

Businessmen oppose rise in taxes

Plea to remove discriminatory rates of interest exemption

Business community leaders Sunday urged the government to remove discrimination with regard to rate of exemption of general interest on industrial and commercial loans.

Star Economic Report

Price Barometer: Essentials

November-30

Commodity	Unit	Price (Taka)
RICE	(Taka per kg)	
Amam (fine)	15.00-14.00	
Pajam	13.00-12.00	
Uphi	13.00-14.00	
VEGETABLES	(Taka per kg)	
Potato (New)	12.00-14.00	
Brinjal	10.00-8.00	
Peas	20.00-22.00	
Lady's finger	8.00-10.00	
Kumola	15.00-16.00	
Lalshak	4.00-6.00	
Pui Shik	10.00-12.00	
Paps	5.00-6.00	
Green Banana (Four Picos)	5.00-6.00	
OTHER FOODGRAIN	(Taka per kg)	
Flour	12.00-13.00	
Ata	11.00-11.50	
Wheat	8.50-9.00	
Suzi	16.00-18.00	
FISH	(Taka per kg)	
Rohi (big)	135.00-140.00	
Katla (big)	100.00-110.00	
Hilsa	95.00-100.00	
Pomfrit	80.00-90.00	
Shrimp (big)	65.00-60.00	
Singi	65.00-70.00	
Koi	60.00-70.00	
EGG (Apes)		
Hon	11.00-10.50	
Duck	9.50-10.00	
Fim	11.00-11.50	
PULSES	(Taka per kg)	
Mash	27.00-26.00	
Mushor	29.00-28.00	
Moogh	29.00-28.00	
Cholia	23.00-24.00	
Mung	24.00-25.00	
Moogh	14.00-15.00	
MEAT	(Taka per kg)	
Beef	28.00-27.00	
Mutton	28.00-27.00	
OIL	(Taka per litre)	
Mustard	54.00-52.00	
Soyabean	36.00-37.00	
Coconut (Colombo)	80.00-85.00	
Vegetable Ghee	50.00-48.00	
SPICES	(Taka per kg)	
Onion	19.00-20.00	
Garlic	44.00-40.00	
Chilies	80.00-85.00	
Turner (Round)	50.00-52.00	
Long	52.00-54.00	
Green chilies	30.00-35.00	
Ginger	10.00-12.00	
Cinnamon* (10gms)	3.00-3.50	
Cardamom* (large)	3.00-4.00	
Jhira (50gms)	7.00-6.50	
MILK (Two kg)		
Dano	268.00-269.00	
Ro-Cow	265.00-264.00	
Elas	256.00-255.00	
MISCELLANEOUS	(Taka)	
Chas	220.00-230.00	
Ten (Dust)	70.00-80.00	
Salt	7.00-8.00	
Sugar	26.50-27.00	
Molasses	15.00-16.00	

Source: Department of Agricultural Marketing

Input shortage hits potato farming

Potato farming in 10 upazilas of the district is being hampered in the current season for want of seeds, fertilizers and necessary inputs, reports UNB.

According to the district Agricultural Extension Department, a scheme had been taken up to bring 15,400 acres of land under potato cultivation this season in the district.

A total of 32,500 kg seeds of different varieties of potato, have been allotted for the district of which about 1800 kg have so far been received by BADC.

Cultivation of potato had started and about 1200 kg of seeds have already been sold.

Price of potato seeds has shot up and is selling between Tk 10 and Tk 10.50 per kg according to the variety. Price of fertilizer in private sector has also registered a considerable rise and the cost of tilling land is also higher than the last year.

often face harassment by different agencies in transporting fabrics and suggested such harassment should be stopped.

The meeting hailed the planned anti-smuggling drive. However, it appealed to the government to publish a list of contraband items before launching the drive to stop harassment of the traders.

Tk 253 crore BKB credit for Ctg div

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB) will distribute Taka 252.63 crore as credit to the farmers of Chittagong division during the current fiscal year.

The credit will be distributed for cultivation of paddy, vegetables, betel leaf, poultry farming and cattle raising.

The plan was announced at a conference of the Regional Managers of the BKB division recently with Md Mahabuddin, General Manager of the division in chair. Khandakar Ruhul Kuddus, Managing Director of Bangladesh Krishi Bank, attended the conference as chief guest.

