HPFC Ltd would change its name to SBI Home Finance Limited soon symbolising its closer links with the premier financial institution - State Bank of

### Share prices decline further at DSE

Star Economic Report

The week began on Saturday at Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) with most traded shares declining further in prices. The depressed mood of the market persisted with no effective investors support. Trading, however, recorded a sharp rise in volume. DSE All Share Price Index declined to 353 8714 points compared with Thursday's 354.0782.

In all 13,845 shares changed hands compared with Thursday's 3136. Traded is gues valued Taka 5,42,360.00 against last weekend day's Taka 1.81.730.00.

Thirty stocks were traded. Of them sixteen lost, six gained and eight remained unchanged at their previous quoted prices.

Among the decliners Rahim Textile lost Taka 6.00 to Taka 59.00.

Milon Tannery and Monospool Paper declined Taka 2.22 and Taka 2.00 to Taka 36.67 and Taka 98.00 respectively. Bangladesh Autocars, Apex

Tannery and Chittagong Cement lost Taka 1.65, Taka 1.40 and Taka 1.38 to Taka 115.00. Taka 143.00 and Taka 149.80. Aftab Automobiles, Atlas

Bangladesh, Quasem Drycells, Chittagong Vegetable, Beximco Pharma, Kohinoor Chemical, Quasem Silk. Saiham Textile. Beximeo and Savar Refactories declined within the range between Taka 0.03 and Taka 1.00.

On the gainers side, BGIC and Green Delta Insurance, National Tubes, Eagle Box moved up within the range between Taka 0.01 and Taka 1.27.

### Quoted Prices of Traded Stocks

March-30

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					Suzi
			11000000	V.	FISH
		*FV/ML	CClosing	and the second s	Ruhi(big)
	Investment	(Taka)	(Taka)		Katla(big)
	6th ICB M Fund	100/10	95.00	Unchanged	Hilsha
	Insurance	100/10	90.00	Unchangeo	122333333333
	BCIC	100/10	111.50	(+0.50)	Pangas
í	Green Delta	100/10	112.00	(+1.00)	Shrimp(big)
•	Engineering	,		(*1.00)	Singi
	Aftab Automobiles	100/5	206.00	(-1.00)	Koi
	Atlas Bungladesh	10/50	42.50	(-0.50)	PULSES
	Bangladesh			16	Mash
	Autocars	100/5	115.00	(-1.65)	Mashur
	9 That Aluminium	100/10	95.00	Unchanged	Moogh
	Eastern Cables	100/5	98.00	Unchanged	Chhola
	National Tubes	100/10	136.00	(+0.50)	Mator
į	Quasem Drycells	10/50	8,57	(-0.03)	Khesari
	Pood & Allied	OHER CALCE		100000000000000000000000000000000000000	MEAT
	Bengal Food	100/5	205.00	(+1.27)	
	Ctg Vegetable	100/10	115.00	(-0.99)	Beef
	Zeal Bangla Sugar	10/50	9.00	(+0.01)	Mutton
	Pherma & Chem Beximco Pharma	100/5	176.00	(-0:33)	OIL (T
	Kohtnoor Chemica		82.50	(-6.50)	Mustard
	Therapeutics	100/5	40.00	Unchanged	Soyabean
	The Ibnsina	100/10	85.00	Unchanged	Palm Oil
	Paper & Printing	100/10	.00.00	Olicimiken	Coconut( Colombo)
	Eagle Box	10/50	13.00	(+0.50)	Vegetable Ghee
	Monospool Paper	100/5	98.00	(-2.00)	SPICES
	Textile	15,000,00	H-1000-1000	M1000000000000000000000000000000000000	Onion(( new)
	Quasem Stlk	10/100	6.50	(-0.50)	Garlic
	Rahim Textile	100/5	59.00	(-6:00)	Chillies
	Satham Textile	100/10	85.00	(-1.00)	Turmeric(Round)
	Tallu Spinning	100/10	125.00	Unchanged	CAN SEED AND SOME STATE OF
	Miscellaneous				" (Long)
	Apex Tannery	100/5	143.00	(-1.40)	Green chillies
	Beximoo	10/100	9.50	(-0.30)	Ginger .
	· Chittagong Cemer			(-1.38)	Cinnamon* (10gms)
	Milon Tannery	100/5	36.67	(-2.22)	Cardamom* (large)
	Phoenix Leather Savar Refactories	100/5	90.00	Unchanged	Jhira (50gms)
	Usmanta Glass	100/5	105.00	(-0.44) Unchanged	MISCELLANEOUS
	Osmania Crass	100/5	140.00	Unichanged	Ghee
	* EV -	Face	Value	ML =	Sugar
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\*\* Changes: Plus signs

mean gain and (-) signs losses. Dhaka Stock Exchange

March — 30 134 Listed stocks 16 Losers 6 Gains

the previous day's quoted prices. DSE All Share Price Index = 353.8714 Issued Capital-Taka 4.620,377,190.00 Market Capitalisation = 10,111,965,486.00 Turnover = Taka 5,42,360.00 (Value) 13,845 (Volume).

