

\$ 100m UNICEF fund for 4 sectors for 2 years

Immunization, sanitation success of Bangladesh can be used as model

The Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Education Fund (UNICEF), James P. Grant, Wednesday congratulated the new Bangladesh Government for achieving remarkable progress in immunization coverage among the infants.

Talking to BSS at the Zia International Airport on his arrival in Dhaka on a three-day visit to Bangladesh, the UNICEF chief said, "We believe Bangladesh is going to see more progress in 1990s in the field of universalisation of primary education and eradication of illiteracy, particularly for the girls."

Replying to a question, Grant said the UNICEF had already sanctioned 100 million US dollar for funding health, education, water and sanitation sectors for the next two years.

Of which 50 million dollar would be spent in 1993 and the rest 50 million dollar for the next year, he added.

Grant pointed out that the UNICEF was executing the second biggest programme in Bangladesh after India.

The achievements and successes in Bangladesh in the field of child immunization and sanitation programmes can be example and ideal model for other developing countries, the UNICEF chief said.

Appreciating the successes in the immunization programme, Grant said immunization among the age group of one year in Bangladesh was better than that of the progress in the USA.

Similarly the progress of immunization among children in Dhaka is better than London, he added.

Replying to another question, Grant said he would discuss with Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Thursday the second SAARC summit meeting on children scheduled to be held in Colombo in September this year.

The first SAARC summit on children was held in Bangalore in 1986 in which Bangladesh had played a pioneering role. In fact that was the first summit meeting which took the issue of children as its agenda for the first time in the history, Grant recalled.

Earlier making an opening statement, Grant said he would talk to the new democratic Government on the UNICEF programmes in Bangladesh in the field of primary education and eradication of illiteracy by the year 2000 and examine the

progress made so far in the sanitation and elimination of iodine deficiency disorders and nutritional blindness.

The UNICEF Executive Director was received at the airport by ERD Secretary Enam Ahmed Chowdhury, Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Education, Abdullah Haroon Pasha, UNICEF Representative in Bangladesh Cole P. Dodge and senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Besides calling on the Prime Minister, Grant will meet the Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman, Finance Minister M. Saifur Rahman, Health Minister Chowdhury Kamal ibne Yusuf, LGED and Cooperative Minister Abdus Salam Talukdar and Education Minister Zamrudin Sircar.



Francis Walter of the Ministry of Economy and Finance, government of France delivering a talk on "Approach to French market and opportunities for Bangladesh exports" at the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) on Tuesday. Mahbubur Rahman, President DCCI, (3rd from left) presided over the function. Masudur Rahman, Sr Vice-President, Md Ismail Hussain Miah, Vice-President and French Trade Commission officials were present. Some directors and members of DCCI participated in the discussion.

Islami Bank plan to help innovate local know-how

Islami Bank (IB) has taken up a scheme to encourage innovation of local technology and extend economic assistance to implement such effort to socio-economic development of the country, a press release of the bank said in Dhaka Tuesday, reports BSS.

A special committee consisting of renowned scientists of the country, headed by Professor Dr. Shamsur Ali, Vice-Chancellor of Open University will supervise the scheme. The bank initially sanctioned Taka seven lakh 50 thousand for the purpose.

N'ganj Chamber protests WASA charge for deep tubewell use

By Staff Correspondent

The executive committee of the Narayanganj Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NCCI) at a meeting on April 25 demanded withdrawal of the directive by Narayanganj WASA authorities for payment of Taka 25,000 per annum as fee for use of a deep tubewell having more than 60 feet depth.

The committee observed that the water supplied by the Narayanganj WASA was inadequate compared to the requirement in the area and 30 people had to install deep tubewells to cope with the situation.

The committee said that the fee was too high for people to bear and so it is unreasonable and unexpected.

Shop owners sued for not using metric system

RANGPUR, Apr 29 : One hundred and 40 cases were filed against owners of shops and establishments for not using metric of weighing under metric system and Taka 23,600 realised from them in different upazilas of Rangpur and Pabna districts, reports BSS.

Waiver of interest for sick handloom units urged Committee proposes 'handloom bank'

By Sohel Manzur

The body on sick industries recommended exemption of all the interests on the loans provided to the weavers, to salvage the handloom industries from sickness, according to a report prepared by the body.

The body also called for formation of a 'handloom bank' to deal with all the financial matters of the handloom industries.

