

Business

Japan gives Tk 198 crore as grant

Bangladesh will receive Japanese grant of 6.93 billion yen equivalent to about Tk 198 crore under two separate exchange of notes signed in Dhaka Thursday, reports UNB.

Japanese Ambassador to Bangladesh Toshio Saiki and Additional Secretary of the Economic Relations Division (ERD) AMM Shawkat Ali signed the notes on behalf of their respective governments.

Under the first exchange of notes Japan will provide 6.21 billion yen equivalent to Tk 177.4 crore as grant assistance for Debt Relief for the second half of the fiscal year 1991, said a press release of the Japanese Embassy in Dhaka.

This grant is the 15th of its kind which will be utilised by the government for importing essential industrial raw materials, machineries, spare parts and fertilizer, as agreed between the two governments.

The grant is provided as "United Commodity Aid" for purchasing commodities and equipment. It also contributes in mitigating the international balance of payment problems of the recipient country.

Under the second exchange of notes Bangladesh will receive a grant assistance of 723 million yen equivalent to Tk 20.6 crore which will be utilised by the LGRD Ministry for the model rural development project in Homna and Daudkandi upazillas of Comilla district.

An integrated rural development master plan was taken up in these upazillas for constructing rural infrastructure, increasing job opportunities, encouraging irrigated agriculture and strengthening farmers' organisations to alleviate poverty.

The programme also includes construction and improvement of roads and bridges, re-excavation of

ATAB team leaves for Jakarta

A 41-member team of the Association of Travel Agents of Bangladesh (ATAB) left Dhaka to attend its eighth marketing conference which began in the Indonesian capital Thursday, reports BSS.

Headed by ATAB president Dr H B M Iqbal, the team will exchange views and experiences on travel trade with their counterparts in Indonesia and explore how best the tourism between the two countries could be promoted.

During the four-day stay there, the team will discuss issues related to bilateral travel trade with leaders of Association of the Indonesian Tours and Travel Agencies (AITTA). It will also exchange opinions with other travel related organisations like PHT, Putri, Garuda and Dittjenpar.

The ATAB team, on way back home will discuss the same issues with leaders of Tourist Promotion Board in Singapore.

It will also meet the leaders of Association of Thai Travel Agents (ATA) and discuss the promotion of mutual travel trade.

The team, among others, includes Vice President of ATAB Firoz Ahmed, Assistant Secretary General Abul Kair, central and zonal leaders and members of the association.

Exchange Rates

(Valid for Dec 27, 28)*

SELLING AND BUYING RATES, offered by Commercial Banks, for Bank Cheques, (B/Cs) and Overseas Drafts (O/Ds)			
One Unit of Foreign Currencies (FCs) for Take			
FCs	Selling	Buying	
US Dollar	38.7126	38.2165	
UK Pound Sterling	72.4752	71.6514	
German Deutsche Mark	25.4688	25.1259	
French Franc	7.4512	7.3451	
Saudi Riyal	10.3518	10.2191	
Dutch Guilder	22.5795	22.2642	
Pakistani Rupee	1.5610	1.5461	
(AMU)*			
Singapore Dollar	23.7734	23.4687	
UAE Dirham	10.5763	10.4408	
Kuwaiti Dinar	Not available		
Indian Rupee	1.4963	1.4820	
S. Korea	6.9671	6.8661	
*AMU-Asian Monetary Union			
SECONDARY EXCHANGE MARKET			
Wage Earnings Fund/ Export Performance Benefit (XPM) Fund	Billing	Billing	
US Dollar	38.70	38.75	
UK Pound	72.49	72.54	
Saudi Riyal	10.35	10.40	
UAE Dirham	10.57	10.62	

* The rates of Pound Sterling are decided basing on the cross rates of New York market.