Exchange Rates

November-30

SELLING AND BUYING RATES, offered by Commercial Banks, for Bank Cheques, (B/Cs) and Overseas Drafts (O/Ds)	One Unit of Foreign Currencies (F/Cs) for Taka
US Dollar	86.3726 37.8785
UK Pound Sterling	67.7870 67.0021
German Deutsche Mark	23.6430 23.3242
French Franc	6.9165 6.4213
Saudi Riyal	10.2853 10.1354
Dutch Guilder	20.9801 20.6986
Pakistan Rupee (AMU*)	1.5412 1.5264
Strapure Dollar	23.0660 22.7690
US Dollar	10.4834 10.3485
Kuwait Dinar	Not available
Indian Rupee	1.4814 1.4673
S. Kroner	6.4534 6.3731
*AMU: Asian Monetary Unit	
Wage Earners Fund/Export	
Performance Benefit (XPB) Fund	
US Dollar	38.65 38.70
UK Pound	68.30 68.35
Saudi Riyal	10.34 10.39
US Dollar	10.56 10.61

* The rates of Pound Sterling are decided every day, based on the cross-rates of New York market

Source: Sonali Bank



A meeting of the parliamentary committee on Ministry of Industries was held at the Jatiya Sangsad Saturday.

Govt committed to rights of workers, ILO meet told

Labour and Man Power Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan had stressed the need for relationship between the system of government and the rights of the workers and reiterated his government's commitment to safeguarding those rights, reports BSS from Bangkok.

He was delivering a speech at the 11th Asian regional conference of ILO in Bangkok on Friday on behalf of Bangladesh delegation.

Mannan said peaceful and harmonious labour relations were essential for industrial peace and economic growth.

The minister said the rights of the workers and their freedom could be meaningfully exercised only within such a political system.

Mannan said during the 1970's and 1980's structural reforms had been the major theme of domestic economic management as well as the basis of international economic

cooperation.

The minister recounted the experience of structural adjustment reform and said his government had been following a policy of maintaining real effective exchange rate together with liberalisation of import and rationalisation of tariff.

He mentioned that the government of Bangladesh had under taken a programme for reforms of the public sector enterprises with a view to allowing them to operate commercially.

Mannan said the government had undertaken the adjustment programme in spite of the difficulties that we experienced and were entailed by the programme itself.

He said the concept of structural adjustment reforms should be humanised emphasising the need for protecting the workers from the adverse impact of such reforms.

The minister mentioned some of the difficult problems in carrying out structural reforms. The elasticity of employment with respect to output has decreased, wage-labour has fallen and self-employment increased, never the less unemployment remains high and is increasing, he said.

He further said in a number of countries downward trend of real wages had also been noticed and the adjustment at the enterprise level had involved retrenchment of labour.

The minister laid emphasis on the adoption of appropriate policies by the developed countries to resolve these problems.

He said the ILO had an important role to play in the emerging economic situation and the function of ILO needed to be expanded taking into account the specific needs of the new economic realities and imperatives.

Biman begins round-the-clock reservation

By Staff Correspondent

Biman, Bangladesh Airlines started operating its reservation and ticket counter at its headquarters at Motijheel round-the-clock from yesterday (Sunday).

The arrangement was made to provide better service to its customers, according to a press release.

Shipping Intelligence

Chittagong Port

Name of Vessels	Berthed	ETD	Berth No	L Port	L Agent
Al Swamiruz	26/11	05/12	J/1	Hong	ASSL
Balrik	26/11	01/12	J/3	"NA	"NA
Shan Yin	26/11	01/12	J/8	Jaka	BDSHIP
Al Tabith	24/11	30/11	J/12	"NA	KSL
Atlantic Clipper	17/11	27/11	MPB/1	Cal	BDSHIP
Sykda	23/11	30/11	MPB/2	Aquaba	AQUA
Loyal Bird	20/11	28/11	CCJ	Mong	OWSL
Fuhwo Venture	24/11	28/11	GSJ	Singapore	BSL
Fuhwo Yun	21/11	30/11	TSP	"NA	Bdship
Wang Jae San	21/11	30/11	RM/4	Kand	UWST
Sea Star	26/11	08/12	RM/6	Col	OWSL
Vivari No. 2	23/11	08/12	DD	"NA	BSC
Banglar Swapna	11/11	30/11	DDJ/1	"NA	BSC
Maritz Star	22/10	29/11	DDJ/2	Singapore	UNISEA
Shakti-2	24/11	12/12	RM/6	"NA	"NA
Banglar Jyoti	24/11	30/11	RM/9	"NA	BSC

Name of Vessels	ETD	Berth No
A Power	02/12	J/2
Banglar Kiron	02/12	J/3
Banglar Baani	02/12	J/5
H Economist	02/12	J/9
B Mamata	02/12	"NA
K Jespersion	02/12	MPB/2

