NEW DELHI, June 20: India's new government will have its hands full coping with a disastrous economic legacy that will send it cap in hand to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) within days of assuming office, reports AFP.

Emptying coffers, spiralling inflation, deficits and debt that have sent New Delhi's credit rating plunging, feature in the gloomy inheritance which. economists and politicians say. leaves no room for soft options.

"The situation is really bad." said Pranab Mukherjee, the Congress (I) Party's Economic Brain and former Finance Minister.

"This is not the time for soft options and some tough decisions will have to be taken," he added in an interview Tuesday.

Mr Mukherjee said one of the decisions would be to quickly tie up an IMF loan of about 2.5 billion dollars to shore up foreign exchange reserves currently at half that level and sufficient for less than two months' imports.

He said the loan would give the government room for short-term manoeuvre. although the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry (ASSOCHAM) believes that India really needs twice that

IMF conditions may require India to slash its ballooning fiscal deficit and subsidies, and to liberalise trade in the budget whose postponement by five months has left the economy directionless. The rupee's devaluation may also be urged.

Past governments have trodden warily in accepting such conditions for fear of at-

## Moderate rise in share trading

Star Economic Report

The week ended on Thursday at Dhaka bourse with a moderate rise in trading. In all 4,233 shares changed

hands compared with Wednesday's 2,941. Traded issues valued Taka 1.14,105.00 against Wednesday's Taka 1,64,825.00.

Most of the traded issues advanced in prices, but the decliners involved more transactions in value terms. As a result the Composite Index of Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) went down slightly 292.7324 points from Wednesday's 292.8126. Index is the broad indicator of price movements of all the listed stocks.

Transactions involved seventeen stocks. Of them three lost, six gained and eight remained unchanged at their previous quoted prices.

The Ibnsina declined Taka 10.00 to Taka 80.00.

Kohinoor Chemical and Beximco lost Taka 0.50 and Taka 0.48 to Taka 71.50 and Taka 8.77. At Baraka Bank and

STM(ORD) advanced Taka 20.00 and Taka 5.00 to Taka 770.00 and Taka 17.00 respectively.

Chittagong Cement and Green Delta Insurance moved up Taka 2.67 and Taka 2.00 to Taka 155.67 and Taka 118.00.

The 6th ICB Mutual Fund and Tallu Spinning gained within the range between Taka 0.25 and Taka 0.91.

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tracting domestic criticism that they were bartering away Indian interests to foreign dic-

But, strapped for cash, the next administration in New Delhi, will have no option but to swallow its pride and accept the conditions, however tough they may be, politicians and economists say.

In an interim budget unveiled March and due to run until the end of July, India's outgoing minority government gave a hint of the kind of reforms that were required. slashing subsidies and export incentives by 520 million dol-

Since March, the Indian economy has gone from bad to worse and this month the government admitted it had mortgaged gold confiscated from smugglers to raise 200 million dollars to service foreign debt, put at 72 billion dol-

India is already committed to the IMF to reduce the fiscal budget from 6.9 per cent to 6.5 per cent of the Gross Domestic Product, a step that would entail additional taxation to fetch about one billion dol-

Additional taxes and a rise in the prices of governmentadministrated commodities like steel, coal and oil products are believed to be in the

Some observers have doubted whether a minority government, which would need to carry along allies that may be hostile to such measures, would have the will to prescribe such a tough economic agenda.

The Congress (i) is hoping to come to power with the legislative support of Communist Parties which have been virulent in their criticism of its policies of liberalisation and privatisation and are suspicious of foreign lenders.

Stock exchanges struck an early note of optimism at the prospect of the Congress (I) returning to power, with the Bombay , New Delhi and Calcutta bourses surging at the start of the week.

## Tea market dull

Star Economic Report

Tea market at the weekly sold between Taka 60 and auction sale No 7 on Tuesday n Chittagong was depressed. Internal traders were selective and less active because of the breach of road communications between Chittagong and met with some withdrawals. the rest of the country since Selective brokens sold be-

Taka 77. Brokens realised between Taka 43 and Taka 48.

CTC: Most brokens generally eased between Taka 53.50 and Taka 55.50. Small brokens tween Taka 53.50 and Taka

Dust: 2,456 packages

alongwith 253 packages of old

season teas were offered.

