

**Tea fetches Tk 1246 cr**

Bangladesh has earned Taka 1246.75 crore by exporting 303,861 thousand kgs of tea to 38 countries during 1980-1990, reports BSS.

Replying to a question from Raushan Ali (AL-Jessore), Commerce Minister M K Anwar told the Jatiya Sangsad Sunday that the highest, 135,347 thousand kgs of tea, as exported to Pakistan during the period, followed by Egypt, 41,414 thousand kgs.

Answering another question from Mostafizur Rahman (AL-Chittagong), the Commerce Minister said the export target of tea in the current fiscal year (1991-92) is 30 million kgs worth Taka 181 crore. Taka 80.06 crore has been earned by exporting 10.92 million kgs of tea in the first five months of the current fiscal year.

Replying to a question from Nawab Ali Abbas Khan (JP-Moulvi Bazar), Anwar said the number of sick tea gardens in the country is 59.

A number of measures have been taken for rehabilitation of these sick tea gardens. The measures include disbursement of loan, modernisation of equipment and supply of tea plants from Bangladesh Tea Research Institute at production cost to the sick gardens, he said.

**Jamuna Bridge work may start in '92-93**

The construction of Jamuna Bridge at an estimated cost of Tk 2500.90 crore with a foreign exchange component of Tk 1603.80 crore (US dollar 450 million) is expected to start in the fiscal 1992-93, BSS reports.

Answering a question from M Ghulam Rabbani (BNP Joypurhat), Communications Minister Oli Ahmed told Jatiya Sangsad Monday that the bridge was likely to be completed by the fiscal 1996-97.

The Minister said the International Development Agency (IDA) and Asian Development Bank (ADB) had indicated that it would contribute 100-150 million and 150 million US dollar respectively in the Jamuna Bridge project. Japan has not yet informed the quantum of its contribution, he said.

Besides, the World Bank has also assured Bangladesh to finance the Project. Replying to another question from Nizamuddin Khan (BNP Manikganj), the Communications Minister said site selection for the bridge had been completed, the east end of the bridge will be near Doria village of Durgapur union under Kalthati upazila of Tangail district and its west end will be close to Barashimulla Panchasona village of Saidabad union under Sadar upazila of Strajganj district.

**Italy to buy more jute**

The Italian Ambassador in Bangladesh, Claudio Pacifico Monday expressed in Dhaka his country's desire for increasing import of jute and jute goods from Bangladesh, reports BSS.

He also said the Italian government would extend financial cooperation for the development of jute industry in Bangladesh.

Claudio said this, while calling on Jute Minister A S M Hannan Shah at the latter's secretariat office Monday, an official press release said.

The deputy head of the mission, Gianfranco d'ignazio Brown was present during the meeting.

The Jute Minister informed the ambassador of the possibility of transforming some jute mills into textile mills. Claudio assured the Minister of possible financial and technical cooperation in that regard too.

During their discussion, the Jute Minister hoped that the bond of friendship cooperation and trade between the two countries would be gradually strengthened.

**Romania keen on joint trade commission**

Romanian Ambassador in Bangladesh, Dumitru Mociu has proposed formation of a joint commission to strengthen economic ties between Romania and Bangladesh, reports BSS on Monday.

The proposal was made when the Romanian Ambassador called on Commerce Minister M K Anwar at the latter's secretariat office Monday, an official handout said.

Anwar said the proposed joint commission could play a significant role in promotion and diversification of trade and commerce between the two countries.

"Joint commission is a perfect mechanism to review the existing position of bilateral issues," he added.

They also discussed matters of mutual interest.

**Ershad govt illegally allotted 40 posh plots**

The government of deposed President Ershad had allocated 40 plots in the capital's posh residential area of Gulshan and Baridhara under a special order, reports UNB.

Works Minister Barrister Rafiqul Islam Miah said this in Parliament Monday while replying to a host of supplementary questions from Sardar Shakhawat Hossain Bakul, Advocate Abdus

Shahid, A/M Alamgir and Advocate Dharendra Devnath Shambhu.

The authorities concerned did not follow the set rules in allocating these residential plots, the minister said without naming the fortunate people who got the plots.

He said the present government is examining the matter and the plots will be

handed over to the owners after proper enquiry.

The Works Minister also informed the House that the ousted President in his personal directives assigned the Concord, a construction firm, for the maintenance of state guest houses Sugandha and Korotowa and the International Conference Centre (ICC) without inviting any tender.