Vessels at Outer Anchorage

Name of Vessel	Ready On	L Port	L Agent
Ronjoy	03/11	"NA	PSAL
Sea Star	03/12	"NA	"NA
Banglar Shourabh	03/11	"NA	BSC
Min Hai You-12	"NA	"NA	UNISTAR
Tian Shui	"NA	Mongla	BDSHIP
Splendor	"NA	UAE	JF
Carol Bay	"NA	Tutti	ULA
Alyn	"NA	Singapore	ALAMIN
Red deer	"NA	"NA	BSL
Kittanning	"NA	Singapore	HIL
Sparkle moon	"NA	"NA	BSL

Vessels Due at Outer Anchorage

Name of Vessels	ETA	L Port	Local Agent
Dubai Pioneer	02/12/91	Bedi	SEACOAST
Iron Thrust	02/12/91	"NA	DYNAMIC
Shezan	02/12/91	Slax	AQUA
Bouta	03/12/91	Anna	TSLL
I Yamurenko	03/12/91	"NA	CT
Chong Chon Gang	03/12/91	"NA	11&H
Karabieverette	04/12/91	"NA	EBPL
Pong Shan	04/12/91	Singapore	BDSHIP
Salar	04/12/91	"NA	ASSL
Banglar Urmil	04/12/91	Hongkong	BSC
Kota Buana	05/12/91	Singapore	CTS
Sam Houston	05/12/91	Calcutta	ULA
Aghion Oros	06/12/91	Singapore	CT
Optima	06/12/91	Col	BSL
Banglar Gourab	06/12/91	"NA	BSC
Seabulk Hope	07/12/91	"NA	BBA
Genclik	07/12/91	Mars	BSCS
Al Dora	07/12/91	Colombo	UMAL
Mento	08/12/91	Tamb	OWSL
Ping Yin	08/12/91	Kand	OWSL
Anting	10/12/91	Kand	TMK
Hafez	10/12/91	"NA	SSL
Amite	10/12/91	Rott	ROYAL
New Genlord	12/12/91	"NA	BDSHIP
Atlantic Clipper	12/12/91	"NA	BDSHIP
Atalanta-T	13/12/91	Cara	ROYAL
Ronjoy Choomie	15/12/91	Kand	TMK
Thomaseverett	15/12/91	"NA	EBPL
Johnverette	27/12/91	"NA	EBPL

Mongla Port

Name of Vessel	berth	ETA	ETD	L Port	L Agent
Shan Yin	30/11	"NA	"NA	Chittagong	SGSSA
Vigorous swan	"NA	10/12	"NA	China	AGM
Gold Future	"NA	02/12	04/12	Chittagong	IBC
Genclik	"NA	13/12	24/12	Chittagong	ATLAS
Selma-e-Najum	"NA	20/12	27/12	Chittagong	ATLAS
Selma-e-lamal	"NA	03/12	10/12	Chittagong	MAKH
Langung Jiang	"NA	07/12	"NA	Chittagong	BRIGHT
Nang Loy	27/11	"NA	"NA	China	BSL
Shaplaeverett	"NA	15/12	17/12	Calcutta	MAKH
Sparkle Moon	01/12	"NA	"NA	Chittagong	MAKH
Balrik	"NA	02/12	05/12	Calcutta	ST VINCENT
Sea Rhapsody	"NA	02/12	"NA	Banukul	IBL
Swan Glory	"NA	04/12	"NA	Bengkulu	IBL
Kamal Everette	"NA	06/12	08/12	Chittagong	EVERETTE
Ronjoy Choomy	"NA	07/12	"NA	Chittagong	TMIL
Anting	"NA	08/12	"NA	Chittagong	TMIL
Mento	"NA	08/12	"NA	Chittagong	OWSL
Chong Chongong	"NA	08/12	"NA	Chittagong	"MKH
Loyal Bird	27/11	27/11	02/12	Chittagong	OWSL
Lion of Gulf	"NA	04/12	"NA	Colombo	SEA COAST
New Genlord	27/11	"NA	"NA	Chittagong	BSL
Ocean Voyager	"NA	17/12	"NA	Chittagong	AGM

*Berthed = Vessel at port jetty.
*ETD = Expected Time of Departure.
*ETA = Expected Time of Arrival.
*NA = Not Available.
*ETB = Expected to Berth.
Source: Aquamarine Limited.