Prices generally declined by

Green Tea: 310 packages

were offered and few lines of

Hyson and Y Hyson sold be-

Others were withdrawn.

Taka 2 and Taka 3.

Tea crop figures of major producing countries are in million

Mar	6.7	6.5	+0.2
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Mar	1.6	1.7	-0.1
Feb	18.2	16.5	+1.7
Mar	7.4	7.2	+0.2
Apr	23.0	24.4	-1.4
Apr	68.0	74.1	-6.1
Mar	53.5	54.2	-0.7
Apr	55.7	51.8	+3.9
Apr	62.3	64.2	-1.9
May	7.2	7.1	+0.1
Crop up to	1991	1990	+ or
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The market was somewhat 55.50. Fannings also declined dull because of the upcoming by upto Taka 2 with selective Eid holidays starting next lines fetching between Taka week. A Unity Brokers market 55 and Taka 58. Old season reports says that there was fair teas shed between Taka 5 and demand and prices generally Taka 8. eased below the previous

A total of 12,898 packages alongwith 1,170 packages of old season teas were on offer. Orthodox: Whole leaf grades

## Price Barometer: Essentials:

June - 20 (Taka per kg)

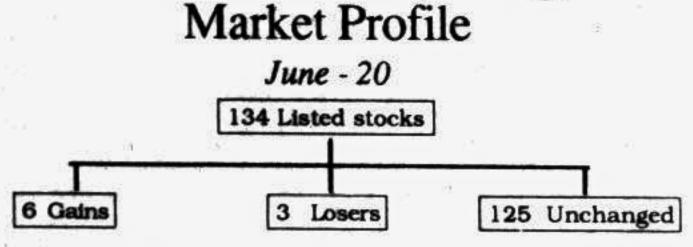
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	Aman(fine)	14.75-15.5
	Paijam	13.00-14.0
	Ufshi	13.00-13.5
87	VEGETABLES	(Taka per kg
	Potato(White)	3.50-4.0
	Brinjal	12.00-14.0
	Lady's finger	9.00-11.0
	Karolla	12.00-14.0
	Lalshak	6.00-8.0
8	Papya	6.00-7.0
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	OTHER FOODGRAIN	
	Flour	13.00-14.0
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5211	Wheat	8.00-8.5
	Suzi	
0	FISH	17.00-18.0
	Ruhi(big)	(Taka per kg
		130.00-140.0
	Hilsha	20.00-100.0
	Pangas	48.00-55.0
		90.00-100.0
19	Shrimp(big)	70.00-80.0
	Singi	90.00-105.0
3	Koi	100.00-130.0
	PULSES	(Taka per kg
	Mash	30.00-32.0
	Masher	26.00-28.0
	Moogh	28.00-30.0
1	Chhola	22.00-24.0
+4	Mator	26.00-28.0
1	Khesari	16.00-18.0
1	MEAT	(Taka per kg
	Beef	55.00-60.0
1	Mutton	80.00-90.0
	OIL	(Taka per Litre
1	Mustard	52.00-56.0
4	Soyabean	36.00-37.0
,	Coconut (Colombo)	72.00-74.0
	Vegetable Ghee	50.00-52.0
4	SPICES	(Taka Per kg
	Onion .	15.00-16.0
9	Gartic	<b>40.00</b> -48.0
9	Chillies	<b>60.00-7</b> 0.0
	Turmeric(Round)	46.00-52.0
•	" (Long)	46.00-52.0
8	Green chillies	12.00-15.0
0	Ginger	24.00-28.0
)	Cinnamon* (10gms)	3.00-3.5
22   1	Cardamom* (large)	3.50-4.0
9	Jhira (50gms)	7.00-
7	8.00	179 14 75

(Taka)

220.00-240.00

26.50-27.00

18.00-22.00 gain and (-) signs losses. Source: Department of Agricultural Marketing Dhaka Stock Exchange



125 Unchanged stocks include eight traded on the day at their previous quoted prices. DSE All Share Price Index = 292.7324 Issued Capital=Taka 10,146,289,601.00 Market Capitalisation = 8,364,902,967 Turnover = Taka 1,14,105.00 (Value) 4,233 (Volume).

of dealing The date for renewal of

dealing licenses in yarn, cloth, tron and steel products, cement, milk-food and cigarettes (distributors and whole sellers) has been extended upto July 15, 1991, according to a district administration press release issued in Dhaka on Thursday, reports BSS.