Source: Sonali Bank

Hides & Skin

(Wet/Salted)

December -24

(Taka per 100 pieces)		
Cow	15,000.00	32,000.00
Calf	54,000.00	61,000.00
Light	62,000.00	69,000.00
Medium	70,000.00	75,000.00
Heavy	76,000.00	81,000.00
Very heavy	22,000.00	28,000.00
Rejected		
Gold		
Heavy	9500.00	9500.00
Light	7000.00	8200.00
Medium	3200.00	4200.00
Sheep	9000.00	94000.00
Buffalo	57000.00	64000.00

Gold & Silver

December -24

(Taka for 11.66 grams)

Gold

Tejabi

Guthia

Silver

200.00

6,200.00

6,100.00

200.00

Source: Department of Agricultural Marketing

Price Index

Essentials

December -24

(Taka per kg)		
RICE		
Amar (fine)	14.00-15.50	
Pojam	13.00-14.00	
Uchi	13.00-14.00	
VEGETABLES		
Potato (New)	7.00-8.00	
Brinjal	5.00-6.00	
Karolla	14.00-16.00	
Lobhak	2.00-3.00	
Papya	4.00-6.00	
Green Banana (Four Pieces)	4.00-5.00	
OTHER FOODGRAIN		
Flour	12.00-12.50	
Ata	9.50-10.50	
FISH		
Rohu (kg)	120.00-140.00	
Katla (kg)	85.00-100.00	
Hilsa	50.00-55.00	
Panges	110.00-120.00	
Shrimp (kg)	80.00-90.00	
Stingi	50.00-60.00	
Koi	60.00-70.00	
EGG (4pcns)		
Jen	10.00	
Duck	9.00	
Firm	11.00	
PULSES		
Masher	28.00-30.00	
Moogh	28.00-30.00	
Chhola	23.00-24.00	
Khurai	14.00-15.00	
JIL		
Mustard	52.00-54.00	
Soybean	36.00-37.00	
Coconut (Colombo)	80.00-85.00	
Vegetable Ghee	45.00-48.00	
(Taka per kg)		
SPICES		
Onion	17.00-18.00	
Galic	40.00-44.00	
Chillies	80.00-85.00	
Turmeric (Round)	50.00-52.00	
" (Long)	54.00-56.00	
Green chillies	20.00-22.00	
Ginger	12.00-15.00	
Cinnamon* (10grms)	3.00-3.50	
Cardamom* (large)	3.00-4.00	
Jhira (50grms)	6.50-7.00	
MILK (Two kgs)		
Dino	268.00-270.00	
Red-Cow	265.00-266.00	
Elden	254.00-255.00	
MISCELLANEOUS		
Che	220.00-240.00	
Salt	7.00-7.50	
Sugar	27.00	
Molasses	15.00-16.00	

Source : Department of Agricultural Marketing

Dated : 15-12-91/30-8-98BS

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Civil Surgeon

Jhenidah

Sub : Final Notice to Join Duty

Memo No CSJ/S-1/91/3811

You, the following employees are unauthorisedly absent from your respective places of work since the dates mentioned against your names. Despite issuing repeated notices to join duty you are still absent from duty.

Hence it is finally instructed to join this office within 7 (seven) days of publication of this notice in the newspaper. Otherwise, removal from service will be effected under Sec 3 (B) of Govt. Employees Special Ordinance 1979 without further communication.

