

## 6 lakh tonnes more Boro expected this year

Six lakh tonnes more Boro paddy are expected to be produced this year than that of the last year despite the prevailing drought situation in the country, an official handout said in Dhaka Friday night, reports BSS.

There was possibility of harvesting an additional nine lakh tonnes of Boro paddy this year had there been no drought in the country, the handout said.

An additional nine lakh acres were brought under Boro cultivation this year over the last year, it said.

Boro crops on 72,000 acres suffered damage while that on 15,000 acres dried up due to drought in about 12 lakh acres in the marginal irrigation areas, the handout said.

Besides, paddy insects also damaged Boro crops in 12,000 acres, the handout said.

An unprecedented good harvest is expected in Sylhet, Ishwardi, Netrakona, Noakhali, Chalanbeel and in haors and other one-crop areas. Besides, absence of flood and clear sky are creating a favourable atmosphere for increasing the production of Boro paddy, the handout said.

**Workshop on management education concludes**

By Staff Correspondent

The valetory session of the two week long Regional Workshop on Entrepreneurship Development in Management Education was held at a local hotel on April 30, 1992. The Workshop was organised by AMDISA and Coordinated by the Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Dhaka University. It was sponsored by CCMS of Canada and CIDA.

A M Zahiruddin Khan, Minister for Planning, attended the session as its chief guest and awarded certificates to the participants. In his speech, Khan said that the primary role of Government is to create congenial environment for development entrepreneurs and the present government is trying its best to create such environment.

Others who spoke on the occasion were Treasurer, Dhaka University, Dr Shahid Uddin Ahmed, Dr Eric West, Dr Rahim B Talukder, Dr Dwight, R Thomas and Dr M Anwar Mueez.

In total 28 participants from India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh attended the workshop. The workshop was the first of its kind in Bangladesh.

**New Chairman of NBR**

Dr A K M Nasirur Rahman Saturday took over as Secretary, Internal Resources Division and Chairman of the National Board of Revenue (NBR), reports UNB.

Dr Rahman who was Secretary of the Labour and Manpower Ministry till Thursday replaces Nurul Hossain Khan who has completed the tenure of his service.

**Biman operates extra flight to Rajshahi from today**

Biman Bangladesh Airlines operates an extra flight to Rajshahi from Sunday, according to a Biman press release in Dhaka Saturday, reports BSS.

The flight will leave for Rajshahi at 1 pm and will return to Dhaka at 2 pm, the press release added.

**Fifth meeting of Parliamentary Committee on Shipping held**

The fifth meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Shipping was held Thursday night at the cabinet room of Jatiya Sangsad Bhavan, reports BSS.

State Minister for Shipping Harun-al-Rashid presided over the meeting.

Deputy Minister of Shipping A B M Zahidul Huq, Syed Ahidul Alam MP, Alamgir Hyder Khan MP, Begum Selina Rahman MP, Mesbahuddin MP, A Khaleque Talukder MP, Nazir Hossain MP, Advocate Dharendra Debnath Shambhu MP, were present at the meeting.

Matters relating to security problems in the port area, training for officials and employees of the port and management and recruitment and relevant facilities for dock labourers were discussed in the meeting.

Retrenchment a must to make industries viable: Mannan

## Industrialisation necessary to improve working people's lot

The importance of rapid industrialisation was emphasised for economic emancipation of the people and, particularly, for improvement of the lot of the working class, reports BSS.

The emphasis was given by different speakers at a seminar held at the BCIC auditorium in Dhaka on the occasion of his historic May Day Friday.

They said mere exercise of labour laws would not be enough to protect the rights of the workers, if the country's industries could not flourish properly.

Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan attended the seminar, organised by Labour Directorate, as the chief guest. Environment, Forest, Fisheries and Livestock Minister Abdullah al Noman, State Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs M Aminul Hoque and Labour Secretary Dr AKM Mashur Rahman spoke on the occasion.

President of Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal Iskandar Ali and former Chief Inspector of the Factories and Establishment Abul Hasanat presented two key-note papers at the seminar, presided over by Joint Secretary (Labour) of the Ministry of Labour and Manpower Humayun Shamsul Kabir.

The Labour and Manpower Minister said the present democratically elected government was quite aware of the rights of the working class. "The BNP Government will not do anything that goes against the interest of workers," he said.

Dwelling upon different measures taken by the present Government for improving the lot of the workers, Mannan Bhuiyan said a wage commission had been formed for recommending a better salary structure for the workers. A review commission has been working to update the industrial law, he said.

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The Labour and Manpower Minister said industrial disputes were being resolved now through the "tripartite committee" that was constituted with the representatives of workers, owners and government.

Referring to the news of retrenchment in the press, the Minister said, "some retrenchment will have to be made to make the industries concerned viable." However, he said, the retrenched workers would be paid off their dues and all-out efforts would be made for their alternative employment.

Abdullah al Noman said a spirit of cooperation among the workers, owners and government was needed for building a strong national economy.

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The annual Maruti Clinic to service Maruti products in Bangladesh was held in Dhaka and Chittagong from February 29 to March 6. The Clinic was jointly organised by Uttara Motors Limited and Maruti Udyog Limited.

