#### Mongla Port workers call off strike

KHULNA, Dec 5: A two-year tripartite agreement was signed late Wednesday night at the port office Khulna calling off the proposed strike by the Mongla Port Dock Labour Association to press their sixty one point demands, reports

The tripartite agreement was signed after a lengthy negotiations between the Dock Labour Association and the Stevedors Association resolving the longstanding disputes.

Chairman of Mongla Port and Deputy Director of Labour. Khuina played a vital role in resolving the dispute.

#### China seeks re-entry to **GATT**

GENEVA, Dec 5 : China said on Wednesday that it should soon be allowed back into the world trade body GATT. reports Reuter.

China's communist rulers took the country out of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) in 1949. It has long been eager to rejoin but GATT members have hesitated, partly on economic and partly on human rights

grounds. Ambassador Fan Guoxiang. China's observer at the GATT told the annual meeting of GATT's 103 member states that China had carried out economic reforms such as eliminating export subsidies and rationalising foreign exchange rates.

"The economic and trade reforms and liberalising measures undertaken by China have laid a solid basis for resumption of its GATT contracting party status." Fan said. adding the hope that the body negotiating with China would

speed up its work. "It is our belief that China's prompt resumption of its GATT membership and full participation in the multilateral trading system would be a major step in the right direction which should be welcomed and supported by all **GATT** contracting parties."

The -crackdown on prodemocracy protests and in particular the Tiananmen square massacres in June 1989 led GATT members to go slow in their talks with the Chinese.

Otherwise they could face a surge of cheap Chinese exports that they would be powerless to resist.

**BANKS (10)** 

A.B Bank

City Bank

Islami Bank

**Pubali Bank** 

Rupalt Bank

Uttara Bank

INVESTMENT (06)

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**INSURANCE (04)** 

**ENGINERING** (19

Aftab Automobiles

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National Tubes

Quasem Drycells

Renwick Jajneswar

Singer Bangladesh

FOOD & ALLIED (21)

Panther Steel

A.B Biscuit

Apex Food

Aroma Tea

Bengal Food BLT.C.

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**Tulip Dairy** 

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FUEL & POWER (03)

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N.T.C

Alpha Tobacco

Aman Sea Food

Karim Pipe

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## Computer manpower and software trade can fetch \$300 m in 3 years

By Inam Ahmed

Dhaka's balance of payment to worsen

Asian exports to grow 16 pc

Bangladesh can earn a huge amount of foreign currency by tapping computer software business abroad and exporting computer manpower, experts

Experts figure that earnings from the software business like data entry and software development and export of trained computer manpower to Europe and USA can reach a staggering 300 million US dollar within a three-year period. For this purpose the country needs to train at least 30,000 people in computer skills, they added.

The global market turnover from computer software business is likely to exceed 300 billion US dollar by the end of this century. The market is till now dominated by the Newly Industrialised Countries (NICs)

Experts said cheap labour is

MANILA, Dec 5 : Exports

from Asia's dynamic develop-

ing economies are set to grow

by a galloping 16 per cent next

year, with imports almost

matching the supercharge

pace, the Asian Development

throughout Asia remained

strong in 1991, causing a rapid

expansion in the current ac-

count deficit of the world's

fastest-growing region to 10.8

billion dollars this year, from a

deficit of 2.2 billion dollars in

the ADB this week in an up-

date to its annual Asian

Development outlook, are only

for developing Asian countries,

Bank, founded in 1966 to

promote regional develop-

ment, forecasts that Japan's

economy will slow a little to

around 3.3 per cent growth in

real Gross National Product in

1992, from 4.5 per cent in

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55 billion dollars this year and

sees the trade surplus rising in

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Market Prices of Listed Shares and Debentures

with Dhaka Stock Exchange

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Northern Jute

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Sonali Aansh

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Beximco Pharma

Kohtnoor Chemical

Progressive Plastic

Reckitt & Colman

Rahman Chemicals

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Paper Processing

Bangladesh Hotel

Padma Printers

Sonali Paper

SERVICE (2)

TEXTILE (18)

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Arbee Textile

Ashraf Textile

Chand Textile

Chand Spining

Desh Garments

**Dulamia Cotton** 

GMG ind. Corp.

