

ILO team  
in city

By Staff Correspondent  
A two-member team from ILO Headquarters, Geneva comprising of Karin Ask and Amy King arrived in Dhaka on May 17, on a two week Tripartite Evaluation Mission of the ILO executed project "Technologies for Rural Employment With Special Reference to Women," says a press release.

During their stay in Bangladesh, they will visit different locations of the project which is being implemented by the Women's Affairs Department, Ministry of Women's Affairs, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

They are also expected to call on Sarwar Rahman, State Minister for Women's Affairs and other high ranking policy planners of the Government of Bangladesh and senior ILO Area Office officials.

The three-and-a-half year project is expected to assist in the dissemination of appropriate technologies for poverty alleviation employment creation and income generation, through increase in productivity and diversification of income earning opportunities of rural women in Bangladesh, particularly in non-traditional areas. The team will leave Bangladesh on May 29.

UNHCR sends  
relief to  
Bosnia today

GENEVA, May 18: The United Nations will send relief convoys today (Tuesday) to areas of Bosnia-Herzegovina outside Sarajevo that have been cut off by fighting, an official said, reports AP.

Sylvana Foa, spokeswoman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, said the agency has clearance from warring sides to take food and medicine into the devastated capital, but not until Friday, and had decided to go ahead with relief to other areas.

"Given the great needs throughout Bosnia-Herzegovina, UNHCR will not further delay the delivery of relief items," Ms Foa said.

Regional workshop  
on rural  
industries begins  
in Islamabad

A regional workshop titled 'Rural Industries: Employment and Income Enhancement for the Working Poor' organised by the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP), began in Islamabad Monday, reports BSS.

The Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development of Pakistan is providing host facilities for the workshop from May 18-21, a CIRDAP press release in Dhaka.

Participants from ten CIRDAP Member Countries (CMCS), namely, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam and one participant from Kenya are attending the workshop.

Besides, representatives from the Afro-Asian Rural Reconstruction Organisation (AARRO) and CIRDAP are also attending.

The workshop is a follow-up of a research study undertaken by CIRDAP in CMCS and Kenya on the same topic with funds from the government of Japan AARRO.

Swiss voters  
decide for  
joining WB,  
IMF

GENEVA, May 18: Swiss voters decided on Sunday to join the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank despite their long history of shunning foreign entanglements, reports Reuters.

It was the first major change since the end of the cold war for the neutral country to decide whether to remain in isolation or to join world bodies. Six years ago voters firmly rejected joining the United Nations.

Final results released on Sunday night by the federal chancellery showed 9,20,734 voters, 55.8 per cent to the total, said yes while 728,140 or 44.2 per cent said no.

"The Swiss recognised the political changes in Europe like the falling Berlin Wall and the changing system in eastern Europe," Markus Luscher, President of the Swiss National Bank (central bank), told Reuters.

"They made the conclusion that they had to open themselves internationally." The populous cities like Geneva, Zurich and Basel were solidly in favour, tipping the results from the rural cantons where voters were generally split 50-50.

## Chittagong Port activities stalled

## C&amp;F agents continue strike

From Our Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, May 18: Cargoes worth crores of taka remained piled up at Chittagong Port as both shipmen and delivery of goods were suspended following a continuous abstention of duty by the Clearing & Forwarding (C&F) agents over the last five days. The C&F agents went into abstention demanding security in the port area.

The trouble began from last Wednesday when some alleged 'mastans' had attacked the workers of C&F agents inside the port area.

Port sources said imposition of restriction over the entrance into port protected area by the authority enraged the alleged 'mastans' who attacked

the port users and workers of C&F agents.

Meanwhile, protesting the attack and demanding full security the C&F Agents Association gave the call for abstention from duty that triggered severe dislocation in the shipment of exportable cargoes and delivery of imported goods from the country's major port.

Talking to this correspondent today morning the Director (Traffic) of Chittagong Port Mohsin Sarker said efforts were being made to break the stalemate by sorting out the problem. Representatives of all the port users including C&F agents have been called by the port

authority to sit together today afternoon in a bid to negotiate settlement, he added.