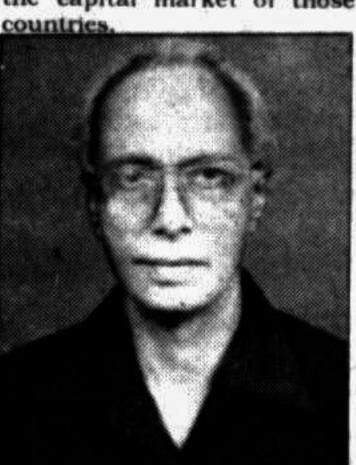
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The licences of those dealers would be treated as cancelled if they fail to renew their dealing licenses within the mentioned date and legal action would be taken against them, the press release added.

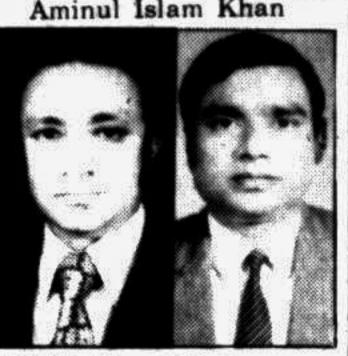
DSE executives Star Economic Report

Aminul Islam Khan, former Managing Director Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) and also of Bangladesh Shilpa Bank, was elected chairman of Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) on Thursday at the first meeting of the newly-elected council of the Exchange.

He is an active member of DSE and was also a councillor of the Exchange earlier. With his long 34 years of banking experience, he travelled extensively abroad. Under the auspices of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), he toured the USA the UK and Germany to study the capital market of those



Aminul Islam Khan



ABS Safdar, MA Quayum A I Khan also attended a number of international seminars, held abroad.

Meanwhile, ABS Safdar, a retired member of the erstwhile Police Service of Pakistan and a former Secretary to the Government was elected Vice-Chairman of

tween Taka 61 and Taka 65. M A Quayum was elected There will be no sale held Hony. General Secretary of the on 26 June due to the Eid hol-DSE. He held the same post from 1987 to 1989.

output bleak by Asiuzzaman Current domestic fish prohectare of water areas are unduction can hardly meet one der inland fisheries and third of the country's require-42,000 nautical squire miles ments. And there are little under marine fisheries.

Colouring of shoes is in progress at an export oriented shoe

making industry near Dhaka. This is phase VI of the

Prospect of fish

whole manufacturing process. - Star photo by Mohsin

prospects for achieving self-

sufficiency in fish production

within the next few years

without an effective strategy to

raise output and conserve

available fish resources, the of-

67,000 metric tonnes in the

last five years till 1989-90.

Current estimates of output are

about nine lakh tonnes against

the country's annual require-

"There is no hope of

achieving sufficiency in fish in

the next several years. So if has

been stated in the fish policy

lakh metric tonnes, he added

At present about 45 lakh

in the country.

ment for 30 lakh tonnes.

Fish production rose by only

ficial sources said.

The inland fisheries provide 72.3 per cent of total production while rest 27.7 per cent come from marine fisheries.

The sources said that 52 trawlers, 3317 mechanised boats and 14014 non-mechanised boats are engaged in marine fishing and about one lakh boats are engaged in inland fishing.

Out of the total production under pisciculture, 23 per cent of fish catching are hilsha, 12.2 per cent are ruh katla and mrigal and 9.29 per cent shrimps. The rest are among the 100 other species.

to depend more on meat for Barisal is still the highest protein," an official of Fisheries fish producing zone, the Department told The Daily sources said adding that out of total 10353 metric tonnes of The production target in sea fish nearly 5,000 metric the fourth five year plan is 12 tonnes are shrimps.

They said that shrimp cul-River siltation, over fishing ture in Cox's Bazar and Khulna by violating the laws and use of areas supplemented producinsecticide in agricultural land are hampering the production

"We are trying to introduce modern fishing techniques and high yielding varieties to pisciculture in the country but we are facing too many obstacles. The private sector is still reluctant in making investments this sector," said an official of the Fisheries Department.

