

Zeal Bangla workers protest privatisation

JAMALPUR, Jan 18: More than 500 workers of the Zeal Bangla Sugar Mills staged demonstration and gheraoed the Dewanganj UNO office Saturday to protest government decision to sell out the mills to private owner, reports UNB.

Call money rates range from 10 to 11 pc

Money rates in the call money market during the week ended Wednesday, ranged from 10 to 11 per cent, reports UNB.

800 tolas gold seized at ZIA

Customs Saturday seized 800 tolas of gold worth about Tk 64 lakh, from air freight unit of Dhaka Customs at Zia International Airport, Customs sources said, reports UNB.

Raw Jute

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Kailashtila gas complex foundation laid

GOLAPGANJ (Sylhet), Jan 18: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia said here Saturday that the country's gas network was being broadbased to meet the increasing demand, reports UNB.

She said the present demand of 500 million cubic feet of gas was projected to rise from 700 to 850 million cubic feet in the next few years. More wells are necessary to meet this increasing demand and some of the wells will be dug at Kailashtila of Golapganj, she said.

the country's energy sector by implementing the coal project at Baropukaria of Dinajpur.

Begum Zia said 'we have achieved political democracy, now we want to establish economic democracy, she said the country's resources had to be tapped and harnessed properly as the attainment of self-reliance in all sectors was the prerequisite for achieving economic democracy.

point of the project. He underlined the need for quick implementation of the Second Gas Development Project to ensure increasing supply of gas to agriculture and industrial sectors.

The Prime Minister regretted that the time and cost of the project had already been overrun because of many reasons, causing a great loss to the nation. She hoped that such situation would not be repeated.

Saifur Rahman, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khondoker Mosharrar Hossain, Energy Secretary Mohammad Ali, Petrobangla Chairman Latiful Matin, local BNP leader Haris Chowdhury, student leader Elias Ali, Fatima Chowdhury MP and other local MPs were present on the occasion.

Earlier, the Prime Minister, on her arrival, went to the Kailashtila gas field and laid the foundation stone of the dehydration and fractionation project there.

The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone of LP gas storage, bottling and distribution plant which is to be established at cost of Taka 70 crore in 27 months.

The project will enable the Petrobangla to distribute LP gas in bottles to local people as well as to the country wide consumers.

VAT rules hit leather exports

Export-oriented leather industry owners have complained that they are asked to fill up the VAT papers although the tax was not imposed on the exporting units.

Exporters allege that as the formalities to fill up VAT papers are a time consuming process so these affect the export contracts which often need to be materialised within a short time, even in a day.

Any transportation of finished leather even for export industries requires VAT clearance certificate. The certificate procuring process is lengthy and leaves loopholes for corruption, the exporters say.

SADMC holds seminar on curriculum development

The South Asian Disaster Management Centre (SADMC) of International University of Business Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) held a half-day curriculum development seminar on disaster management on January 16 at the auditorium of Bangladesh Meteorological Department Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka.

The main objective of the seminar was to develop a user-oriented, academically sound and feasible curriculum for the coming four weeks disaster management workshop (February 2-February 27) announced by the SADMC.

Prominent disaster management experts from home and abroad attended the seminar and give their views on the contents of disaster management workshop in the context of Bangladesh.



Biman employees demonstrating for better pay in city Saturday. —Star photo

Fresh companies act demanded

Professional accountants Saturday urged the government to repeal the 'century-old' Companies Act and frame an up-to-date one, reports UNB.

Cost audit will raise cost efficiency and management efficiency leading the country towards industrialisation, he told the news conference.

Nurul Hasan, former president of the Institute, said the main objectives of ICMAH are optimisation of the economic resources through better management and human resources development.

EC, GCC resume free trade talks Monday

BRUSSELS, Jan 18: The European Community (EC) and six Gulf states resume talks on a free trade agreement next week, with Brussels due to present fresh proposals on lowering tariff barriers against Gulf petrochemical exports, EC officials said, reports Reuters.

The two-day talks, starting on Monday, will be the first opportunity for the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), grouping Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman, Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, to examine EC proposals on its vital petrochemical trade, they said.

The Commission official said next week's negotiations were likely to focus on proposed time limits for Community tariffs to be dismantled and import duties reduced.

Central Insurance holds annual conference

The Annual Conference-1992 of Central Insurance Co Ltd was held in Dhaka on Jan 15.

The conference reviewed business performance during '91 and discussed target for '92. The best two development executives Bashir Hossain and Tasiruddin Ahmed of the company were rewarded for their performance in the conference.

Haji M A Mulek, Chairman, Z A Khan, Managing Director, Tulu Kallimullah, Azizul-Haque Chowdhury Shah Alam, M R Ali Directors of the company participated in the deliberations.



The annual conference of Central Insurance Company in progress

Shipping Intelligence

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Mongla Port

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Dhaka Stock Prices

At the close of trading on Jan 18, 1992. Market Profile. 139 Listed Stocks. 07 gains, 11 losses, 121 unchanged.

Large table of stock prices with columns: Company, FV/ML Tk, and various stock names like Mutual Jute, Amtee Jute, etc.

Exchange Rates

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies like US dollar, Pound sterling, DM, etc.

Price Index

Table showing price index for various commodities like Rice, Wheat, Beans, etc.