Chittagong Port faces a serious deadlock due to the abstention by the C&F agents, the director said. Sources disclosed that export of huge quantity of readymade garments worth crores of taka had become uncertain following the sudden dislocation of Chittagong Port.

Besides, large quantities of raw materials imported by the local industries are stuck up due to nondelivery, sources added.

About 20 ships are now waiting for loading and unloading, port officials said.



Roving saleswomen in the city carrying their load of cleansing material — ash. — Star photo

## Irrigation water use inefficient

Sustainability of ground water  
a major problem

A four-day South-Asian regional workshop on 'Ground Water Farmer-Managed Irrigation System and Sustainable Ground Water Management' began at the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) Auditorium in Dhaka Monday, reports BSS.

The workshop has been sponsored by the International Irrigation Management Institute (IIMI) in collaboration with BARC.

Sixty delegates and irrigation experts from China, India,

Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Philippines and host country Bangladesh are attending the workshop.

Speaking on the occasion as the chief guest BARC Executive Vice-Chairman Dr M Sujayit Ullah Chowdhury said sustainable agriculture and sustainability of ground water were the two major problems the country now facing.

He said we should address the issues in ground water management which the nation will face in near future. He said

Chaired by Director (Research) of IIMI Khalid Mohdullah, the inaugural session of the workshop was also addressed by Director (Field Operation) of IIMI Nanda Abeywickrema and Resident Scientist of IIMI in Dhaka Dr Donald E Parker.

Irrigation water use in Bangladesh was inefficient and this should be improved through improvement of farmers' irrigation management practices.

Third World needs \$ 75 b a yr  
to protect environment

WASHINGTON, May 18: Protecting the environment in the developing world will require huge amounts of money over the next several years but the cost will be greater over the long run if nothing is done, according to a World Bank report released here Sunday, reports AFP.

In its world development report 1992, the World Bank estimated that environmental protection in the Third World will cost at least 75 billion dollar a year through the end of the century.

"Failing to accept the challenge will be more costly still," the report warned.

The figure of 75 billion dollar a year represents 1.4 per cent of the Gross Domestic Product of the developing nations, the World Bank said.

"Overall incremental costs in the range of 2-3 per cent of GDP by 2000 would appear appropriate," the report said.

While large in absolute terms, the investments 'aimed at protecting the environment will begin to pay for themselves within a few years, either through increased productivity or improved health and welfare,' it added.

In any case, the developing nations may have no other choice than to pay the high cost of protecting the environment, the World Bank said.

"Without adequate environmental protection, development will be undermined. Environmental problems can and do present obstacles to development," the report said.

But while environmental programmes may prove to be sound economic policy, the Third World nations cannot foot the bill by themselves and the developed countries will have to contribute, not only financially, but by speeding the transfer of technology that is less polluting, the World Bank said.

In order to meet the challenge, the report proposes the creation of a realistic global plan that will link economic development to environmental protection.

"The key to sustainable growth is not to produce less, but to produce differently," the report said. "The challenge is to ensure that the past links between economic growth and a deteriorating environment are broken."

The World Bank warns, however, that a successful long-term plan to protect the environment in developing countries will demand some sacrifices.

"There may be situations requiring trade-offs between income growth and protection of the environment," the report said. "Strong public institutions and environmental protection policies are essential."

Any global plan must in-

clude the means for reducing poverty, which plagues many Third World countries.

"Alleviating poverty is a moral imperative and a prerequisite for environmental sustainability," the report said. "The poor are both the main victims and among the agents of environmental damage."

While pointing out all the possible obstacles, the World Bank's report remains optimistic due to the rising degree of awareness around the world to the threats of a deteriorating environment. "The present time is unprecedented in its potential for change," the report said.

World leaders are to gather in Rio de Janeiro next month for a UN-sponsored earth summit and the World Bank urged the participants to make a serious effort to come to an agreement on ways to protect the environment.



Noted Indian singer Haimanti Shukla receiving bouquet from the General Manager of the Dhaka Sheraton Hotel John L. Eaton.