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(Ta' a for 11:66 grams)

6,000.00

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# Gold & Silver Tejabi Gutnea Source: Department of Agricultural Marketing Hides & Skin (Taka per100 pieces)

(Wet/Salted) June - 20

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**Exchange Rates** 

source: Department of Agricultural Marketing

June - 20

SELLING AND BUYING RATES, offered by Commercials Banks, for Bank Cheques, (BCs) and Overseas Drafts (ODs) One Unit of Foreign Currencies (FCs) for Taka **US Dollar** 35.4432 UK Pound Sterling 57.7671 57.0605 German Deutsche 19.7681 19.4936 French Franc 5.8174 9.6101 Saudi Riyal **Dutch Guilders** 17.5575 Pakistan Rupee 1.4792 (AMU+) Singapore Dollar 20.0876 **UAE Dirham** 9.8141 9.6831 **Kuwait Dinar** Indian Rupee 5.4718 S. Kroner \*AMU-Asian Monetary Union CONDARY EXCHANGE MARKET Wage Earners Fund/ Export Performance Benefit

US Dollar **UK Pound** Sterling . The rates of Pound Sterling decided every day, based on the crossrates of New York market Source: Sonalt Bank



Shipping Minister MK Anwar said on Wednesday Bangladesh has earned Taka government got parliamentary 1767.61 crore in foreign exchange by exporting shrimps during the last five years since 1985-86, reports BSS.

Replying to a question in the Jatiya Sangsad, the Minister said the export of shrimps fetched Taka 245 crore in 1985-86. Taka 397 erore 1986-87, Taka 425 crore in 1987-88, Taka 435 crore in 1988-89 and Taka 554 crore in 1989-90.

He informed the House that shrimp constituted about 95 per cent of the frozen food.

In reply to a separate question, the Shipping Minister said Bangladesh exported molasses worth Taka 3 lakh 48 thousand during the first 10 months of the current fiscal year (1990-91)

He told the House during the question-hour that the country exported no molasses during the fiscal 1989-90. The country had earned Taka two The deposit, which is in the crore 60 lakh by exporting this commodity during the fiscal 1988-89, he added.

The Shipping Minister was replying to questions in the Sangsad on behalf of Commerce Minister M Keramat Ali who has been admitted to hospital with heart ailment.

### Jute output falls in India

CALCUTTA, June 20: The output of jute goods dropped for the second successive month of May this year comparing with that of the same period in 1990, according to industry sources here, reports

The sources said that the production during, May, 1990 stood at 83,900 tonnes against 1,00,100 tonnes in May 1990. Barring Hessian, production of all items registered a decline with the sacking unit marking a fall of 12,600 tonnes.

The May-production was 4,400 tonnes less than even the April-output this year. It was also lower than that of the same month last year.

The stock position o 65,700 tonnes, however, was better in May. It was higher by 5,000 tonnes than that in April this year and 12,600 tonnes in May last year, Notable among the stocked items was sacking (cloth and bag). The working days of May,

however, were cut short by two days due to cosure a ac count of general election and assassination of Rajiv Gaudhi.

## Raw Jute

June - 20 Kutcha bales

Varieties

Bangla

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BWB	3100	480
BWC	2700	430
BWD	2400	380
BWE	2000	350
Bangla	70	
Tossa	9	
BT SPL.	3400	565
BTA	3350	540
BTB	3200	490
BIC	2750	440
BLD	2450	390
BTE	2100	360
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BWR	1700	290

BTR	1800		300
BTH	1450		230
BCR	1300		230
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Cutting			
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BWCB	1350	1	220
BTCA -	1650	7	250
BTCB	1550		235
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A <sup>*</sup>	1900		345
В	1800		330
C,	1600		295
SPL Cuttings	1000		175
Ord. Cuttings	900		170

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FOB ready = Narayanganj \*\* FOB sight = Chittagong/ Mongla Ports. Indicative Price at wihch sales may be considered for EPC registration. The \$ prices are exclusive of plant at San Mauro Torinese, any selling commision. O. D

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(Sight nontraditional/applicable to export bills). One \$ = Tk. 35.4956) MT = Metric Ton Imports/arrivals of Kutcha bales at Narayanganj were five

to six thousand mounds while at Daulatpur at four to five thousands mounds. (One manund is equal to 37.32417 KGs.) Source : Bangladesh Jute Association

## Snippets

Pak budget passed unscathed

ISLAMABAD, June 20: The first national budget of Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's seven-month-old approval without change, reports Reuter.