# Dhaka's trade deficit stands at Tk 1,344 cr with Thailand

Star Economic Report

imported commodities worth Taka 81.520 crore from Thailand while country's export earning was only Taka 13.23 crore from there

Rice is the main import item of Bangladesh from Thailand, while some textile fibres, clothings, oil seeds are



Consignments of jute goods are being loaded into a truck for export.

Bangladesh exports fresh or

processed fish, shrimps.

prawns, hides and skins, jute

## First Islamic Bank in Indonesia

JAKARTA, Mar 30: The Indonesian Government has approved the establishment here of the first Islamic Bank that will waive interest charges on loans and deposits, the official Antara news agency reported Saturday, reports AFP.

The fourth meeting of

Bangladesh-Thailand joint

commission is likely to be held

in the middle of this year. The

meeting, scheduled to be held

in the second week of

December last year in

Bangkok, was postponed

mainly because of the changed

Bangladesh.

political situation in

The ministerial-level

commission, which mainly

expected to meet again at the

end of January or early

February this year. But the

commission could not sit as

yet. According to sources,

there is initiative from both

the sides to fix a new date for

the meeting sometime at the

commission was held in Dhaka

balance of trade with Thailand

and in 10 years till last fiscal

year 1989-90, the cumulative

The third meeting of the

Bangladesh has an adverse

middle of the year.

in December, 1989.

deals with bilateral trade, was

The new bank, Bank Muamalat Islam Indonesia (BMII), launched a training program he for its first batch of 29 staff at the governmentowned banking institute witnessed by several cabinet ministers. Antara said.

Officials of the Ulema Council (MUI), the chief sponsor, said the bank would open before the end of the year mainly to cater to small busi-

Junior Finance Minister Nasruddin Sumintapura said BMII would have to observe conventional banking practices although it would not charge interest rates, according to

He said the opening of the bank tallied with a recent gov-

Price Barometer

Essentials

March - 30

Aman (Very fine)

VEGETABLES

Green Banana (Four Pieces)

OTHER FOODGRAIN

Flour

Atta

(Taka per Kg)

17.00-17.50

14.50-15.00

13.50-14.50

11.50-12.00

3.00-3.50

4.00-6.00

8.00-10.00

10.00-12.00

4.00-5.00

5.00-6.00

5.00-8.00

12.00-1400

10.00-11.00

9.00-10.00

18.00-20.00

80.00-90.00

45.00-50.00

80.00-90.00

75.00-80.00

90.00-100.00

27.00-28.00

26.00-28.00

33.00-35.00

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80.00-90.00

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33.00-34.00

40.00-41.00

60.00-64.00

40.00-52.00

10.80-14.00

20.00-24.00

54.00-60.00

40.00-44.00

42.00-48.00

16.00-20.00

20.00-24.00

3.00-3.50

3.50-4.00

7.00-7.50

220.00-230.00

18.00-20.00

(Taka)

29.00

(Taka Per kg)

(Taka per Kg)

(Taka per Litre)

(Taka per Kg)

110.00-120.00

(Taka per kg)

110.00-120.00

(Baka per Kg)

(Taka per kg)

ernment decision to coordinate the collection of the potentially huge fund from Islamic taxes and alms from the Muslim community under

trade deficit stood at Taka

13.44.219 crore. Strice 1980-

81. Bangladesh imported

commodities worth Taka

14.44.841 crore from Thatland

till may 1990. During this pe-

riod, Bangladesh could export

to Thailand commodities

worth Taka 100.622 crore

deficit of Bangladesh with

Thailand was highest in the

last fiscal year 1989-90.

According to the statistics

available from Bangladesh

Bank. Bangladesh's export to

Thailand in 1989-90 (upto

May) was valued at Taka 4.938

ported commodities worth

Taka 344.948 crore from

Thailand during this period.

The deficit was Taka 340.010

year 1988-89, Bangladesh's

Taka 68.289 crore. Bangladesh

During the preceding fiscal

crore, while the country im-

Since 1980-81, the trade

Muslims are required to pay at least 2.5 per cent of their income in Islamic taxes and alms, but in the past this has been paid direct to poor relatives and neighbours or channelled through mosques.