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Quasem Textile

Rahim Textile

Saiham Textile

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Swan Textile

Tallu Spinning

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Chittagong Cement G. Q. Ball Pen

Milon Tannery

Monno Ceramic

Pheonix Leather

The Engineers

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It said import growth

Bank (ADB) says in a report.

the main advantage for Bangladesh to compete in the global market. Training of people in computer skills should not be a difficult task as people from any discipline, irrespective of science or arts background, can easily learn the skill like data entry and programming.

Sources said setting up of adequate training centres in every town can produce the computer manpower for the purpose.

Sources informed most enterprises in the information technology are facing fund shortage for steps to take the advantage of world market.

So far, only one enterprise has received finance from Bangladesh Shilpa Bank. The banks are not interested to finance the information technology sector due to lack of

slowly and exports accelerate

with the revival of the world

surplus will continue to shift

away from the United States

towards Europe and Asia," it

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rent account deficit for the

region's developing countries

was caused by large increases

in the deficits of South Korea,

Indonesia and Malaysia in

It forecast the regional

The report said that ex-

deficit, excluding Japan, would

be trimmed in 1992 to around

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rapidly in 1991, despite the

economic slowdown in major

industrialised countries,

largely because of the contin-

ued success of Asia's tiger

economies of Hong Kong.

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The Manila-based Bank said

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7.2 billion dollar.

proper exposure emerging business, sources added.

The East European market for computer software is also very lucrative for the Third World countries. The market in the East Europe is expected to generate business worth around 500 million US dollar annually. India, which has a good relation with these countries, is now taking the advantage in the market. "We need a rigorous marketing thrust in those countries," said an experts adding, "the government should take initiatives for this purpose.\*

Observers viewed that all the technology training institutes in the country should introduce computer science for producing computer manpower as Bangladesh is lagging behind in this regard.

economies over the next year.

with Hong Kong seen posting a

Trade and market-oriented

remarkable 21.1 per cent rise.

reforms are expected to boost

Indian exports by 16 per cent

in 1992, from 7.8 per cent

this year, while Southeast

Hong Kong

Singapore

Indonesia

Philippines

Malaysia

Thailand

South Asia

Bangladesh

India

Nepal

China

Pakistan

Sri Lanka

Regional Total

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South Korea

Southeast Asia

Newly Industrialising Economies:

Computer science was recently introduced in Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET). The first batch of 20 graduates are expected to come out by 1993. În comparison, India produces about 8000 graduates in this field annually.

They said the telecommunication system of the country has also to be improved to help start data entry business abroad. Good telecommunication links with the outside world would facilitate transfer of data from the ordering countries to Bangladesh. After entry of data in computer discs, they can be channelled to the computers of the ordering countries over telephone.

Sources said there has not yet been any dynamic and planned course of action to exploit this potential sector.

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The ADB published the fol-

strong gains.

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#### Tk 11 cr Swedish grant for

Bangladesh will receive Swedish grant of 19 million Kroner equivalent to Tk 10.98 crore to support emergency post-cyclone relief measures, reports UNB.

An agreement to this effect was signed Dhaka Thursday between the Bangladesh government and the government of Sweden, said an official hand-

Additional Secretary of Economic Relations Division Dr. AMM Sawkat Ali and Swedish Ambassador in Bangladesh Carl Olof Cederblad signed the agreement on behalf of their respective governments.

#### Timber seized in Kaptai

RANGAMATI, Dec 5: Foresit officials have seized about four thousands cubic feet of timber valued at Tk 12 lakh, illegally extracted from the reserve forest of Kaptai, reports UNH.

They also setzed two elephants which were being used in stealing timber from the restricted forest in the last two months, officials said.

A statement by the Bon Karmo Nibahi Samity, however, alleged that forest officials were subjected to harassment for strengthening vigilance on illegal extraction.

The statement issued by Wazuddin. Chairman and Mohiuddin Bhuiyan, General Secretary of the Samity Monday categorically denied the allegation that forest officials were involved in the recent killing of an elephant and injuring its calf on November

Armed wood pilferers or tribal miscreants might have killed the animal, the statement added.

#### France to subsidise tarm sector

PARIS, Dec 5 : Agriculture Minister Louis Mermaz said Wednesday the government considered it necessary to go on supporting French agricultural prices with subsidies, reports AFP.

