#### Changes in cooperative rules advised

Senior Development Adviser of International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) Karl Fogelstorm called on LGRD and Cooperative Minister Abdus Salam Talukder at his secretariat office Wednesday, reports BSS.

They had a long discussion on the present stage of cooperative movement in Bangladesh and emphasised on streamlining it.

Fogelstorm said that the present cooperative rules are not adequate for the development of cooperative movement and those required immediate change.

For this purpose, he emphasised on the necessity for arranging a workshop

lic sector bodies.

the coming budget and this needs phasing out of the public sectors incurring high losses. It also views that subsidy is a kind of tax or burden on the non-subsidised sectors of the

Metropolitan Chamber of

Commerce and Industry

(MCCI) in its budget proposal

for 1992-93 to the govern-

ment has sought complete

elimination of some of the sub-

sidies to the loss making pub-

of the country feels that re-

duction in public expenditures

should be one of the targets for

The leading chamber body

economy. MCCI observes that the gov-

ernment administration as well as the public sector enterprises are highly over-

MCCI also recommends quick disinvestment of those public sector enterprises which have the highest potential of being profitable. It views that this would on the one hand reduce drainage of public fund and, on the other, would generate fund for the govern-

It also suggests that if the public sector enterprises need to raise fund they should do so through floating bonds and

MCCI also views that the

government should try to generate savings from the Annual Development Plan (ADP) outlay which is about Taka 7500 crore for 1991-92. It views that at least five per cent savings in government procurement budget should be targeted.

MCCI calls for withdrawal of

subsidies to losing public units

Star Economic Report

MCCI also suggests solution of the problems faced by the Development Finance Institutions (DFIs) of the country. It views that this should be done to help grow the private sector industriali-

MCCI further suggests that the role of the local government in mobilising local re-

sources should be determined at the earliest possible. Mobilisation of resources by the local bodies is of vital importance for creation of rural educational and health care facilities, building local roads and other infrastructural facilities, it views.

MCCI goes on to suggest that the contribution of the government to local development should be linked to resource mobilisation by the recipient local institutions.

MCCI advised the government that it should try to mobilise household resource which is a major unexplored

#### Navy seizes contrabands, arrests 11

CHITTAGONG , Mar . 25: Bangladesh Navy ship BNT Khadem, BNS Tanveer and BNS Tawheed during extensive patrol Tuesday, apprehended two country boats with smug-

gled goods worth Taka five lakh and arrested eleven crew of the boat, an ISPR press release said Wednesday, reports

#### NOTICE

Dhaka Stock Prices of March 25 (Wednesday) could not be published as these were not supplied by the Dhaka Stock Exchange. The inconvenience to the readers is regretted.

Editor-in-charge, Business Desk.

Visiting North Korean External Economic Relations Minister Chong Song Nam called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her residence on Tuesday. -PID photo

#### country, she said. Italy is interested to take up Begum Zia said under the He mentioned the Italian government's involvement in the improvement of Zia

Italý keen on joint ventures

joint venture projects with Bangladesh in different fields, especially in jute and leather sectors, reports BSS.

This was stated by Italian Ambassador in Bangladesh Claudio Pacifico when he called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office Wednesday.

The Ambassador appreciated the activities taken up by the present government in Bangladesh for the socio-economic development of its peo-

' International Airport and proposed for further soft loan for other development activities.

Prime Minister Begum Zia said the development of the country was the aim of her government. As the country has resource constraints, assistance from development partners will be immensely helpful for the implementation of the uplift programmes in the new industrial policy both national and foreign investors were provided the same facilities. She mentioned that the joint venture initiatives by the Italian industrialists would benefit both the countries.

The Prime Minister said nature fibre like jute could be imported by Italy in larger quantity from Bangladesh which help the country to avoid synthetic fibre which is hazardous to environment

## External balances fall sharply

By Staff Correspondent

increase by about Taka 200

crore and stood at Tk 1414.04

crore. But investments regis-

tered a fall by Taka 62 crore. It

The external balance of the Bangladesh Bank has substantially declined in a month. starting from February 6.