The government last week sponsored the creation of the Agency for Islamic Tax and Alms (Bazis) to monitor the collection of such taxes and put the fund to more pro-

Nearly 90 pct of Indonesia's 180 million population are Muslims. Indonesian Muslim scholars are still divided on the question of whether or not interest charges are prohibited in Islam, with many contending that a reasonable level of interest was acceptable.

## Pak economy demonstrates resilience despite crisis

ISLAMABAD, Mar 3C : Pak-Istani Finance Minister Sartai Aziz has said that during the current year the Pakistan economy came under severe pressures emanating from the Gulf crisis, but despite these economy as a whole demonstrated resilience, reports Xinhua.

According to local daily the "Business Recorder" today, the Finance Minister made the remarks here on Thursday when addressing a meeting of the Advisory Council of the Ministry of Finance.

He told the council members that during the first eight months of 1990-91 (July-February) Pakistan's exports registered an increase of 20.7 per cent and imports increased by eight per cent respectively over the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Sartaj Aziz said the domestic production of crude oil during July-January 1990-91 increased by 26 per cent and gas by four per cent respectively

over the same period of 1989-90, while the production of cotton during the whole year is expected to reach 9.5 million

Manufacturing sector, he said, has also shown positive growth, in par icular cotton yarn, cement, sugar, caustic soda, paper and board.

### Sheep outnumber **New Zealanders**

WELLINGTON, Mar 30 New Zealand's best known statistics\_its ratio of sheep to people-fell again in the year to last June, the Statistics Department said on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Sheep now outnumber New Zealanders by a mere 17.5.1, down from 18.3.1 in 1989 and more than 21.1 in 1982. Droughts and tough economic times on farms cut the sheep population to 57.9 million last year from 60.6 million the year before, the department said in a statement.

The Minister said the Government had set a GDP growth target of 5.5 per cent for 1990-91 (ending June 30) to be achieved through 4.8 per cent growth in Agriculture, 7.7 per cent growth in manufacturing and 4.9 per cent growth in services.

The Government expects that the current account deficit during the year will be contained at least at last year's level of 1.7 billion US dollars even after absorbing an adverse impact of one billion US dollar emanating from the Gulf crisis,

Sartaj Aziz noted that the Government is committed to bringing the fiscal deficit down by increasing revenues and controlling expenditure through economic reforms.

He said the major reason behind the slow movement of national economic activity is the slow proceedings by the Nationalised Commercial Banks (NCBS) in dealing with financial matters.

# Malaysian economy booming

Bid to end Kuwait's

oil field catastrophe

KUALA LUMPUR, Mar 30: Malaysia's real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew 10 per cent in 1990 against 8.8 per cent growth in 1989 to outperform its south-east Asian neighbours, Central Bank Governor Jaffar Hussein said, reports Reuter.

"Malaysia outperformed all ASEAN countries in terms of real output growth last year," Jaffar told a news conference to release Bank Negara's 1990 report.

"This ability of the economy to grow despite the more adverse external environment was largely due to the effective restructuring of the domestic production base," he said.

Malaysia is the world's top producer of palm oil and rubber and a major producer of petroleum, tin and cocoa.

However, it has successfully weaned its economy away from depending on the primary commodity sector to spur its economy by diversifying heavily into manufacturing.

Call money

market

money market during the

week ended March 27 ranged

from 10.00 per cent to 12.00

per cent. During the same

week interest rates offered by

the bank on Certificate of

Deposits varied from 10.00 per

cent to 14.50 per cent. The

bank rate, however, remained

unchanged at 9.75 per cent

says a Bangladesh Bank Press

Hides & Skin

(Wet/Salted)

March - 30

(Taka per 100 pieces)

Very heavy

15,000.00 - 19,000.00

28,000.00 — 35,000.00

40,000.00 - 45,000.00

55,000.00 - 60,000.00

70,000.00 - 75,000.00

30,000.00 - 35,000.00

Money rates in the Call

Malaysia last hit doublepct, Bank Negara said.

It said GDP for 1991 is expected at 8.3 pct if crude oil prices average 20 dlr a barrel and 8.6 pct if prices fall to 15 dlr a barrel. Lower oil prices will help the economies of OECD countries and boost Malaysian exports, Bank Negara said.

"Again this will exceed the rates of growth anticipated for other countries in the ASIA Pacific region," Jaffar said.

Bank Negara reported that GDP growth in member countries of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)—Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Singapore- averaged 7.5 pct in 1990 but will fall to 6.2 in 1991.