The report, finalised at a meeting of the body Sunday, identified the problem of marketing as one of the major causes behind the sickness of the handloom units and suggested that purchase and sales centres of handloom items be set up at all the handloom areas with the initiative of the Bangladesh Handloom Board.

The report mentioned the non-availability of dye, yarn and other raw materials in fair price and advised that the Handloom Board should take the responsibility of providing the weavers with the materials at fair price through its basic centres.

The report also said that there should have a 'surveillance team' under the Handloom Board to ensure that the weavers use the money provided as loan in proper way.

According to an estimate by the Sick Industries Revival and Rehabilitation Cell, about Taka 288.728 lakh would be required to rehabilitate the handloom units which applied for rehabilitation. Of the amount, Taka 245.306 lakh would be required as working capital and Taka 39.152 lakh for purchasing machinery.

As many as 70 weavers applied to the cell for rehabilitation of their sick units, of which 69 units were found as genuinely sick.

The amount of overdue loans to the weavers by the banks and financial institutions is Taka 188.88 lakh.

The body felt that the handloom industries needed immediate attention of the government as large number of people were involved in the sector.

It, however, stressed the need for introducing the system of maintaining the quality of the handloom products by the Handloom Board as the products would have to compete with the products of large scale industries.

This represents an increase of 19 per cent. The factory has a target of producing 5,50,000 tons valuing Tk. 243.37 crores for 1991-92. The CUFF uses gas from Bakhrabad Gas Systems Ltd.

Chittagong Urea Fertilizer Factory has sold 4,99,000 tons urea in the local market during the first nine months of the current year valued at Tk 199.57 crores. The sale at local market during the corresponding period of last year was 2,55,000 tons valuing Tk. 102.71 crores.

\$ 28 m UNFPA plan for MCH

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) has undertaken a 28-million US dollar programme to support mother and child health and family planning in Bangladesh, reports UNB.

The five-year programme beginning 1991 envisages projects like MCH (mother and child health) and family planning, women's development, motivation, policy information and implementation, data collection and analysis, officials at UNFPA's Dhaka office said Wednesday.

The proposed UNFPA sponsored activities include conducting feasibility studies for local production of IUDs and condoms, setting up facilities for infertility management and the treatment of complications.

The sources said a project for 2.3 million US dollar will be implemented soon to institutionalise population education in the formal school system. This is a parallel project to the World Bank general education project.

UNFPA has already commissioned a task force to formulate a national information education and communication strategy involving 13 min-

istries and organisations. Under the programme, it will also provide support to the Directorate of Family Planning to strengthen information, education and Motivation (IEM) activities.

It includes training, workshop, seminars, production of information education and communication materials and strengthening the audio-visual production capacity of IEM unit.

UNFPA, working in Bangladesh since 1974, also funds smaller projects like family welfare education and motivation for family planning through rural cooperatives.

It also plans to assist Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics in carrying out a demographic and health survey with emphasis on maternal and child health and socio-economic correlates of infant and child mortality.

UNFPA proposes to strengthen the national machinery for integration of woman, population and development by building the capacity of the ministry of Woman's Affairs to monitor and implement woman's programme and to enhance its advocacy role.

Shipping Intelligence

Chittagong

Berth position & performance of Vessels as on 28.04.1992

Berth No.	Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local Agent	Due of Arrival	Leaving
J/1	Lash Barge-3 Nos					28/4
J/2	Sidi Bishr	GL	Cal	MMI	21/4	28/4
J/3	Banglar Mamata	VAC		BSC	R/A	30/4
J/5	Tiger Sun	GI	Hong	Prog	27/4	2/5
J/6	Qing He Cheng	GI	Shai	BDShip	22/4	28/4
J/7	Shangri					
J/8	Banglar Sampad	Wheat		BSC	R/A	1/5
J/9	Silver Sea	GI	Sing	Prog	17/4	2/5
J/11	Banglar Asha	Wheat		BSC	R/A	29/4
J/12	Sea King	MOP	S John	Lama	18/4	29/4
MPB/1	Petr Starbatin	Cont	Sing	CT	25/4	29/4
	Fong Shio	Cont	Sing	BDShip	23/4	28/4
MPB/2	Khanak					
CCJ	APU Anand	Coke	Sing	Nishat	31/3	2/5
GSJ	Perla	Wheat	Sing	Lama	22/4	29/4
TSP	Shezan	Sulp/R	Cott	Agia	13/4	30/4
RM/5	Athenian Olympics	HSD	Bourg	ECSL	24/4	28/4
RM/6	Banglar Jyoti	Repair		BSC	R/A	28/4
DD/1	Banglar Urmil	Repair	Mong	BSC	21/4	30/4
DD/2	Endurance Sea	Repair	Agia	ECSL	25/1	28/4
DD/3	Banglar Kiron	Repair		BSC	R/A	29/4
RM/8	Laurel Star	Repair	Mong	BML	14/2	28/4
RM/9	Banglar Swapna	Repair		BSC	R/A	30/4
CLFJ	Allissa	Urea	Mong	BRL	24/4	28/4