It stood at Taka 4682.64 crore on March 5, according to the latest Statement of Affairs of the Bangladesh Bank The amount was Taka 4792 crore on February 6. The amount reached its pick on the 13th of the same month with staggering amount of Taka 4903 crore. The asset side of the Banking Department also showed notes of Taka 67.56 lakh.

Government Treasury Bills holdings also registered a sharp drop and stood at Taka 241.11 crore from the previous Taka 364 crore.

However, other loans and advances of the Bank marked

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২। দল্লপত্র গ্রহণের

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সংযুক্ত করে দাখিল করতে হবে।

বিবরণ দরপর্যে উল্লেখ করতে হবে।

করিবার ক্ষমতা কর্তপক্ষের থাকবে।

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aggregated Taka 379 crore. Other assets totalled to Taka 1658.49 crore. On the liabilities side, the deposit showed increase and

stood at Taka 6426.49 crore. The previous figure was Taka 6336 crore. The bills payable also in-

creased by Taka 10 crore and stood at Taka 100.22 crore. The Capital Paid Up and Reserve Fund amounted to

Taka three crore each. Other funds remained the same. Rural Credit Fund stood at Taka 164.90 Industrial Credit Fund at Taka 51.78 crore, Export Credit Fund at Taka 53 crore and Agricultural

जार २२/०/७२ हैर, ४/३२/७४ वार

অক্সিসে ব্যবহারোপযোগী একটি আধুনিক

নজকল ইনস্টিটিউট, কবিভবন ধানমন্ডি, ঢাকা।

উদ্ধৃত গরের ২ % হারে ব্যাংক ভাফট/ পে–অর্ভার

যে কোন সিভিউল ব্যাংক হইতে নজকল

ইনস্টিটিউট, ঢাকার অনুক্লে দরপতের সাথে

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(খ) কোন প্রকার কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই যে

কোন বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ কিংবা বাতিল

Credit Stabilisation Fund at Taka 175 crore.

Allocation of Special Drawing Rights stood at Taka 91.74 crore with other liabilities stood at Taka 1307 crore. The liabilities side of Issue

Department showed notes in circulation at Taka 3798.75 crore and notes held in the Banking Department Taka 67.56 lakh On the other hand, the as-

sets side showed gold coin and bullion holdings of Taka 83.69 crore, approved foreign exchange holding of Taka 200 crore. Taka-coin holding of Taka 12.03 crore, Government Securities holdings of Taka 387.61 crore and internal bills exchange and other commercial papers holdings stood at Taka 3116.08 crore.

Bangladesh stood at Taka

19552.67 crore at the close of

amounted to Taka 3974.07

crore. Deposits from banks

stood at Taka 138.29 crore.

Borrowings from banks

amounted to Taka 194 crore

while the other demand lia-

bilities totalled Taka 1167.69

Bangladesh Bank amounted to

Taka 3907.89 crore.

3752.89 crore.

of Taka 6.54 crore.

The banks' borrowings from

They included borrowings

Their cash in Bangladesh

against promissory notes

amounting to Taka 155 crore

and other borrowings of Taka

stood at Taka 319.75 crore.

This included notes of Taka

313.21 crore and Taka - coin

The balances of the sched-

business on March 5.

## Three sub-committees formed to solve Finance Ministry issues

The 5th meeting of the members. Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Finance was held Monday with State Minister for Finance and Committee chairman Mujibar Rahman in the chair at Sangsad Bhaban, reports BSS.

The committee discussed on issues pertaining to the problems of the Ministry of Finance and its various organs. After detail discussions the committee formed three subcommittees to scrutinise and suggest ways and means for resolution of the problems.

The sub-committee on Nationalised Commercial Banks NCBs and Development Financial Institution (DFIs) will be headed by State Minister for Textile Abdul Mannan while Nurul Islam Moni and

The sub-committee on Internal Resources Division (IRD) will be headed by State Minister for Establishment Nurul Huda and the members are Sarder Sakawat Hossain Bakul and Ebadur Rahman.