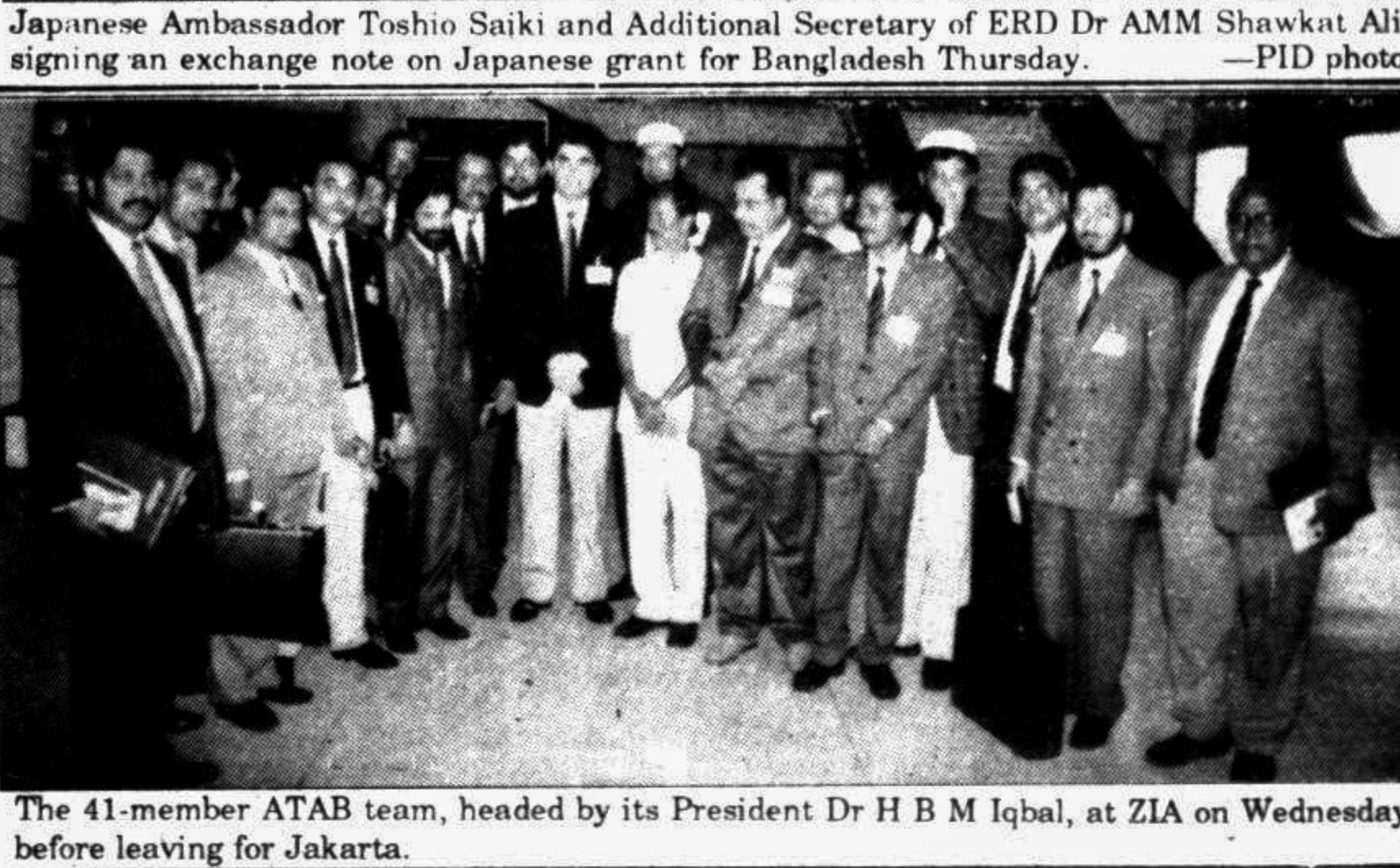
SI. No Name, designation to address Absent since (date)

1. Mr. Md. Jamal Uddin	Health Assistant, Shailkupa Upazila Health Complex, Jhenidah.	2-6-88 till to date
2. Mr. Ajit Kumar Biswas	Health Assistant, Kaliganj Upazila Health Complex, Jhenidah.	9-10-88 till to date
3. Mr. Md. Masud Uddin	MLSS, Talsar Upazila Health Complex, Kotchandpur, Jhenidah.	6-9-88 till to date
4. Mr. Md. Ruhul Amin	Ward boy, Moleshpur Upazila Health Complex, Jhenidah.	28-7-91 till to date

Presently engaged in this Office on deputation.

Civil Surgeon

Jhenidah.



The 41-member ATAB team, headed by its President Dr H B M Iqbal, at ZIA on Wednesday before leaving for Jakarta.

Rly station for Jamuna Fertilizer inaugurated

The 485th railway station of Bangladesh Railway was opened at Tarakandi, near Jamuna Fertilizer Factory, Jamalpur district Wednesday, reports BSS.

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdus Salam Talukder formally inaugurated the new railway station and unveiled its plaque. Member of parliament Rahima Khandker and Secretary of Railway Division and Director General of Bangladesh Railway Norul Momen Khan also addressed the inaugural function.

The Tarakandi railway station has been completed in less than six months at a total cost of Taka 86 lakh 50 thousands. The station has the capacity of loading and offloading 80 to the hundred wagons daily. The station has stoppage facilities for mail, express and local trains.

The new railway station has been built with the main purpose of feeding the Jamuna Fertilizer Factory, particularly in the transports of gashed fertiliser produced in the factory.

Speaking on the occasion, the LGRD Minister said that the government was trying to promote the country's communications network with a view to strengthening the productive and economic activities.

The corporation distributed 5990 bundles of CI sheets and 8845 pieces of sarees among the cyclone and tidal surge affected people. Besides, 28,646 distressed families were given 41 kg of edible oil per month. Each of the 30 distressed women was also given 31.25 kg