Tanker Due

Name of Vessels	Date of Arrival	Last Port	Local Agent	Cargo
Global Mars	30/4		TSL	C Palm
Athenian Beauty	30/4	U Said	ECSL	ISD
Nodar Dumbadze	08/5		Rural	ISDQ

Vessels at Kutubdia

Name of Vessels	Date of Arrival	Last Port	Local Agent	Cargo
TT Energy	27/4	COL	NNL	C Oil
Banglar Sourabh	R/A		BSC	C Oil

Vessels ready on

Name of Vessels	Date of Arrival	Last Port	Local Agent	Cargo
Zang San	25/4	Anna	TSLL	R phos
Jina Tir	28/4	Visa		

Vessels not ready

Name of Vessels	Date of Arrival	Last Port	Local Agent	Cargo
Hua Yin	26/4	Kand	Alamin	Salt

Vessels awaiting employment/instruction

Name of Vessels	Date of Arrival	Last Port	Local Agent	Cargo
Eastern Breeze	14/4	Mong	RBSA	Repair
Al Tahir	24/4	Mong	KSL	

Vessels not entering

Name of Vessels	Date of Arrival	Last Port	Local Agent	Cargo
Alyn	R/A(18/9)	Sing	Alamin	Cement
Red Deer	R/A(26/11)	Sing	OTL	
Theomana	9/4	Rio	JF	Scraping
Copingo	12/4	Sing	OTL	Scraping
Sea Destiny	25/4	Pada	AML	Cement
Darwin	22/4	Mong	RBSA	Bunkering

Vessels due at outer Anchorage

Name of Vessels	Date of Arrival	Last Port	Local Agent	Cargo	Loading
Winco Trader	29/4	Pena	B Bay	GI	
Arunachal Pradesh	29/4	Parad	SSL	GI/GL	FE Japa
Andrian Goncharov	21/4	Sing	CI	Cont	Sing
Al Salma	29/4	Bank	ASLL	GI/GL	Sing Col.FE
Mandiri 18/4	29/4	Visa	RSL	Cont	Sing
Zeno	29/4	Vanc	Lama	Wheat	
Pong Yun 19/4	29/4	Sing	BDShip	Cont	
Loyal Bird	30/4	Kara	OWSL	GI	Sing
Safar	30/4	Sing	ASLL	GI	
Ahlers Breeze 16/4	01/5	Col	RSL	Cont	Col
NGS Ranger 19/4	01/5	Sing	BDShip	Cont	Sing
Ingenuity 18/4	01/5	Sing	RSL	Cont	Sing
Stevens Jackson	02/5		Karna	Lash	USA Ports
Weaver Star 26/4	02/5	Cal	BDShip	Cont	Sing
Elychis M	02/5	Sing	RSL	Wheat	
Optima 8/4	03/5	Sing	RSL	Cont	Sing
Becco Europe	03/5	Hong	Ancient	GI	
Banglar Kakhil	03/5		BSC	GI	
Tanary Star	05/5	Visa	HIL	Cement	
Kota Eagle 21/4	05/5	Sing	CTS	Cont	Sing
Banglar Buzai	05/5	Kara	BSC	GI	
Ever Cheer 22/4	06/5	Cal/Sing	BDShip	Cont	Sing
Mamaleverett	07/5		EBFL	GI	Japa FE

The above were the Tuesday's (28.4.92) Shipping position and performance of vessels of Chittagong Port as per berthing sheet of GPA supplied by HRC Group, Dhaka.

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 April 30.