The sub-committee on Economic Relations Division (ERD) will be headed by State Minister for Civil Aviation Abdul Mannan while the members are Akhtaruzzaman and Alhaj Syed Abul Hossain.

The meeting was attended by Nurul Islam Moni, Ebadur Rahman, Sarder Sakawat Hossain Bakul, Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Finance, Managing Directors of NCBs and DFLs and other high officials of the Ministry of Finance and parliament secre-

#### Abul Hassan Choudhury are the Restructured admn demanded with the other branches.

Central Coordination Committee of Engineers, Agriculturists and Physicians Tuesday demanded restructuring of the administration for overall development of the country, reports UNB.

"Bureaucratic red-tapism is hindering the development process it calls for basic changes in line with the restructured administrative system of 1978", said Dr. MA Majed, convenor of the committee.

Addressing a press conference in Dhaka Tuesday afternoon Dr Majed, also President of Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA), said that all functional cadres of BCS and other professionals with experience should get equal opportunity in their services to remove anomalies in different tiers of the administration.

The Coordination Committee put forward a 12-point demand for a "mass-oriented administrative system" which, it said, will also help in giving democracy an institutional

It demanded that all posts of a ministry, from Assistant Secretary to Secretary and functional posts of its divisions and branches at the field level should be filled up by relevant BCS cadre and experienced of ficials working in various divisions under it.

## Raw Jute Prices

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selling commission.

## Shipping Intelligence

### CHITTAGONG PORT

Berthing Position & Performance of Vessels as on 25/3/92						
erth o	Name of Vessels	Local Agent	Date of Arrival	Leaving	Cargo	
/1	Kyriakoula-d	ROYAL	15/3	26/3	R.Seeds	
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/4	Fenling	MSA	24/3	5/4	C.Pease	
/8	Banglar Gourab	BSC .	23/3	31/3	GI	
/10	Samudra Raj	SSL	18/3	29/3	Repair	
/11	Ocean Earth	SUNSHINE	22/3	25/3	Cement	
/13	NGS Ranger (cont)	BDSHIP	20/3	24/3	Cont	
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PB/2	Laurel Star	BML	14/2	3/4	Repair	
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I/LOX	Enduren Sea	EOSL	25/1	30/3	Repair	
8M/6	Banglar Jyoti	BSC	R/A	29/3	C.0	
RM/9	Banglar Swapna	BSC .	R/A	30/3	Repair	

#### **Tanker Due**

Name of Vessels	Local Agent	Date of Arrival	Last Port	t Cargo
Global Mars	TSL	26/3		CPO
Maritime Pride	TSL	30/3	157	CDSO
Athenian Theodore	EOSL	30/3	3 <del>8</del> 3	HSD
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Banglar Asha	BSC	R/A	( <del></del>	
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Olympic Phoenix	BSL	24/3	SING	
Vaileta-II	KARNA	25/3	BANK	Sngar
	Vessel	Not Ready		
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Red Deer	OTL	3.00	Sing	7.00
Onyx	AQUA	83	#II #32	Salt
Vigorous Swan	AQUA	\$3	2	Urea
Pasig River	ALAMIN	80	Sing	94
Allissa	H&H		PADA	Cement

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Name of Vessels	Date of Arrival	Last Port	Local Loading Ports Agent
Antjee	24/3		.PROG
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Samudra Samrat	25/3	Kara	SSL Karachi
Osman Kurt	26/3		ROYAL
Banglar Kallol	26/3	Mong	BSC UK.Cont
Ahlars Breeze(cont)	27/3	Col	RSL Col
Fong Yun(cont)	27/3	Sing	BDSHIP Sing
Kota Buana (cont)	27/3	Sing	CTS Sing
Golden Fish	27/3	25	SING -
Ever Cheer(cont)	28/3	Cal	BDSHIP Sing
APJ Anand	28/3	39	NISHAT
Andrian Goncharov (cont)		8	CT Sing
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Sam Houston	28/3	19	KARNA USA ports
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Chandidas	30/3	19	SSL EC, USA, CANA
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State of Orissa	31/3	1.00	SSL Dundee, UKo
Mount Sabana	31/3	Kuwait	AML
Mowlavi	31/3	Mong	SSL Bandar Abbas
Asian Angel	31/3	Jaka	JF ·
New Genlord (cont)	1/4	Sing	BDSHIP Sing
Atlantic Clipper	1/4	Sing	BDSHIP Sing
Sea Tradition	1/4	(A)	AML
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NGS Ranger Petr Starostin (cont)	7/4	Sing	CT Sing