Jaffar cited rising inflation, weaknesses in the balance of payments, labour shortages and infrastructural bottlenecks as key issues that

KUWAIT. Mar 30: At noon a

small finger of sticky black

crude oozes over the fine

bleached sand on a road that

meanders through the scores

of toaring, fire-belching wells

has become a river flowing

quickly enough to be watched

with the naked eye, and a 50-

meter section of the road has

vanished, flooded under sev-

eral inches of the so-called

"black gold" that greases the

machinery of the industrialized

anybody's ever gong to be able

to do about these lakes of oil"

said Dan Sledge, a logistical

manager with one of the com-

panies supporting the four

main firms employed to extin-

guish and cap the hundreds of

"wild wells" currently burning

and gushing out of control in

there and as the years go by

they'll gradually turn into tar"

Mr. Sledge said as he stood

ankle-deep in an expanse of

mud and crude, one of the

many vast and growing lakes of

"They're just going to sit

Kuwait.

"There ain't nothing

Three hours later the finger

here, reports AFP.

1990, and Jaffar said the central bank's 1991 monetary priority will be to keep prices

'As a trade-off for five successive years of strong eco-

### Bulgaria ease currency rules

SOFIA, Mar 30 : Bulgarians will soon be able to open private foreign exchange bureau as the Government continues to ease currency rules, Bulgarian National Bank officials said, reports Reuter.

New regulations to be published within days will authorise Bulgarians to trade all kinds of currencies, they said. Bulgaria's caretaker Gov-

ernment has already allowed the Lev's exchange rate to float freely against hard currencies.

oil in this and other fields in

crew from Red Adair's wild

well control company used a

specially-regged bulldozer to

maneuver a "stinger" a long.

red boom with a steel nozzle

on the end, into place beside

an unignited gushing well in

preparation for an attempt

Saturday to seal it by pumping

huge amounts of mud down

the well shaft.

As he spoke, a five-man

nomic expansion, the balance of payments current account will continue to be strained by sharply higher growth in imports in relations to exports," Jaffar said

Bank Negara said that Malaysia's overall balance of payments will run into a deficit of 279 mln ringgit in 1991, a sharp reversal of the 5.4 billion ringgit surplus in

Imports, mainly of capital goods, have outpaced exports rising 30 pct in 1990 compared to export growth of 16.4 pct. This trend will widen the current account deficit to 8.0 billion ringgit in 1991 compared to 4.7 billion ringgit deficit in 1990.

"While large capital inflows are likely to more than compensate for the deficit in the current account, this line of financing will eventually slow down.

Jaffar said adding that the solution was to boost export earnings.

## (Gold & Silver)

March - 30 6,000.00 6,300.00 Source Department of Agricultural Marketing

Exchange Bates

SELLING AND BUYING RATES, offered by Commercials Banks, for Bank Cheques, (BCs) and Overseas Drafts (ODs) One Unit of Foreign Currenctes (FCa) for Taka Buying 35.4432 Selling US Dollar 35,9226 61.8920 20.7574 21.0504 6.2010 9.6101 9.481 Saudt Riyal 18.6756 18.4120 1.5626 1.5475 Pakistan Rupee

UK Pound Sterling 62.6413 German Deutsche Representatives of the four companies hired to end French Franc Kuwait's oil field catastrophe **Dutch Guilders** say their first priority is to "kill" the non-burning gushers, (AMU\*) 19.8339 20.1022 several of which are spewing Singapore Dollar **UAE** Dirham 9.8141 9.6831 highly-toxic gases such as sul-Not available **Kuwait Dinar** phur dioxide and hydrogen Indian Rupee sulfide into the air as well as 1.8271 AMU 5.8392 S. Kroner submerging the surrounding \*AMU-Asian Monetary Union terrain in ugly, viscous liquid. SECONDARY EXCHANGE MARKET Wage Earners Fund/ Export

"The burners can wait for Performance Benefit (XPB) Fund the time being until we get **US** Dollar these gushers killed," said 63.64 **UK Pound** Sledge, who like most of the Sterling . The rates of Pound Sterling a Americans working on the oil decided every day, based on the crossfields speaks with a broad rates of New York market Texas drawl. Source: Sonali Bank

1400 230 BTH BCR, 1250 230 White/Tossa 1450 235 BWCA 220 1300 BWCB 250 1600 BTCA BTCB 1500 March - 30 Meshta 1950 1900 345 330 175

SPL Cuttings 1000 Ord. Cuttings 900 1125 FOB ready = Narayanganj \*\* FOB sight = Chittagong/

dered for EPC registration. The \$ prices are exclusive of any selling commission. O. D. (Sight nontraditional/applicable to export bills). One \$ = Tk. 35.4956)

Mongla Ports. Indicative Price

at wihch sales may be consi-

 MT = Metric Ton Imports/arrivals of Kutcha bales at Narayanganj were seven to eight thousand mounds while at Daulatpur at six to seven thousands mounds. (One manund is equal to 37.32417 KGs.) Source : Bangladesh Jute Association

### \$101b US Snippets trade deficit Japan to reschedule last year

WASHINGTON, Mar 30 The United States on Friday, cited China and Japan as among 37 nations with major barriers to US goods, contributing to the 101-billion Dollar US trade deficit last year, reports Reuter.