Currency	SELLING	BUYING
US dollar	39.1326	38.9087
Pound sterling	69.4862	69.1456
DM	23.6694	23.5240
S Riyal	7.0193	6.9754
D Guilders	10.4641	10.4042
S Kroner	21.0390	20.9074
Singapore Dollar	6.5604	6.5174
UAE Dirham	23.6522	23.5169
Kuwaiti Dinar	10.6911	10.6299
Indian Rupee (AMU)	133.6995	132.9316
Pak. Rupee (AMU)	1.5104	1.5036
	1.5573	1.5501

Authorized dealers will apply T T clean buying rate for purchase of remittances of Bangladesh's working abroad. Note: AMU-Asian Monetary Union.

Dhaka Stock Prices

At the close trading on April 29, 1992

Star Economic Report

Business gets a boost

Business improved at Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) on Wednesday after a slump on Tuesday. Volume almost doubled from Tuesday's 24,715 to 48,685 papers, a difference of 23,970 while value rose by almost one and a half times from Tuesday's Tk 1,533,635.00 to Tk 2,039,941.00.

Gainers who lost to losers on Tuesday regained their dominance by 23 to 12. Total shares taking part in the trading increased from Tuesday's 35 to 46.

Eleven shares were sold at their previously quoted prices. The DSE Composite Index continued its rise since early this week. It gained 0.324 point more and stood at 298.1809.

THE DAY'S TRADING AT A GLANCE

DSE All Share Price Index	298.1809
Market Capitalisation (Tk)	8,529,611,356.00
Turnover (In value Tk)	2,039,941.00
(In Volume)	48,685

Company	FV/ML	Previous day's price Tk	Closing price Tk	Change (absolute)	Change % over previous price
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Gains (23)					
Shares					
Bengal Carbide	100/5	220.00	245.16	+ 25.16	11.437
Beximco Pharma	100/5	223.93	229.73	+ 5.80	2.590
Uttara Bank	100/5	135.00	140.00	+ 5.00	3.704
Apex Tannery	100/5	210.61	213.74	+ 3.13	1.487
Bangla Process	100/5	66.00	68.00	+ 2.00	3.031
Tallu Spinning	100/10	110.00	111.72	+ 1.72	1.564
Dhaka Vegetable	100/5	124.50	125.99	+ 1.49	1.197
Quasem Silk	10/100	4.65	5.84	+ 1.19	25.592
Usumaria Glass	100/5	224.74	225.84	+ 1.10	0.490
Petro Synthetic	10/50	15.00	16.00	+ 1.00	6.667
Modern Dying	100/5	41.00	42.00	+ 1.00	2.439
5th ICB M Fund	100/10	89.00	90.00	+ 1.00	1.124
Eastern Cables	100/5	80.25	81.00	+ 0.75	0.935
Saham Textile	100/10	75.00	75.53	+ 0.53	0.707
National Bank	100/5	103.47	104.00	+ 0.53	0.513
Quasem Textile	10/50	5.50	6.00	+ 0.50	9.091
Atlas Bangladesh	10/50	39.50	40.00	+ 0.50	1.266
Oxygen	10/50	44.06	44.50	+ 0.44	0.999
Amtec Pharma	10/50	13.00	13.30	+ 0.30	2.308
Rupam Oil	10/100	5.90	6.00	+ 0.10	1.695
Therapeutics	100/5	85.00	85.01	+ 0.01	0.012

Debitures					
Beximco Pharma	1428/1	1460.00	1465.00	+ 5.00	0.343
Quasem Silk	1500/1	1650.00	1660.00	+ 10.00	0.606

Losses (12)					
Shares					
Morino Ceramic	100/5	169.88	166.00	- 3.88	2.284
Cig Cement	100/5	223.00	220.44	- 2.56	1.148
Beximco	10/100	15.01	12.90	- 2.11	14.058
Kohinoor Chemical	100/5	88.90	87.16	- 1.74	1.956
Bengal Food	100/5	130.20	129.00	- 1.20	0.920
Progressive Plastic	100/5	38.00	37.00	- 1.00	2.632
Dulama Cotton	100/10	78.00	77.00	- 1.00	1.282
Eagle Box	10/50	24.91	24.00	- 0.91	3.654
Eagle Star	10/50	23.00	22.52	- 0.48	2.087
Bata Shoe	10/100	35.00	34.75	- 0.25	0.715
Quasem Drycells	10/50	7.05	7.00	- 0.05	0.710
Zeal Bangla Sugar	10/50	10.41	10.40	- 0.01	0.096

Traded at previous quoted prices (11)
Shares: