

More EPZs will be set up

Industries Minister Shamsul Islam Khan Saturday said the government plans to set up more export processing zones as work on the one at Savar, near Dhaka, has been steadily progressing, reports UNB.

He told a meeting with officials of the BEPZA that export processing zones could contribute a great deal towards the national development efforts.

Khan underlined the need for pursuing an aggressive drive to attract foreign investors into the country.

The EPZ at Savar is being developed with a total cost of Taka 58 crore over 135 acres of land. It is expected that at least 45 industrial plots would be ready for allotment by next July.

The Savar EPZ is likely to create employment opportunity for nearly 15,000 people when the first phase of its work is completed by June 1994.

IBB begins confce of Branch Managers

By Staff Correspondent

Islamic Bank Bangladesh (IBB) began a two-day conference of Branch Managers in city Saturday.

Commodore Mohammad Ataur Rahman (rtd), Chairman of the banks Board of Directors, attended the conference as chief guest.

Presided over by Lutfur Rahman Sarkar, Executive President, the inaugural session was addressed, among others, by M Azizul Haq, Deputy Executive President.

Ataur Rahman in his speech said, Islamic Bank achieved success in the implementation of its system.

Call to link disaster management to rural development planning

Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Barrister Abdus Salam Talukdar Saturday called upon the natural disaster-prone countries of the Asia-Pacific region to launch concerted efforts to mitigate effects of natural disasters, reports BSS.

Inaugurating a regional seminar/workshop titled "Development of Modules for Training on Integrated Approach to Disaster Management and Regional/Rural Development Programme" in Dhaka he said concerted actions in this regard were necessary considering the enormity of the problem.

The five-day seminar/workshop is jointly organised by the United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD) and Centre for Integrated Rural Development in the Asia and Pacific Region (CIRDAP).

A T M Shamsul Haq,

Director of the CIRDAP, addressed the inaugural session while Hidehiko Sazanami, Director, UNCRD, presented the key note paper on the theme of the seminar.

Salam Talukdar said the Asia-Pacific region was highly vulnerable to natural disasters, which were recognised as phenomena spreading across the frontiers of different countries.

Bangladesh, he said, as a country exposed to recurrent floods and cyclones-not to speak of floods was particularly concerned with the occurrence of natural disasters.

Natural disasters do not lend themselves to total eradication but are amenable to preventive and mitigating actions and as such all out efforts should be made towards that direction, he added.

Stressing the need for integrated planning in tackling the

menace of disaster management and rural development, the Minister said the twin objective could not be achieved since development is often set at naught by natural disasters.

Salam Talukdar expressed his satisfaction that the UNCRD and the CIRDAP had recognised this interactive requirement between rural development and disaster management and were concentrating on integrated approach.

Sazanami in his paper underlined the enormity of the problems of natural disasters and the need for rural development in the countries of Asia-Pacific region and said development of modules for training on integrated approach to two fields was of major importance.

Shamsul Haq gave a brief account of the role of the CIRDAP was playing in the spheres of rural development in the region and said the link between

rural development and prevention of natural disasters called for integrated approach in two areas.

The seminar/workshop is being participated by experts from different countries including India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, China, Japan, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines and host Bangladesh.

Part of the seminar/workshop will be held in Chittagong when the experts would also take field trips to further assess the links between rural development and natural disasters.

Japan will loan China \$ 5.7b

TOKYO, Jan 25: Japan has reached a basic agreement to extend 700 billion yen (5.69 billion dollar) in loans to China, a Japanese newspaper reported today, says Reuter.

The loans would be used to explore coal mines and oil fields in China, an unnamed Japanese government source was quoted as saying by the Sankei Shimbun.

Export-Import Bank of Japan and Bank of China were expected to sign the final agreement as early as March, it said.

Shipping Intelligence

Chittagong Port

Name of Vessels	Berthed	ETD	Berth	L. Port No	L. Agent
Mild	11/01	22/01	J/1	Singapore	CSA
Northern Novo	19/01	25/01	J/2	BOM	MSA
Hai Ning	05/01	22/01	J/3	NA	NA
Continent-1	20/01	24/01	J/4	Pena	CIA
Loyal Bird	21/01	25/01	J/5	NA	NA
Este Presco	21/01	25/01	J/6	NA	NA
Ellie-M	21/01	27/01	J/7	NA	NA
Knud Jespersen	20/01	23/01	J/8	Singapore	CT
Al Reza	09/01	24/01	J/9	Mong	AQUA
Jonathan	18/01	23/01	J/13	NA	SEACOM
Ellie-M	18/01	22/01	MPB/2	Moro	AQUA
Banglar Asha	19/01	24/01	CSJ	NA	BSC
Kang Dong	19/01	24/01	CSJ	Singapore	OSA
Banglar Shourabh	17/01	24/01	RM/6	NA	BSC
Fong Yun	06/01	25/01	DDJ/1	Singapore	BDSHIP
Banglar Sampad	18/01	22/01	DDJ/2	NA	BSC
Piya-1	12/01	22/01	RM/8	Singapore	OSA
Banglar Swapna	05/12	30/01	RM/9	NA	BSC