Concord was given Taka one crore 12 lakh and five thousand for maintenance of the ICC only, he said adding that the maintenance cost for the centre should not exceed Tk 25 lakh.

The minister told the house the government is investigating it and legal actions will be taken against the persons involved in corrupt practices.

**Iran proposes joint economic commission**

The visiting Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister, A Borujerdi, Sunday proposed the formation of a joint commission to strengthen economic ties between Iran and Bangladesh, reports BSS.

The present situation in Bangladesh, Borujerdi observed, "was fully congenial for the development of economic, political and cultural relations," between the two countries.

The Iranian Minister called on the Commerce Minister M K Anwar at the latter's Secretariat office. Different facets of bilateral relations between the two brotherly Muslim countries came up during the discussion, a PID handout said.

The Iranian Minister expressed interests on investment in joint venture particularly in jute sector and in

Export Processing Zone.

Reciprocating, Commerce Minister MK Anwar said the proposed joint commission could play significant role in maintaining continuity in trade relation in the overall context of changing global trade. While appreciating Iran's active role for the economic development of Bangladesh, MK Anwar said assistance of friendly Iran was greatly needed to overcome the hinderances in the entry

into international market by developing countries. He also informed the initiatives of the present democratic government in liberalising and decontrolling in all spheres of 'the economic activities.

The Iranian Minister showed interests to import garments, jute and jute goods and other articles and offered to supply adequate quantity of crude oil to Bangladesh.

**Dhaka Stock Prices**

At the close of trading on Jan 13, 1992

**Market Profile**

135 Listed Stocks

13 gains, 06 losses, 116 unchanged

116 unchanged stocks include 13 traded on the day at its previous quoted prices. DSE All Share Price Index = 297.5225 Market Capitalisation = 8,508,884,688 Turnover = Taka 1698025 (Value) 71166 (Volume).