The passage by the National Assembly (Lower House) of the 258.5 billion rupees (11 billion dollars) budget for fiscal 1991/92 beginning on July 1 followed a two-week debate.

The budget, unveiled on May 30, envisaged to raise 14 billion rupees (595 million dollars) from new taxes and better tax collection to help fill a gap of 18.5 billion rupees (787 million dollars)

### China talks with US firm to explore gas

HONG KONG, June 20: China is negotiating the joint development of a major natural gas field recently discovered in the northwest of the country with a US firm, a semi-officia Chinese news agency reported here Wednesday, reports AFP.

basin bordering Shaanxi. Gansu and Ningxia provinces, is believed to be the largest ever discovered in northwest China, the Hong Kong China news agency said.

Three wells on the field are already producing between 300,000 and 1.1 million cubic meters (10 million to 37 million cubic feet) of high-grade gas daily, the agency added. Negotiations on developing the site are under way with an unidentified US firm, it said.

#### **Britain complains** over Icl expulsion THE HAGUE, June 20: Bri-

tain complained on Tuesday over the expulsion of computer firm lcl Plc from projects backed by the European high technology research programme Eureka, reports Reuter.

icl was removed from the board of Eureka's Joint European Submirconsilicon (JESSI) semiconductor programme in March because the firm had become Japanese-owned.

British Trade and Industry Minister Lord Reay said he had taken up the issue during a Eureka ministerial conference in the Hague which is ex pected on Wednesday to announce funding for about 120 new projects.

"when a company has its manufacturing, design and production in Europe, it should be allowed to take part in European projects," he told

### Sugarcane farmers' strike in Fiji

SUVA, June 20: A union leader representing Fiji's striking sugarcane farmers called on Wednesday for urgent talks to end the four week - boycott of this year's harvest, reports Reuter.

Mahendra Chaudhry, Secretary of the National Farmers' Union, reiterated demands that the government pay armers wages they say they are owed from harvesting last year's crop.

Speaking on independent radio station FM 96, Chaudhry also accused state-run sugar mills of using prisoners to cut cane in an attempt to break the boycott.

He called for an urgent industry conference.

#### Japan wary of aiding Soviets

TOKYO, June 20: Japanese officials from various ministries said they are very lukewarm to the idea of extending financial aid to the Soviet Union, reports Reuter.

Exceptions are emergency humanitarian loans to help Moscow improve food and clothes supplies and credits to assist Japanese exports to that country, the officials said.

"The Foreign Ministry and the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) have agreed that Japan will not give financial aid to the Soviet Union at the moment", said

### Fiat-Hitachi to set up joint venture

ROME, June 20: Flat of Italy and Hitachi of Japan are planning to step up cooperation in a joint venture for construction-site machinery, Fiat delegate administrator Cesare Romiti said in Pisa on Tuesday, reports AFP.

Some manufacturing in the Fiat Geotech Tractor Division may be transferred to the Fiat in which Hitachi has a 49 per cent stake, Romiti said. Fiat may also take shares in

Hitachi-Netherlands. The current joint venture is only for production of a me-

chanical digger seen as a leader in its field, but further cooperation could extend to a wide range of buildozing machines. Romiti did not give details of financing.



Emile Gauvreau, High Commissioner of Canada in Bangladesh, called on Mahbubur Rahman, President, Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI), at the Chamber Office on Thursday. They discussed the role of entrepreneurs in the industrial activity in the context of new financial reforms and liberal import policy of the Government. Ismail Hossain Miah, Vice-President, DCCI, is also in the picture.



Abdur Razzak Khan, President, Jessore Chamber of Commerce and Industry, opening Jessore Branch of Eastland Insurance Company on Thursday. Director, A K M Humayun Kabir and Executive Vice-President, Mustaque Ahmed, are also seen in the picture.