Vessels Ready at Outer Anchorage

Name of Vessels	Ready	L. Port	L. Agent
Vishva Pprafulla	18/01	Mad	Sel
Gemini	25/01	Durb	Aqua
Olga	23/01	Kand	Delmure
Aghion Oros	24/01	Ind	Aqua
Reliant	24/01	NA	NA

Vessels Due at Outer Anchorage

Name of Vessels	ETA	L. Port	L. Agent
Fong Shin	22/01/92	Singapore	BDSHIP
Atlantic clipper	22/01/92	Singapore	BDSHIP
Banglar Kollol	22/01/92	Munda	GLOBE
Ubarana	23/01/92	NA	UF
Ronjoy Choomie	23/01/92	NA	PSAL
Tabuk	23/01/92	Kand	ENCL
Banglar Shobha	24/01/92	NA	BSC
Lilas	24/01/92	NA	PROG
Endurance Sea	24/01/92	Aquaba	UMAL
Songrim	24/01/92	NA	RRSA
Blue Ocean	25/01/92	Cal	TSLL
Optima	25/01/92	Col	RSL
Infinity	25/01/92	Singapore	ULA
Stonewall Jackson	25/01/92	Phuk	ULA
Shalmar	26/01/92	Col	BSC
Vishva Panikaj	27/01/92	NA	SSL
Fong Shan	27/01/92	Tamp	OWSL
Laurissa	28/01/92	Chin	OSA
Eastern Breeze	28/01/92	NA	RRSA
Chong Chon Gang	30/01/92	NA	RRSA
Felicity	30/01/92	Tamp	OWSL
Seabulk Hope	31/01/92	NA	BBA
New Genlord	01/02/92	NA	BDSHIP
Kota Buana	01/02/92	NA	NA

Chalna Port

Name of Vessel	Berthed	ETA	ETD	L. Port	L. Agent
Tea Chong	22/01	NA	Quingua	Bright	
Mild	22/01	NA	Chittagong	Overseas	
Continent-1	22/01	NA	Chittagong	BSLL	
Marine Three	22/01	NA	Chittagong	BML	
Stefan Czarnecki	21/01	24/01	Calcutta	BSA	
Hai Hing	23/01	NA	Chittagong	Triumph	
Reliant	23/01	NA	Chittagong	AGT	
Shalmar	24/01	31/01	Chittagong	BSC	
NCS Ranger	25/01	NA	Chittagong	BSLL	
Sulit-1	25/01	NA	W. Sumat	Al Amin	
Royal Bird	25/01	30/01	Chittagong	OWSL	
Vishva Pprafulla	25/01	NA	Chittagong	SSL	
Sea Rhapsody	26/01	NA	Vizag	HIL	
Kang Dong	26/01	Chittagong	Overseas		
Vishva Pang	27/01	NA	Calcutta	SSL	
Sea Carol	28/01	NA	Vizag	HIL	
Banglar Bani	28/01	NA	Chittagong	BSL	
Al-Bashir	30/01	NA	India	TML	
Yom Bun Jin	30/01	NA	DPRK	Greenland	
Felicity	05/02	NA	Chittagong	OWSL	
Mun Su Bong	05/02	NA	China	Greenland	
Gold Future	15/02	NA	Chittagong	AQM	

Notes: 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.

Price Index

Essentials

January-25

Item	Price (Taka per kg)
RICE	14.00-15.00
Amorhiz	13.00-14.00
Uphar	12.00-13.00
VEGETABLES	6.00-7.00
Brinjal	5.00-6.00
Karola	22.00-24.00
Lalchul	2.50-3.00
Papa	5.00-6.00
Green Beans (Four Pieces)	4.00-6.00
OTHER FOODSTUFFS	12.50-13.00
Flour	10.50-11.00
FISH	14.00-15.00
Rohibig	90.00-100.00
Katibig	64.00-65.00
Hilko	120.00-125.00
Punga	90.00-100.00
Shrimp (big)	80.00-85.00
Sing	80.00-90.00
Kor	80.00-90.00
MEAT	55.00-60.00
Mutton	80.00-85.00
CHEESEN	62.00-64.00
Large	64.00-66.00
Small	68.00-70.00
TEA	70.00-80.00
Dust (Plain)	12.00
EGG (dressed)	10.00
Hen	12.00
Duck	12.00
Pigeon	12.00
PULSES	28.00-30.00
Mung	28.00-30.00
Chickpea	23.00-24.00
Kharai	13.00-14.00
OIL	52.00-54.00
Mustard	39.00-40.00
Soybean	95.00-100.00
Cocunut (Columbo)	45.00-48.00
Vegetable Ghee	50.00-55.00
SPICES	15.00-16.00

Gold & Silver

January-25

Item	Price (Taka for 11.66 grams)
Gold	8950.00-9000.00
Tejgiri	8400.00
Onion	6400.00
Silver	200.00

Hides & Skin

(Wet/Salted)