### The above were the Wednesday (25/3/92) Shipping position and performance at Chittagong Port as per berthing sheet of CPA supplied by HRC GROUP, Dhaka.

#### Price Index

March-25

Essen	tials	Chhola	23.00-24.00
RICE	(Taka per kg)	Khesari	15.00-16.00
Aman(fine)	15.00-16.50	FRUITS	(E30(01)20)3556
Paijan -	14.00-15.00	**************************************	(one piece)
VEGETABLES	(Taka per kg)	Green Coconut (Small)	5.00-6.00
Potato (local)	6.00-7.00	Watermelon (Large)	40.00-60.00
Brinjal	3.00-5.00	Coconut (Large)	8.00-10.00
Karolla	10.00-12.00	Charles Assertants (Assertants - 200)	(4 pieces)
Laishak	4.00-5.00	Banana (Sagar) (Large	12.00-15.00
Papya	4.00-5.00	Banana (Chapa)	3.00-4.00
Green Banana (Four	Pieces) 4.00-5.00		(Taka per kg)
OTHER POODGRAIN	(Taka per leg)	Dates	45.00-50.00
Flour .	14.50-15.00	* MODARINE	T-1 Ill
Atta	12.00-12.50	(STREET)	Taka per litre) 52.00-54.00
FISH	(Taka per kg)	Mustard	37.00-38.00
Ruhi(big)	110.00-130.00	Soyabean	90.00-95.00
Katla(big)	70.00-90.00	Coconut (Colombo)	48.00-50.00
Hilsha	58.00-62.00	Vegetable Ghee (1kg)	THE RESERVE OF THE PARTY OF SECTION AND THE PA
Pangas	120.00-130.00	SPICES	(Taka per kg) 8.00-10.00
Shrimp(big)	100.00-110.00	Onion (local)	14.00-16.00
Singi	90.00-110.00	Garlic (local)	65.00-70.00
Koi	110.00-140.00	Chillies (dry)	40.00-45.00
MEAT		Turmeric(Round)	48.00-50.00
Beef	50.00-55.00	" (Long)	10.00-12.00
Mutton	80.00-85.00	Green chillies	8.00-10.00
CHICKEN	1251251313100 	Ginger	3.00-4.00
Large	64.00-66.00	Cinnamon (10gm)	5.700mm   THE TYPE
Moderate	66.00-68.00	Cardemom (10gm) (sm	7,50-8.00
Small	70.00-72.00	Jhira (50gms)	ILK (Two kgs)
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Dust (Plain)	70.00-80.00	Dano Red-Cow	293.00-294.00
EGG (4pes)		MISCELLANEOUS	(Taka per kg)
Hen	10.00	Ghee	220.00-240.00
Duck	10.00	Salt	7.00-7.50
Firm	10.00-11.00	Sugar	27.00
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## Exchange Rates

The following are the Commercial Bank's BC selling and TT (C). OD transfer buying rates for some selected foreign currencies effective on March 26, 27 and 28.

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currency	BC	TT(C)	OD Transfer
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F	6.9005	6.8572	6.8110
Riyal	10.4067	10.3469	10.2772
Outlders	20.7851	20.6545	20.5155
Kroner	6.4511	6.4087	6.3656
ingapore Dollar	23.4887	23.3537	23.1964
AE Dirham	10.6364	10.5753	10.5041
ndian Rupee (AMU)	1.5026	1.4959	1.4884
L Discount (AMIII)	1.5554	1.5483	1.5406
Authorized dealers	will apply	TT clean bu	ying rate for
archase of remittance	es of Danglac	deaths working	abroad.
NOTE : AMU - Asi	an Monetary	Union.	

