

Dhaka N'ganj link road work in progress

NARAYANGANJ, May 17: The construction work of eight kilometer long Narayanganj-Dhaka link road is progressing satisfactorily, reports BSS.

According to Roads and Highways sources, nearly 60 per cent earth filling work has been completed.

The present government has allocated Taka one crore 80 lakh during the current fiscal year for the earth filling work of the road.

The 40-foot wide flexible pavement type road would be 10 to 12 feet in height from the ground level, the source said.

The long-felt need of road for the people of Narayanganj passes through Dhaka-Narayanganj-Demra Irrigation project (DND) including Chashara, Hajiganj, Kutubail, Simrail, Siddhirganj, Mizmiti and links near Matuail polder road.

When completed, the link road would reduce the traffic congestion on Dhaka-Narayanganj road especially at Pagla, Postogola and Jatabari.

Chinese officials meet Saifur

The visiting Deputy Governor of the Yunnan province of China, Bao Yongkang, called on Finance Minister Saifur Rahman at the latter's office in Dhaka Sunday, reports BSS.

The Yunnan province Deputy Governor was leading a 14-member delegation comprising the members from Hunan and Hubei provinces.

They have come to see the rural development and poverty alleviation programme and their success, especially of Grameen Bank.

Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Chen Songlu was present during the occasion.

Saifur-Rahman recalled the traditional bond of friendship between the Bangladesh and China. He hoped that the existing excellent relations between the two countries would further grow stronger in future by expanding mutual cooperation in the fields of trade and economy.

Yongkang appreciated the policies of the present democratic government.

French envoy hands over 20000 tons wheat aid

Ambassador of France in Bangladesh Serge Degallat handed over Sunday 20,000 tons of wheat as the 1991 French food assistance to Bangladesh, reports UNB.

The Additional Commissioner of Chittagong received the consignment on behalf of the government, said a press release.

The wheat will be used for Food for Work and Vulnerable Group Development programmes and NGO projects.

Since the beginning of 1992, Bangladesh has received 40,000 tons of wheat as a grant from France, said the release from the French Embassy.

BPDB's International Re-Tender Notice

Fresh International Sealed Tenders are hereby invited by the Bangladesh Power Development Board from the internationally reputed firms in two separate envelopes for repair works of Karnafuli Unit No. 3 mentioned below against Tender Enquiry No. Pur-302/92. The source of financing will be CASH FOREIGN EXCHANGE ALLOCATION.

- DESCRIPTION OF WORK**
- Complete replacement of Damper Bar Connection Rings (Two Nos) with necessary modification including redesign and improved materials;
 - Removal of Main Exciter Earth fault;
 - Removal of Stator winding earth fault;
 - Testing and Commissioning of the unit after completion of the work mentioned under SI. No. (i), (ii), (iii) on turnkey basis.

A complete set of tender document may be purchased by interested firms having adequate knowledge and experience in the field of such type of job on submission of written application to the Chief Engineer (Generation), PDB, Dhaka on payment of Tk. 3,000.00 (Taka three thousand) only non-refundable in the shape of Bank Draft/Pay Order favouring Director of Purchase, PDB, Dhaka.

2% Bid Bond of the offered price shall be submitted along with the tender. Tender shall be received in the office of the Director of Purchase, PDB, Dhaka on 07-06-92 up to 10-30 AM and shall be opened on the same day at 11-00 AM in presence of the intending bidders or their representative, if any.

No tender document shall be sent by post or sold on the opening day, and no Cable/Telex offer shall be acceptable.

Biddn/Jan-1167/591-92
DFP(BA) 4381-14/5
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Amendments to cooperative laws being considered: Talukder

Auto-rickshaw drivers demand industrial loan, interest waiver

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdus Salam Talukder Sunday called upon the people involved in the co-operative movement to restore the lost image of the movement by making it dynamic and freeing it from corruption, reports BSS.

Addressing as chief guest a meeting of the Bangladesh Auto-Rickshaw Drivers Cooperative Federation Ltd at the Engineer's Institution in Dhaka, Talukder, who is also the Secretary General of BNP, said the present Government was committed to make the co-operative movement dynamic so that it could play a major role for the welfare of the society.

Several hundred members of the Auto-Rickshaw Drivers Cooperative Federation attended the meeting. The leaders of the Federation placed a number of demands before the ministers. They demanded

introduction of industrial loan for the sector.

The auto-rickshaw drivers also demanded write-off of the interests of the previous loans and urged the government to withdraw import taxes on the auto-rickshaws.

The LGRD Minister appreciated the genuineness of the demands and said that the government would look into their demands with due importance in the near future.

The auto-rickshaw leaders expressed their full support to the government under the leadership of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and promised to help the government implement all its welfare-oriented programmes.