## Shipping Intelligence Chittagong Port

Berth position and performance of vessels as on 02.05.1992.

Berth No.	Name of Vessels	Last Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival	Leaving	Cargo
J/1	Winco Trader	Pena	B. Bay	30/4	1/5	GI
J/2	Al Salma	Bark	ASLL	29/4	10/5	GI/GL
J/3	Banglar Mamata		BSC	R/A	25/4	VAC
J/5	Anusachal Pradesh	Parad	SSL	30/4	3/5	GI/GL
J/7	Tiger Sun Shargu	Hong	PROG	27/4	3/5	GI
J/9	Silver Sea	Sing	PROG	17/4	3/5	GI
J/10	Lash Barge 3					
J/12	Ingenuity	Sing	RSL	1/5	3/5	Cont
J/13	Pong Yun	Sing	BDSHIP	29/4	4/5	Cont
MPB/1	Andrian					
MPB/2	Goncharov	Sing	CT	29/4	2/5	Cont
	Andri	Visa	RSL	29/4	2/5	Cont
	Khanak					
CGJ	ARJ Anand	Sing	NISHAT	31/3	3/5	Coke
GSJ	Al Tahir	Mong	KSL	24/4	2/5	VAC
S/GSJ	B-Kiron				6/5	
TSP	Shezan	Juba	Aqua	13/4	4/5	Sulp/R.Cott
RM/3	Global Mars	Sing	TSL	30/4	4/5	C.P.O.
RM/4	Hua Yin	Kand	Alamin	26/4	10/5	Salt(Pvt)
RM/6	Banglar Jyoti		BSC	R/A	2/5	C.Oil
DDJ/1	Endurance Sea	Aqaba	EOSL	25/1	2/5	Repair
DDJ/2	Banglar Asha		BSC	R/A	3/5	Repair
RM/8	Eastern Breeze	Mont	RUSA	14/4	10/5	Repair

Petrobulk	Starling	2/5	BSL	Canola/Rapeseed oil
Dan Frigg	3/5	Sing	MSPL	
Nodar Dumbadze	8/5		ROYAL	CDSO
Arseniev	8/5		SEA COH	

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T.T. Energy	C. Oil	Col	NNL	27/4
Banglar Shourabh	C. Oil		BSC	R/A
Zero	Wheat	Vanc	Lams	29/4
Banglar Kiron	Wheat		BSC	R/A

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Elychis M.	2/5	Sing	BSC		
Tern	3/5	K. Bourg	H & Sons	Wheat	
Stonewall	3/5	Cal	KARNA	Lash USA. PORTS	
Optima	3/5	Cal	RSL	Cont	Sing
Becco Europe	3/5	Hong	ANCIENT GI		
Banglar Kaloli	3/5		BSC	GI	
Ahlers Breeze	4/5	Col	RSL	Cont	Col
Pya-1	4/5		PSAL	Cement	
Mar Bonita	4/5	Mong	LAMS	Ballast	
Kota Eagle	4/5	Sing	CTS	Cont	Sing
Liberty Spirit	5/5	Dest	LAMS	Wheat	
Golden Fish	5/5	Mong	AQUA	GL	Dakar
Sofar	5/5	Sing	ASLL	GI	
Tanary Star	5/5	Visa	HIL	Cement	
Al Samad	5/5	Kara	UMAL	C. Chnker	
Banglar Dant	5/5	Kara	BSC	Ballast	
CGM Bretagne	6/5	Sing	BDSHIP Cont		
New Genford	6/5	Sing	BDSHIP	Cont	Sing
Kota Buana	7/5	Sing	CTS	Cont	Sing
Kamaleverett	7/5		EBPL	GI	Japa. FE
Amite	7/5	Mong	AQUA	Dakar	
I. Yamborenko	7/5		CT	Cont	Sing
Elbella-IV	8/5	D.Mark	JF	Wheat	Asha
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The above were the Saturday (02.05.92) Shipping position and performance of vessels of Chittagong Port as per berthing sheet of CPA supplied by HRC Group, Dhaka.

## Price Index May-2

Essentials	Price (Taka per kg)
RICC	16.00-17.00
Amant(fine)	14.00-15.00
Papam	14.00-15.00
VEGETABLES	(Taka per kg)
Potato (local)	9.00-10.00
Brinjal	8.00-10.00
Karola	8.00-9.00
Laukhak	4.00-5.00
Peppa	7.00-8.00
Green Banana (Four Pieces)	3.00-4.00
OTHER FOODSTUFF	(Taka per kg)
Flour	14.00-14.50
Atta	10.50-11.00
FINH	(Taka per kg)
Rubi(hg)	140.00-150.00
Kul(hg)	90.00-110.00
Hiloh	95.00-100.00
Pungu	120.00-125.00
Shrimp(hg)	90.00-100.00
Sing	95.00-110.00
Koi	100.00-120.00
MEAT	(Taka per kg)
Beef	55.00-60.00
Mutton	80.00-85.00
CHICKEN	(Taka per kg)
Large	72.00-74.00
Medium	76.00-78.00
Small	80.00-82.00
TEA	(Taka per kg)
Dust (Plain)	70.00-80.00
DOG	(Taka per kg)
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