# **Notice Inviting Tender**

অধ্যাপক মনিকজামান

নিৰ্বাহী পৱিচালক

নজক্রল ইনস্টিটিউট, ঢাকা।

COM : P7705/0786001

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from Public Works Directorate approved building contractors according to their financial capability, for the undermentioned work. Tenders will be received by the undersigned/Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Bogra/Joipurhat at their respective offices up to 12-00 Noon on 31-3-92 and opened on the same day at 12-30 hours in presence (if any) of the intending contractors.

Group No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Class of contractors eligible to submit tender
	Sirajganj District Jail Construction Project Sub-head Women prisoner Building Construc- tion work. Financial	Tk 13,83,445/10	Tk 27,669/=	Public Works Directorate approved special first class and first class building contractor and Public Works Rajshahi Zone approved 2nd
BUT BOY	year 1991-92	MINERAL ACCOUNTS OF MARIN ACCUSANCE		class building contractor

Tender schedule of work, additional terms & conditions and tender form etc can be seen and purchased a prescribed price (non-refundable) from the office of the undersigned/Executive Engineer, Public Works Department Bogra/Joypurhat/Sub-Divisional Engineer, Public Works Sub-Division, Sirajganj/Ullapara E/M Sub-Division, Sirajganj No tender will be sold after 4-00 PM of 30-3-92

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Md. Ajmal Huq **Executive Engineer Public Works Department** Sirajganj

Phone 2221

By Staff Correspondent The time liabilities of the uled banks with the Scheduled Banks in Bangladesh Bank stood at Taka 1862.25 crore including Taka 1772 crore with the principal office and Taka 89.40 crore

N Korean Trade

Minister holds

talks with Oli

Affairs Minister of Democratic

Peoples Republic of Korea

(DPRK) Chong Nam called on

Communication Minister Oli

Ahmed at his secretariat office

They agreed that there was

ample scope of cooperation be

tween the two countries in the

field of communication and

hoped that both the countries

will explore the fields of mu-

Tuesday, reports UNB.

tual assistance.

Scheduled Banks' time

liabilities Tk 19553 cr

The External Economic

This included Taka Their balances with other 18161.36 crore as general deposits, Taka 186.22 crore as banks in current accounts stood at Taka 127.28 crore. deposits from banks and Taka 1205.09 crore as other time The scheduled banks' money at call and short notice amounted to Taka 339.97 Demand liabilities of the crore. Investment of the banks banks were Taka 5474.05 stood at Taka 4552.74 erore. crore on the date. Of this amount, general deposits

The banks credit provided in Bangladesh stood at Taka 21671.05 crore. This included advances, except those to other banks, amounting to Taka 21079.04 crore, inland bills purchased and discounted in Bangladesh amounting to Taka 110.03 crore and foreign bills purchased and discounted in Bangladesh standing at Taka 481.98 crore.

#### NGO distributes rickshaws

TONG! (Gazipur). Mar 25: Ten new rickshaws were handed over to the rickshaw pullers here Tuesday at a simple ceremony under the auspices of the Associates in Community and Rural Development (ACCORD), an official handout said Wednesday. reports BSS.

High The British Commission Aid Programme financed the ACCORD to implement its rickshaw pullers socio-economic development project.

Under the project, the recipient rickshaw pullers will be the rickshaw owners after 16 months by instalment payment of its total making costs.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister stressed the need for massive self-employment opportunity generation through chalking out such welfare programmes of social welfare organisations and NGOs.

He pointed out that 504 NGOs have been working in the country to make poor and destitute people self-reliant involving a huge amount of foreign aid, the handout said.

Administrator of Tongi Pourashabha Atoar Rahman, Aid Programme Officer of the British High Commission Sylvia Islam and president of the ACCORD Dr Nazim Uddin Ahmed also spoke on the occa-Habtjabt