Company	FV/ML Tk	Company	FV/ML Tk
<b>BANKS (10)</b>			
AL Baraka Bank	1000/11080.00	Jute Spinner	100/5 95.00
AB Bank	100/5 177.00	Mutual Jute	100/5 100.00
City Bank	100/5 270.00	Northern Jute	10/50 NT
IFIC	100/5 180.00	Shamsar Jute	100/5 100.00
Islami Bank	1000/11825.00	Specialised Jute	10/50 NT
National Bank	100/5 106.00	Shine Pukur Jute	100/5 92.00
Pubali Bank	100/5 100.00	Sonali Aarsh	100/5 96.00
Rupali Bank	100/10 89.00	<b>PHARMACEUTICALS &amp; CHEMICALS (15)</b>	
U.C.B.L	100/5 120.00	Ambee Pharma	10/50 12.50
Utara Bank	100/5 166.50	Bangla Process	100/5 50.50
<b>INVESTMENT (08)</b>			
ICB	100/5 90.00	Beximco Pharma	100/5 207.00
1st ICB M.Fund	100/5 340.00	Glaxo	10/50 125.00
2nd ICB Fund	100/5 150.00	ICI	10/50 10.00
3rd ICB M. Fund	100/5 129.00	Kohinoor Chemical	100/5 106.50
4th ICB M. Fund	100/10 123.00	Petro Synthetic	10/50 13.00
5th ICB M. Fund	100/10 92.00	Pfizer	100/5 110.00
6th ICB M. Fund	100/10 66.00	Pharma Aids	100/5 145.00
ICB Unit Cert.		Pharmaco	100/5 52.00
Sales Price	116.00	Progressive Plastic	110/5 40.00
Re-purchase	111.00	Reckitt & Colman	10/50 240.00
<b>INSURANCE (04)</b>			
BGIC	100/10 120.08	Rahman Chemicals	100/10 45.00
Green Delta	100/10 133.65	Therapeutics	100/5 70.73
Peoples	100/10 120.00	The Ibsina	100/10 92.00
United	100/10 152.22	<b>PAPER &amp; PRINTING (06)</b>	
<b>ENGINEERING (19)</b>			
Aftab Automobiles	100/5 182.21	Eagle Box	10/50 28.50
Atlas Bangladesh	10/5041 000XD	Monospool	100/5 104.50
Aziz Pipes	100/5 240.00	Paper Converting	100/5 115.00
Bangladesh Autocars	100/5 72.00	Paper Processing	100/10 70.00
Bangladesh Lamps	100/5 240.00	Padma Printers	10/50 50.00
Bengal Carbide	100/5 220.00	Sonali Paper	10/50 50.00
Bengal Steel	100/5 18.00	<b>SERVICE (02)</b>	
Eastern Cables	100/5 86.75	Bangladesh Hotel	10/50 12.00
Howlader PVC	100/10 91.58	Rd. Service	10/50 NT
Karim Pipe	100/5 135.00	<b>TEXTILE (18)</b>	
Metalex Corp.	100/5 110.00	Alhaj Textile	10/50 NT
Monno Staffers	10/5 200.00	Arhee Textile	100/10 NT
Monno Jute	100/5 223.97	Ashraf Textile	10/50 27.00
National Tubes	100/10 121.25	Chand Textile	10/50 NT
Panther Steel	10/50 6.00	Chand Spinning	10/50 NT
Quasem Drycells	10/50 7.25	Desh Garments	100/10 60.00
Renwick Jaineswar	100/5 82.00	Dulamia Cotton	100/10 73.50
Stringer Bangladesh	100/5 700.00	Eagle Star	10/50 24.50
<b>FOOD &amp; ALLIED (21)</b>			
AB Biscuit	100/5 180.00	GMG Ind. Corp.	10/50 15.00
Alpha Tobacco	10/50 48.00	Modern Dyeing	100/5 35.00
Aman Sea Food	100/5 36.00	Quasem Silk	10/50 4.50
Apex Food	100/5 448.00	Quasem Textile	10/50 6.50
Aroma Tea	100/5 70.00	Rahim Textile	100/5 61.00
Bargan	100/5 155.00	Saham Textile	100/10 73.50
B/D Plantation	100/5 250.00	S.T.M (ORD)	100/5 50.00
Bengal Food	100/5 113.86	Stylecraft	100/5 100.00
B.L.T.C.	100/5 500.00	Swan Textile	100/5 60.00
B.T.C.	10/50 41.00	Talhu Spinning	100/10 112.00
Clay Vegetable	100/10 85.00	<b>MISCELLANEOUS (14)</b>	
Dhaka Vegetable	100/5 142.67	Apex Tannery	100/5 198.17
E.L. Camella	100/5 1000.00	Aramit	10/50 NT
Frogging Export	10/50 2.50	Bata Shoe	10/100 35.50
Gemini Sea Food	100/15 100.00	Beximco	10/100 9.56
Hill Plantation	100/5 300.08	B.S.C.	100/5 50.00
Modern Industries	100/5 180.00	Chittagong Cement	100/5 230.80
N.T.C.	100/5 280.04	G. Q. Ball Pen	10/50 48.00
Rabeya Flour	10/100 NT	Himadri Ltd.	10/100 6.00
Rupam Oil	10/100 6.20	Milon Tannery	100/5 27.00
Tulip Dairy	100/10 88.00	Monno Ceramic	100/5 152.00
Yousuf Flour	10/50 NT	Phoenix Leather	100/5 90.00
Zeal Bangla Sugar	10/50 12.44	Savar Refractories	100/5 108.00
<b>FUEL &amp; POWER (03)</b>			
Padma Oil Co.	10/50 40.00	The Engineers	100/5 100.00
Eastern Lubricant	10/50 14.00	Usumanta Glass	100/53 230.00
Oxygen	10/50 46.00	<b>DEBENTURES (04)</b>	
<b>JUTE (12)</b>			
Ahad Jute	100/10 NT	Apex Tannery	1000/1 995.00
Anowara Jute	10/50 NT	(17% 1992)	
Delta Jute	10/50 8.50	Bengal Food	900/1 590.00
Gawasia Jute	10/50 NT	(18.5% 1992)	
Islam Jute	100/5 65.00	Beximco	2500/2190.00
<b>Exchange Rates</b>			
(Valid for Jan 14)			
SELLING AND BUYING RATES offered by Commercial Banks for Bank Cheques (BC) and Overseas Drafts (OD)			
One Unit of Foreign Currencies (FC) for Taka			
FC	Selling	Buying	
US Dollar	38.9326	38.4481	
UK Pound Sterling	66.5952	66.8100	
German Deutsche Mark	24.5797	24.2575	
French Franc	7.2017	7.1062	
Saudi Riyal	10.6364	10.5041	
Dutch Guilder	21.8293	21.5456	
Pakistan Rupee (AMU)*	1.5700	1.5590	
Singapore Dollar	23.7524	23.4563	
UAE Dirham	10.6364	10.5040	
Kuwait Dinar	Not available		
Indian Rupee			
AMU	1.4970	1.4829	
S. Kroner	6.7410	6.6513	
*AMU: Asian Monetary Unit			
SECONDARY EXCHANGE MARKET			
Wage Earners Fund/ Export Performance Benefit (XPB) Fund			
US Dollar	38.70	38.75	
UK Pound	73.51	72.56	
Saudi Riyal	10.35	10.40	
UAE Dirham	10.57	10.42	
*The rates of Pound Sterling are decided basing on the cross rates of New York market.			
Source: Sonali Bank			
<b>Hides &amp; Skin</b>			
(Wet/Salted)			
January-13			
(Taka per 100 pieces)			
Cow	17,000.00	34,000.00	
Light	96,000.00	63,000.00	
Medium	94,000.00	71,000.00	
Heavy	72,000.00	78,000.00	
Very heavy	79,000.00	85,000.00	
Rejected	25,000.00	32,000.00	
Goat			
Big & heavy	94.00.00	110.00.00	
Light & medium	79.00.00	90.00.00	
Rejected	35.00.00	47.00.00	
Sheep	93.00.00	79.00.00	
Buffalo	50.00.00	60.00.00	
Source: Department of Agricultural Marketing			
<b>Gold &amp; Silver</b>			
January-13			
(Taka for 11.66 grams)			
Gold	6450.00	6500.00	
Tajiri			
Gold			
Silver		300.00	
Source: Department of Agricultural Marketing			