The Minister told the meeting that the Government was thinking over certain amendments in the relevant laws which guide the cooperatives movement to make it more suitable for the changing soci-

ety. He said the present Government, which came to power on the basis of people's mandate, remembered with honour the contributions of the professionals in the anti-autocracy movement.

Talukder particularly mentioned about the auto-rickshaw drivers for their selfless dedication to make the people's upsurge against autocracy a success.

Presided over by Mukaddem Hussain, President of the Federation, the function was addressed, among others, by LGRD Deputy Minister Mohammad Abdul Hye, State Minister for Finance Mojtibur Rahman, Deputy Minister for Health Strajul Huq, Registrar of Cooperatives Mohammad Azizul Huq Bhuiyan and Salahuddin Ahmed, MP, President of Bangladesh Jatiya Samabayan Union.

Plan to set up new fertilizer plant

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) has decided to install a new fertilizer factory at Fenchuganj under the 'scrap and build' programme as per the recommendation of the expert

committee of Natural Gas Fertilizer Factory, Fenchuganj. The BCIC has also decided to provide opportunity to the private entrepreneurs to participate in the equity share capital for setting up the new

fertilizer factory. The BCIC authorities have, in the meantime, constituted a task force to take effective measures in this regard after approval of the decision by the Ministry of Industries.



Chairman Alhaj M A Malek (extreme right), Vice Chairmen M Amjad Hossain and M Shafi and Directors Shah Alam Chowdhury, Alhaj M A Taher Chowdhury, M Tayabur Rahman, Tulu Kalimullah and Alhaj M Ishaque taking part in the deliberations.

Canned lubricant in short supply in city

By Inam Ahmed

There has been a shortage of canned lubricant in the city for the past one week as the oil dealers could not maintain their supply.

Oil dealers said the crisis originated following a report of Bangladesh Standard Testing Institute (BSTI) last week that the five-litre cans of lubricant were found to be containing less than the stipulated quantity.

BSTI also filed cases against some dealers for the fault. Sources said the cans are filled in with lubricant at the

lubricant blending plant at Chittagong. The plant is run by Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation.

Oil dealers also said the fault was a technical one and it happens while filling in the cans. But they also admitted that some unscrupulous dealers might have resorted to pilferage.

Oil dealers have suggested that the BPC and its respective offices ensure proper quantity of the item in cans.

Oil dealer further said they hope to settle the issue very soon and the supply may be restored within a couple of days. Currently they are selling loose lubricant.

Three brands of canned lubricants are sold in the market. These are: Castrol, Shell and BP.

Meanwhile, the gas pumps said the customers are pressing for canned lubricant as open lubricant is often being adulterated.

Central Ins may give 'handsome, dividend

By Staff Correspondent

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Central Insurance Company Ltd in a meeting at Chittagong recently observed that the company would be able to declare a handsome dividend for the shareholders in the coming Annual General Meeting for the business year 1991.

Presided over by Alhaj M A Malek, chairman of the Board of Directors and attended by other senior executives of the company the meeting also reviewed the overall business position of the firm.

Workshop on garment issues May 19-20

A two-day workshop titled 'Garment Export Market Research, Business and Company Development Planning Process' will begin on May 19 at a capital hotel, reports UNB. The workshop, jointly organised by UNDP/ITC, Export Promotion Bureau, Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers Association and Bangladesh Hosiery Association, will be inaugurated by Commerce Minister M K Anwar, said an Export Promotion Bureau press release Sunday.

BCIC Tender Notice

বি সি আই সি এর পণ্য শিফারনে দাতব্য অর্থগতির প্রতীক

Managing Director, Chhatak Cement Co. Ltd., Chhatak, Sunamganj hereby invites sealed quotation for the Fire Bricks Lining Works & Refractories casting works against Tender Enquiry No. CCCL/Prod/BRC/6/92 dt. 14.5.92. The tender accompanied with 1% (one per cent) Earnest Money and also money receipt evidencing purchase of tender documents will be received up to 3 (three) PM on 08.6.92 and be opened immediately thereafter the same day in presence of the bidders or their representative (if any remain present) on the same day on payment of Tk. 400/- (four hundred) in cash (Non-refundable). The tender documents will be available from the office of (1). The Controller of Accounts, BCIC, Head Office, 30-31, Dikusha C/A, Dhaka, (2) BCIC Branch Office, 6-Agrabad C/A, Chittagong and (3) Chhatak Cement Co. Ltd. except the opening day of the tender.

BCIC-401/17/5
DFP (BA) 4426-14/5

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Liquid chlorine plant lying idle since 1987

RANGAMATI, May 17: The Liquid Chlorine Plant of the Karnafuli Rayon Complex (KRC) is lying abandoned for five years and being damaged due to negligence of the authorities, reports UNB.