Trade Negotiations Minister

Philip Burdon said Wednesday

there was a distinct possibility

that the current round of

world trade talks would end in

the New Zealand Press

Association (NZPA) before leav-

ing for Geneva where he will

join delegates attending a cru-

14-member Cairns group of

agricultural exporters lobbying

the European Community to

Exchange Rates

December —5

SELLING AND BUYING RATES offered by

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German Deutsche

French Franc

**Dutch Guilders** 

Pakistan Rupee

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\*AMU-Asian Monetary Union

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SECONDARY EXCHANGE MARKET

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## Sales-Purchase-Tender relief

**Employment** Principal, Adamjee Cantonment College, Dhaka Cantonment requires the following; (1) "Lecturer," must be BA (Hons), MA (Political Science) minimum 2nd class in both the fields with 3 yrs experience. (2) "Assistant Teacher (Islamic Studies)," must be BA, B. Ed and Kamil (2nd class) with 3 yrs experience. Please apply with bio-data, attested one copy p.p size photograph, attested copies of educational qualifications certificates and Bank Draft for Tk 50/- in favour of Principal, Adamjee Cantonment College, Dhaka Cantonment

to reach to the same address by 12.12.91 GQ Ball Pen Industries Limited invites application for the post of "Factory Manager" for its Jessore Factory Applicant must have Bachelor's degree with technical knowledge and 3 yrs experience in Factory Management. Please apply with handwritten application with necessary documents and 2 copies of recent p.p. size photograph to G.P.O. Box No. 2033. Dhaka-1000 by 21st December, 1991.

& Employment News

The Advertiser, G.P.O. Box No. 555, Dhaka-1000 requires an experienced and educated "Governess," must be capable of taking care of two school-going boys of 5/6 yrs age. Age above 40 yrs. Please apply with bio-data immedi-

Director, Department of Fisheries Matshya Bhaban, Park Avenue, Ramna, Dhaka invites applications for the post of an integrated "Fish Culture Expert" under a FAO/UNDP project in Bangladesh. Applicants must have post-gradu-

ation in Fisheries/Aquaculture/Biological science. Please apply with bio-data copies of certificates/testimonials and two copies of recent p. p. size photographs to the above office on or before 15.12.91. (5) A reputed garments buying house requires "Quality Control Supervisor," must have 5 yrs experience in knit garments factory. Please apply with bio-data,

photo and experience certificates to G. P. O. Box No. 214, Dhaka immediately. A reputed Jute/Carpet Mill requires the following: (1) "Production Officer," must be B. Sc in Textile Technology with 2 yrs experience. (2) "Quality Control Officer," (3) "Trainee Sub-Asstt Engineer" must have Diploma in Chemical Engineering. (4) "Trainee Supervisor," must have B. Sc degree, (5) "Asstt Dying Master," must have B.Sc in Textile Technology with 3 yrs experience, (6) "Mechanical Foreman," with 10-15 yrs experience, (7) "Charge hand/Mistry," with 5 yrs experience, (8) "Weaver," with 5 yrs experience, (9) "Artist," must have Bachelor's degree or Diploma in Fine Arts. Please apply with bio-data, recent 2 copies of photographs to G P O. Box No 2779, Dhaka-1000 by 15-12-91.

### Shipping Intelligence

**Chittagong Port** 

Name of Vessels	Berthed	EID	Berth No	L. Port	L. Agent
Al Swamruz	26/11	06/12	J/1	Hong	ASSL
B. Kiron	01/12	06/12	J/3		NA
Banglar Sampad	01/12	08/12	J/4	NA	BDSHIP
B. Baani	01/12	09/12	J/5	NA	N.A
Banglar Asha	28/11	07/12	J/7		AQUA
Shan Yin	06/11	08/12	J/8		BOSHIP
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Banglar Mamata	02/12	08/12	TSP		AQUA
Fong Yun	21/11	10/12	RM/4	Singapore	BDSHIP
Esso Byonne	03/12	05/12		Singapore	ECSL
Vivari No. 2	23/11	08/12	DD	NA.	BSC
Banglar Swapna	11/11	10/11	DDJ/1	NA	BSC
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**Vessel at Outer Anchorage** 