**TEA IS OUR BUSINESS FOR OVER 100 YEARS**

SECRETARIES OF FOLLOWING UK COMPANIES:

- AMO TEA COMPANY LIMITED
- THE CHANDPORE TEA COMPANY LIMITED
- THE MAZDEHEE TEA COMPANY LIMITED
- THE ALLYNUGGER TEA COMPANY LIMITED
- THE LUNGLA (SYLHET) TEA COMPANY LTD

AGENTS OF

- COOPER PEGLER & CO. LTD. (UK) FOR SPRAYING EQUIPMENT
- LAWRIE PLANTATION SERVICES LTD. (UK) FOR LTP (TEA PROCESSING) MACHINE
- COSTRUZIONI MECCANICHE BMSPA (ITALY) FOR INDUSTRIAL IRON
- PLAMAC (INDIA) PVT. LTD. (INDIA) FOR TEA MACHINERY
- PAPER SACKS LTD. (UK)

**DUNCAN BROTHERS (BANGLADESH) LIMITED**  
A Leading Agency House with a century old experience in tea estates management

ALSO AN ASSOCIATE OF  
UNITED INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED  
UNITED LEASING COMPANY LIMITED  
DUNCAN PRODUCTS LIMITED

TELEX NO. 642427 LGTC BJ PHONE NOS. 255081-2 FAX: 880-2-833233  
Hadi Mansion, 2 Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000

**Be with the leader**

We are not miracle makers, but we solve our clients' problems with professional ease.

No wonder, more and more people rely on us!



**National Bank Ltd.**  
A Bank for performance with potential

HEAD OFFICE: 18, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka



**And you thought DHL only delivered documents?**

We're determined to prove the contrary. Because DHL's worldwide network is the fastest and most reliable way to ship not just documents, but packages too - to anywhere in the world. Our experienced team of 20,000 professionals takes control of your package from the moment it's picked up to the moment it's delivered in any of our 54,000 locations in more than 185 countries worldwide.

What's more, DHL has its own fleet of aircraft and ground vehicles, plus 1,750 commercial flights daily. All to ensure the safe and timely delivery of your important consignment. So whether it's a document or package, call the world's best equipped air express company, and we'll handle it. Because at DHL, we don't take anything lightly.

**DHL WORLDWIDE EXPRESS**  
You are in safe hands all the way.

DHL WORLDWIDE EXPRESS Represented by HOMEBOUND PACKERS & SHIPPERS LTD.  
94 Moulvi C.A. Dhaka, Tel: 241277 241379 246720 Telex: 671401 DHL CO BJ  
Fax: 880-02-863156 CHITTAGONG Tel: 500140/503548 KHULNA Tel: 24286, 24791

Season's Greetings  
And  
Best Wishes  
to  
**The Daily Star**



**BROTHERS GROUP OF COMPANIES**  
National Scouts Bhaban, VIP Road, Kakrail, Dhaka, Bangladesh Telex 642494  
SUEZ BJ, Cable: IMPALA, Dhaka, Tel: 410013-17