January-25

Item	Price (Taka per 100 pieces)
Cow	17,000.00 - 38,000.00
Light	80,000.00 - 71,000.00
Medium	72,000.00 - 79,000.00
Heavy	70,000.00 - 85,000.00
Very heavy	28,000.00 - 38,000.00
Rejected	28,000.00 - 38,000.00
Goat	94.00 - 11,000.00
Big & heavy	94.00 - 11,000.00
Light & medium	7800.00 - 9000.00
Rejected	8800.00 - 9700.00
Sheep	5900.00 - 6000.00
Buffalo	5900.00 - 6000.00

Source: Department of Agriculture Marketing

Dhaka Stock Prices

At the close of trading on Jan. 25, 1992

Enthusiasm marks opening day

Star Economic Report

Enthusiasm marked the opening of this week's business at Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) Saturday compared to Thursday both in terms of value and volume. Transactions in volume leaped to 16,467 from Thursday's 1120 while in value terms it stood at Tk 638,125 against Tk 89,723.

The Composite Index of DSE maintained its upward trend to register at 296.2533 gaining over Thursday's 295.5800 by 0.6533 points.

Twelve issues gained while six lost in the day's business. Thirteen papers changed hands at the price quoted on the previous working day, which include two debentures while 105 shares were not traded.

The frequently fluctuating Al Baraka Bank share gained Tk 15.00 and moved to Tk 1065.00 at the closing compared to Thursday's Tk 1050.00. Pubali Bank script rose to Tk 102.00 against Thursday's Tk 99.00. Rahim Textile was up by Tk 2.74 closing at Tk 87.74. Salham Textile and QG Ballpen went up Tk 1.00 each to Tk 76.00 and Tk 51.00 respectively.

Oxygen, Bengal Food, 6th ICB Fund, Beximco, Quasem Drycell, Beximco Pharma and Quasem Silk all edged up slightly ranging from Tk 0.86 to Tk 0.14.

Chittagong vegetable share sunk from Thursday's Tk 85.00 to Tk 83.00. Green Delta Insurance lost Tk 1.17 to record at Tk 127.50 at the closing.

BGIC, United Insurance, Chittagong Cement and Zeal Bangla Sugar fell a little over a range of Tk 1.00 to Tk 0.06.

The shares of National Bank, B Thad Aluminium, Isah Jute, Bangla Process, Therapeutics, Ashraf Textile, Desh Garments, Modern Dyeing, Apex Tannery, Milon Tannery, Usmania Glass, were traded at the previous price.

Debentures of Beximco and Beximco Pharma were also traded at Thursday's quoted price.

Market Profile

134 Listed Stocks

12 gains	06 losses	116 unchanged
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116 unchanged stocks include 11 traded on the day at its previous quoted prices.
DSE All Share Price Index = 296.2533
Market Capitalisation = 8,472,586.209
Turnover = Taka 638,125 (Value) 16,467

Company	FV/ML Tk	100/5	100/10
BANKS (10)			
Al Baraka Bank	1000/1106.00		
A.B. Bank	100/5 177.00		
City Bank	100/5 268.00		
IFIC	100/5 180.00		
Islami Bank	1000/1190.00		
National Bank	100/5 110.00		
Pubali Bank	100/5 102.00		
Rupali Bank	100/10 90.00		
U.C.B.L.	100/5 120.00		
Uttara Bank	100/5 175.00		

Company	FV/ML Tk	100/5	100/10
PHARMACEUTICALS & CHEMICALS (15)			
Amber Pharma	100/5 12.75		
Bangla Process	100/5 50.50		
Beximco Pharma	100/5 205.14		
Glaxo	100/5 125.00		
I.C.I.	100/5 10.00		
Kohinoor Chemical	100/5 105.00		
Petro Synthetic	100/5 13.50		
Pfizer	100/5 110.00		
Pharma Aids	100/5 150.00		
Pharmaco	100/5 60.00		
Progressive Plastic	110/5 40.00		
Reckitt & Coleman	100/5 240.00		
Rahman Chemicals	100/10 45.00		
Therapeutics	100/5 73.00		
The Ikonika	100/10 92.00		

Company	FV/ML Tk	100/5	100/10
INVESTMENT (08)			
ICB	100/5 90.00		
1st ICB M.Fund	100/5 340.00		
2nd ICB Fund	100/5 153.00		
3rd ICB M. Fund	100/5 129.25		
4th ICB M. Fund	100/10 124.00		
5th ICB M. Fund	100/10 92.00		
6th ICB M. Fund	100/10 64.95		
ICB Unit Cert.	116.00		
Sales Price	116.00		
Re-purchase	111.00		

Company	FV/ML Tk	100/5	100/10
INSURANCE (04)			
BGC	100/10 119.00		
Green Delta	100/10 127.50		
Peoples	100/10 147.00		
United	100/10 144.00		

Green Delta	100/10	127.50	Monospool	100/5	104.00
Peoples	100/10	147.00	Paper Converting	100/5	115.00
United	100/10	144.00	Paper Processing	100/10	70.00
			Padma Printers	10/50	50.00
			Sonali Paper	10/50	50.00

ENGINEERING (10)					
Aftab Automobiles	100/5	183.00			
Atlas Bangladesh	10/50	40.00			

SERVICE (02)					
Bangladesh Metal	10/50	12.00			