The plant has been procured five years ago from Sylhet Pulp Mills of BCIC in 1987 at a cost of Tk 20 crore. Another amount of Tk 40 lakh had been spent to make the plant operational.

But just after two months of operation, the plant went out of order. Since then no step

has been taken to repair or renovate the plant.

Seven tons of chlorine was produced daily in the plant while it was in operation. The excess chlorine production would fetch a big amount of foreign exchange for the country if the production was not hampered, local experts said.

But the KRC is importing chlorine, a necessary ingredient for the production of rayon, from abroad taking no steps to make the plant operational.

Shipping Intelligence

Chittagong Port

Berth position and performance of vessels as on 17.05.1992

Berth No	Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival	Leaving
J/1	Strong Texan	GI	Sing	JF	13/5	17/5
J/2	Continental	GI	Sing	CLA	14/5	20/5
J/4	Safar	GI	Sing	ASLL	5/5	19/5
J/5	Tanary Star	Cement	Visa	HILL	10/5	-
J/6	Orsha	Cement	Sing	MSA	7/5	25/5
J/7	Banglar Asha	-	-	-	-	20/5
J/8	Banglar Shobha	GI	Peng	BSC	15/5	23/5
J/10	Morgan	GI	Col	SW	16/5	17/5
J/11	Banglar Sampad	Wheat	-	BSC	R/1	19/5
J/13	Fong Shin (Cont)	Cont	Sing	BDSHIP	12/5	17/5
MPB/1	Optima (Cont)	Cont	Sing	RSL	15/5	17/5
CGJ	Al Samad	C Clink	Kara	UMAL	6/5	20/5
GSJ	Mariner	Wheat	Dark	OWSL	15/5	21/5
RM/4	Phya-1	Cement	Visa	PSAL	5/5	27/5
RM/5	Guacinta	ISD	Sing	MSPL	15/5	18/5
RM/6	Banglar Jyoti	C Oil	-	BSC	R/A	17/5
DDJ/1	Endurance Sea	Repair	Aqaba	EOSL	25/1	20/5
DDJ/2	Two Custom Boats	-	-	-	-	-
RM/8	Eastern Breeze	Repair	Mong	RSSA	14/4	19/5
RM/9	Banglar Baari	Repair	-	BSC	6/5	17/5
CUJF	AFJ Anand	Idle	Sing	Nishat	31/3	20/5

Vessels Due at Outer Anchorage

Name of Vessels	Date of Arrival	Last Port	Local Agent	Cargo	Loading Port
Western Greeting	17/5	-	BSL	Wheat	-
Apil	17/5	Sing	BRIGHT	Cement	-
Fong Yun (Cont)	17/5	Sing	BDSHIP	Cont	Sing
NGS Ranger	(Cont) 5/5	18/5	Sing	BDSHIP	Cont
Golden Flash	18/5	Mong	AQUA	-	Dakar
Ronjay Choomie	18/5	Indo	MSA	Cement	-
Vishva Parimal	(E/L) 28/4	18/5	-	SSL	UK Cont
Gold Future	18/5	-	AML	GI	Mom Mapu
Samudra Raj	(48) 13/5	18/5	-	SSL	-
Amittie	19/5	Mong	AQUA	UK Cont	-
Andrian Goncharov	(Cont) 3/5 19/5	Sing	CT	Cont	Sing
Alam Teguh	19/5	Kara	DYNAMIC	R Seeds	-
Great Harvest	19/5	-	BSL	Wheat	-
Ucka	19/5	Kara	OWSL	GI	-
Guan He Kou	19/5	-	BDSHIP	GI	-
Ahlers Breeze	(Cont) 6/5	20/5	Col	RSL	Cont
Olga-1	20/5	-	USTC	Cement	Mong
Hang Cheong	21/5	-	H&H	Cement	-
Kota Buana	(Cont) 12/5	21/5	Sing	CTS	Cont
CGM Bretagne	(Cont) 12/5	21/5	Sing	BDSHIP	Cont
I Yamurenko	(Cont) 29/4	22/5	Sing	CT	Cont
Safina-e-Najam	22/5	Kara	ASLL	C Clinker	-
Maulin	22/5	-	MSPL	Scraping	-
Silver Lake	23/5	-	PROG	GI	-
Safina-e-lamail-2	25/5	-	ASLL	GI/CL	Karachi
Kota Eagle	(Cont) 9/5	25/5	Sing	CTS	Cont
Karabieveret	27/5	-	EBFL	GI	Japa FE
Safina-e-Rehamt	30/5	-	ASLL	GI/CL	Karachi
Jiang Cheng	22/5	Sing	BDSHIP	GI	-
New Genford	(Cont) 12/5	24/5	Sing	BDSHIP	Cont
Chong Chon Gang	25/5	Arms	TSLI	R Phos	-