It said in its annual report on foreign trade barriers that China's economic turn inward resulted in a 17 per cent drop in imports from the United States last year. At the same time, US imports from China rose 27 per cent.

Joshua Bolten, General Counsel at the trade office, said however, that "the most significant trade barriers that the United States faces continue to be in the Japanese market." He told in a news conference that many Japanese markets had been opened the past year" including those in superconductors. sound recordings, wood products and satellites, but others remained closed - in addition. business practices there continued to make it hard for US firms to break into Japanese

### Seoul signs \$500m loan accord with USSR

SEOUL. Mar 30 : South Korea on Saturday signed an agreement to provide the Soviet Union with a 500-millton-dollar commercial loan as part of a 3-billion-dollar economic assistance package, reports AP.

The loan, provided by the Korea Development Bank and nine other commercial city banks, should be paid back over five years after a threeyear grace period.

It carries an annual interest rate of the London inter-bank offered rate (LIBOR), which is a mediam rate for international loan payments, plus 1.25 per

It was the first South Korean loan provided under a 3-billion-dollar economic assistance package that Seoul has pledged to the Soviet Union.

The Korean package includes one billion dollars in commercial loans, 500 million dollars for the purchase of Korean capital goods and 1.5 billion dollars in export-import bank credit for imports

March- 30

Kutcha bales FOB \* Narayanganj/Daulatpur Varieties (Tk. per 100 Kg)

		White	Tossa	Meshta
Medium		1393		1125
Bot.*	(B)	1340	1447	1098
Bot.	(C)	1206	1286	1045
	11.7	1072		857
		Freight		
		Bottom		231

(Ready)\*

Tk. per

bale\*

3450

3350

3300

2900

2600

2000

3500

3450

3400

2950

2650

2100

1650

1300

1750

220

300

White Rejection (WRS)/

Tossa Rejection (TRS)

Habijabi, Cut Ropes

Pucca bales

Varieties

Bangla

White

BWB

BWE

Bangla

3T SPL

Tossa

BTA

BWH

BTR

BW SPL

money supply, the official (Sight)\*\* Xinhua Agency quoted People's Bank of China Deputy Governor \$ per MT\* Zhou Zhenqging as saying Friday, reports AFP. 570 The Central Bank will strengthen its control over the issuing of money and the use of 410 credit funds as well as using interest rates, exchange rates and China's reserves in a bid to fight inflation, the banker said The official inflation rate 595 was 2.1 per cent in 1990 but 580 the government has warned that prices are set to rise again 490 this year. The authorities monitor inflation closely, fearing

social stability.

### Indonesia plans to send mission to S. Arabia, Gulf

soaring prices threaten China's

JAKARTA, Mar 30 : Indonesia plans to send a mission to Saudi Arabia and other Gulf countries to clinch a piece of the action in the multi-billion Dollar post-war economic reconstruction, Trade Minister Arifin Stregar said, reports

The mission in May will mainly seek to supply goods to US and European firms that have already won the large contracts, Siregar told journalists today.

### Fiji miners on hunger strike

SUVA, Mar 30 : Some 700 striking miners at an Australian-run gold mine have begun a hunger strike to press for better work and housing conditions, a union official said Saturday, reports AFP.

Kavekini Navuso, Secretary of the Fiji Mine Workers Union, said the three-day hunger strike, which began Friday, was to demonstrate "solidarity with our demands".

# Market Profile

112Unchanged

Big & 120 Unchanged stocks include eight traded on the day at 14,000.00 - 15,000.00Medium 7,500.00 - 8,000.00 Rejected 3,500.00 -- 4,000.00 10,000.00 - 10,500.00 BUFFALO 60,000.00 - 65,000.00 Source: Department of Agricultural Marketing

Source Department of Agricultural Marketing

### need to be addressed. digit growth in 1976 when the Malaysia's Consumer Price Index (CPI) is expected to rise economy expanded by 11.6 4.5 pct in 1991 from 3.1 in