New guidelines for foreign-aided projects okayed

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) Sunday approved eight projects at a meeting with Finance Minister M Saffur Rahman in the chair, reports UNB.

Besides, the ECNEC also approved two policy papers regarding general instruction and guidelines on planning, programming, processing and implementation of technical assistance projects and guidelines for tenders involving fund provided under external assistance.

The eight projects approved are: development of seven colleges for post graduate level studies, expansion of national academy for education management, improvement of

physical facilities of government secondary schools, small scale irrigation sector project, Ashugonj-Palash agro-irrigation project, establishment of four TV transmission centres, balancing, modernisation and rehabilitation (BMR) of government presses and procurement of specialised fire fighting and rescue equipments.

Agriculture Minister Major General (Rtd) M Majid Ul Haque LORD and Co-operative Minister Abdus Salam Talukder, Industries Minister Shamsul Islam Khan, Post and Telecommunication Minister M Keramat Ali, Commerce Minister M K Anwar, and members of the Planning Commission attended the meeting, said a PID handout.



Tender Notice

No. 2/1991-92

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited from "D" Class Contractors of BWDB of 1991-92 under Pabna IRD Project Phase-I, Pabna for the works noted below during the year 1991-92.

- (a) Repairing and Maintenance of sluices and Regulator from Group No. 2/1 to 2/6 and 2/8.
Group No. 2/1 Taka 57,622/=
- " No. 2/2 Taka 1,57,043/=
- " No. 2/3 Taka 2,99,654/=
- " No. 2/4 Taka 55,963/=
- " No. 2/5 Taka 54,226/=
- " No. 2/6 Taka 73,040/=
- " No. 2/8 Taka 2,99,483/=
- (b) Repairing and Maintenance of Building Group No. 2/7 Taka 1,44,808/=
- (c) Repairing and Maintenance of approach road Group No. 2/9 Taka 99,641/=
- (d) Excavation of I₃S₁₀T₅ canal Group No. 2/10 Taka 1,65,662/=
- (e) The Tenders will be received on 8.12.91 up to 12.00 Noon in the following offices and office of the Executive Engineer, Pabna Water Development Division-I, BWDB, Pabna.
- (f) Executive Engineer (Mech.) Division-3, BWDB, Pabna.
- (g) Executive Engineer, Bera Division, BWDB, Bera, Pabna.
- (h) Executive Engineer, Sirajgonj O&M Division, Sirajgonj.
- (i) Executive Engineer, Natore, BWDB, Natore.
- (j) Executive Engineer, Dhaka O&M Division-2, BWDB, Dhaka.

The Tender documents will be available in the following offices up to 7.12.91 A.D. with (Non-refundable cost) of Taka 400/= (Taka Four Hundred) only per set for all groups.

All other informations can be seen in the office of the undersigned during office hours.

The Name of Advertiser :- Executive Engineer, Pabna Water Development Division-I, BWDB, Pabna.

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Tender Notice

No. 11 of 1991-92

- Name of work : i) Re-excavation of Jalapur khal, Lakhyandia khal and Sonidangi khal of Shakpaldia FCDI Project (EIP). Assistance during 1991-92.
- Estimated cost : Tk. 1,49,761.00
- Earnest money : Tk. 3,744.00
- Time allowed : 60 (Sixty) days
- Contractors eligible for submit the tender : D-class contractors/firms of BWDB having valid registration during 1991-92.
- Last date of selling of the tenders : 7-12-91.
- Date and time for receiving and opening of the tender : i) Receiving date and time up to 12.00 Noon on 8-12-91.
ii) Opening date and time up to 12-15 P.M. on 8-12-91.
- Name and address of where tender documents will be available for purchasing : i) Executive Engineer, O&M Division, BWDB, Rajbari/ Gopalganj.
ii) Manager, Sonali Bank, WAPDA Branch, Motijheel C.A., Dhaka-2.
iii) Manager, Sonali Bank, Goalchamat Branch, Faridpur.
- Name and address of the office where tender will be received : i) Executive Engineer, O&M Division, BWDB, Rajbari/ Gopalganj/Executive Engineer, O&M Division-II, BWDB, Sheraj Building, Motijheel C.A., Dhaka-2.
ii) Superintending Engineer, O&M Circle, BWDB, Faridpur and the office of the undersigned.
- Cost of tender documents : @ Tk. 400/00 (Tk. Four hundred) only per set.
- Address of Advertiser : Executive Engineer, O&M Division, BWDB, Faridpur.

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Executive Engineer
O&M Division, BWDB,
Faridpur.