Tanker Due

Tbilisi 18/5 Seacom

Vessels at Kutubdia

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival
T T Energy	C Oil	Col	NNL	27/4
Alpha Sun	C Oil	Jebel	DSLL	15/4
Banglar Shourabh	C Oil	-	BSC	R/A
Nikos-N	Wheat	-	BSL	15/5
Banglar Asha	Wheat	-	BSC	R/A

Vessels at Outer Anchorage

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival
Kasuga-II	GI	Sing	MBL	15/5
Unity	R Phos	Suez	TSLI	16/5
Silver Sea	CL	Mong	RSSA	16/5
Elbellaoiv	Wheat	D Mark	JF	10/5
Banglar Kiron	Wheat	-	BSC	R/A (12/5)

The above were the Sunday (17.05.1992) Shipping position and performance of vessels of Chittagong Port as per berthing sheet of CPA supplied by HRC GROUP, Dhaka.

Price Index

May 17

Essentials	May 17	May 16
RICE	(Taka per kg)	(Taka per kg)
Amant(fine)	16.50-17.50	16.50-17.50
Amant	12.50-13.50	12.50-13.50
VEGETABLES	(Taka per kg)	(Taka per kg)
Brinjal	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00
Brinjal (local)	10.00-12.00	10.00-12.00
Karola	8.00-10.00	8.00-10.00
Lalshak	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00
Papa	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00
Green Banana (Four Picos)	4.00-5.00	4.00-5.00
GREEN BANANA	(Taka per kg)	(Taka per kg)
Small	11.50-12.00	11.50-12.00
Flour	11.50-12.00	11.50-12.00
ATIS	(Taka per kg)	(Taka per kg)
Raw(hg)	14.00-16.00	14.00-16.00
Kat(hg)	90.00-100.00	90.00-100.00
Hidha	85.00-100.00	85.00-100.00
Pungas	130.00-135.00	130.00-135.00
Shrimp(hg)	100.00-120.00	100.00-120.00
Sing	110.00-130.00	110.00-130.00
Koi	120.00-130.00	120.00-130.00
MEAT	(Taka per kg)	(Taka per kg)
Buff	50.00-55.00	50.00-55.00
Chicken	(Taka per kg)	(Taka per kg)
Large	76.00-78.00	76.00-78.00
Medium	80.00-82.00	80.00-82.00
Small	84.00-86.00	84.00-86.00
TEA	(Taka per kg)	(Taka per kg)
Dust (Plain)	70.00-80.00	70.00-80.00
EGG	(4 per kg)	(4 per kg)
Hin	10.00	10.00
Duck	10.00	10.00
Firm	11.00	11.00
PULSES	(Taka per kg)	(Taka per kg)
Mushur	28.00-30.00	28.00-30.00
FRUITS	(One piece)	(One piece)
Green Coconut (Small)	5.00-6.00	5.00-6.00
Watermelon (Large)	30.00-50.00	30.00-50.00
Coconut (Large)	8.00-10.00	8.00-10.00
Mushmelon	8.00-15.00	8.00-15.00
Banana (Sager) (Large)	8.00-10.00	8.00-10.00
Banana (Chaps)	2.00-3.00	2.00-3.00
Dans	(Taka per kg)	(Taka per kg)
Oil	40.00-50.00	40.00-50.00
Mustard	54.00-56.00	54.00-56.00
Coconut (Colombo)	95.00-100.00	95.00-100.00
Vegetable Ghee (1kg)	48.00-52.00	48.00-52.00
SPICES	(Taka per kg)	(Taka per kg)
Onion (local)	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00
Garlic (local)	20.00-30.00	20.00-30.00
Chillies (dry)	55.00-60.00	55.00-60.00
Chillies (Round)	40.00-45.00	40.00-45.00
Tomatoes (Round)	50.00-55.00	50.00-55.00
(Long)	50.00-55.00	50.00-55.00
Green chillies	12.00-14.00	12.00-14.00
Ginger	16.00-20.00	16.00-20.00
Cinnamon (10gm)	2.50-3.00	2.50-3.00
Cassia (10gm) (small)	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00
Jira (50gm)	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00
MILK	(Two kg)	(Two kg)
Dano	297.00-298.00	297.00-298.00
Red-Cow	297.00-298.00	297.00-298.00
MISCELLANEOUS	(Taka per kg)	(Taka per kg)
Ghee	220.00-240.00	220.00-240.00
Salt	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50
Sugar	27.00-28.00	27.00-28.00

Dhaka Stock Prices