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Sea Tabith		NA	KSL	
Banglar Jyoti		NA	BSC	
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Splendor	12	UAE	JF	
Carol Bay	5	Tutt	ULA	
Alyn	180	Singapore	Alamin.	
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Sparkle Moon		NA	BISL	
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**Vessels Due at Outer Anchorage** 

Name of Vessels	ETA	L. Port Call	Local Agent
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Kota Buana	05/12/91	Singapore	CTS
Sam Houston	05/12/91	Calcutta	ULA
Karabieverette	06/12/91	. NA	EBPL
Seabul Hope	07/12/91	NA	BBA
Andrian Goncharov	07/12/91	Mars	BSC
Chong Chon Gang	07/12/91	NA	H&H
Al Dora	07/12/91	Colombo	UMAL
Aghion Oros	08/12/91	Singapore	CT
Bona	08/12/91	Sikka	MSPL
Optima	08/12/91	Col	RSL
Banglar Urmi	08/12/91	Hong Kong	BSC
Mento	08/12/91	TAMB	OWSL
Atlantic Clipper	08/12/91	NA	BDSHIP
Banglar Gourab	09/12/91	NA	BSC
Genclik	10/12/91	MARS	BSCS
Hafez	10/12/91	NA	SSL
Níkos A	10/12/91	Mongla	AQUA
Amitie	11/12/91	Kand	TMIL
Infinity	12/12/91	NA	RSL
New Genlord	12/12/91	NA	BDSHIP
Ping Yin	15/12/91	Kand	OWSL
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Fong Shin	15/12/91	NA	BDSHIP
Anting	16/12/91	Kand	TMIK
Atlanta -T	17/12/91	Cana	Royal
Ronjoy Choomie	18/12/91	Kand	TMIK
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Johneverette	27/12/91	N/A	EBPL
Ocean Brave	29/12/91	Singapore	JF

**Mongia Port** EID Berth ETA

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Name of Vessels

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	Safina-e-Ismal		05/12	15/12	Chittagong	Atlas
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	Banglar Maya	04/12		NA	Chittagong	AQT
	Al Resa	03/12	NA	NA	Chittagong	AQT
	Zi Yun	CANAL STREET	09/12	NA.	Qingdao	Bright
	Tae Chong		15/12	NA	Quindao	Bright
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NOTE: Berthed Vessel at Port Jetty. Expected Time of Departure. ETD Expected Time of Arrival. ETA Not Avatlable. Expected to Berth.

Source: Aquamarine Limited.

The Counsellor to the United States Trade Representative Geza Feketekuty at a meeting with the members of DCCI Thursday on US-Bangladesh trade issues at the DCCI conference room. The President of DCCI, Mahbubur Rahman, senior Vice-President, Masudur Rahman, Vice-President Ismail Hussain Miah and other members of DCCI were present at the meeting.

# Bonn says GATT accord a must, but NZ sees failure

BONN, Dec 5: The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade(GATT) should use the next weeks for intensive negotiations so the Uruguay Round of world trade talks can be completed this year, the German government said, re-

Economics Minister Juergen Moellemann said the U.S and the European Community (EC) had narrowed differences on farm reforms, but final hurdles still needed to be overcome.

determination to carry out major farm reforms which are in line with our responsibility for

a healthy agriculturally sector in Europe and free world trade," Moellemann said.

European agro-protectionism" could not longer be continued and reforms were long overdue.

statement, "the success of the Uruguay Round is imperative" It said a world trade agreement would boost world economic growth and lend strong support to emerging democracies in eastern Europe

An agreement would also strengthen GATT and reduce the likelihood of major trade conflicts, it added.

GATT Director-General Arthur Dunkel has invited senior negotiators to GATT headquarters in Geneva for what he hopes will be a final



Mr Habibur Rahman, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism and Chairman, Bangladesh Services Ltd. owner of Dhaka Sheraton hotel, inaugurating an airport counter, at the hotel Wednesday.

# Meanwhile, New Zealand

ports Reuter.

Continued efforts were needed so GATT Director General Arthur Dunkel could put forward a compromise appear, possibly next week, he told journalists in Bonn.

"We must not rest in our

His ministry added in a

and the developing world.

push to end the five-year talks.