## Shipping Intelligence

## Chittagong Port

Berth position and performance of vessels as on 18.05.92

Berth	Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local Agent	Date of Leaving
J/1	Kanaga-II	GI	Sing	MBL	15/5 21/5
J/2	Continental-1	GI	Sing	CLA	14/5 20/5
J/4	Safar	GI	Sing	ASL	5/5 20/5
J/5	Tanay Star	Cement	Visa	HIL	10/5 18/5
J/6	Orsha	Cement	Sing	MSA	7/5 25/5
J/7	Banglar Aaha	Wheat	BSC	R/A	20/5
J/8	Banglar Shobha	GI	Peng	BSC	15/5 24/5
J/9	Banglar Kiron	Wheat	BSC	R/A	20/5
J/11	Banglar Sampad	Wheat	BSC	R/A	20/5
J/11	Elbella-IV	Wheat	D Mark	JF	10/5 22/5
CCJ	Al Samad	C Clinik	Kara	UMAL	6/5 20/5
GSJ	Mariner	Wheat	Dunk	OWSL	15/5 21/5
TSP	Unity	R Phos	Suez	MSPL	16/5 25/5
RM/4	Piya-1	Cement	Visa	PSAL	5/5 27/5
RM/5	Glacinta	HSD	Sing	MSPL	15/5 19/5
RM/6	Banglar Shourabh	C Oil	BSC	R/A	18/5
DDJ/1	Endurance Sea	Repair	Agaba	EOSL	25/1 25/5
DDJ/2	Two Custom Boats				
RM/8	Eastern Breeze	Repair	Mong	RRSA	14/4 19/5
CUFJ	AFU Anand	Idle	Sing	NISHAT	31/3 21/5

## Vessels due at outer Anchorage

Name of vessels	Date of Arrival	Last port	Local Agent	Cargo	Loading Port
NGS Ranger	18/5	Sing	BDSHIP	Cont	Sing
Al Tafair	18/5	Mong	BSL	W Greet	Sing
Andrian Goncharov	19/5	Sing	CT	Cont	Sing
Great Harvest	18/5	Sing	BSL	Wheat	Sing
Ucka	19/5	Kara	OWSL	GI	Sing
Guan He Kou	19/5	-	BDSHIP	GI	Sing
Anh Dao	20/5	-	BRIGHT	Cement	Sing
Ronjay Choomie	20/5	Indo	MSA	Cement	Sing
Samudra Raj	20/5	-	SSL	-	Pak
Ahlers Breeze	20/5	Col	RSL	Cont	Mong
Alam Teguh	21/5	Carra	DYNAMIC	R Seeds	Sing
Gold Future	21/5	-	AML	GI	MOM Mapu
Hang Cheong	21/5	-	H&H	Cement	Sing
Kota Duara	21/5	Sing	CTS	Cont	Sing
CGM Breatagne	22/5	Sing	BDSHIP	Cont	Sing
Golden Fish	22/5	Mong	AQUA	Cont	Dhakar
I Yambureko	22/5	Sing	CT	Cont	Sing
Maulin	22/5	Sing	MSPL	Scrap	Sing
Jiang Ching	21/5	S Hal	BDSHIP	GI	Sing
Amittie	23/5	Mong	AQUA	GI	UK Cont
Silver Lake	23/5	-	PROG	GI	Sing
New Genford	23/5	Sing	BDSHIP	Cont	Sing
Vishva Partmal	24/5	-	SSL	-	UK Cont
Chong Chon Gang	25/5	Anna	TSLL	R Phos	Sing
Olga-1	25/5	-	USTC	Cement	Sing
Safina-e-Najam	25/5	Kara	ASL	C Clinik	Sing
Kota Eagle	25/5	Sing	CTS	Cont	Sing
Green Island	25/5	-	KARNA	Lash	USA Ports
Optima	27/5	Sing	RSL	Cont	Sing
Karabeverett	27/5	-	EEPL	GI	Japa FE
Safina-e-Islam-2	28/5	-	ASL	GI/GL	Karachi
Banglar Urm	28/5	Mong	BSC	GI	Karachi
Safina-e-Rehmat	30/5	-	ASL	GI/GL	Karachi
Banglar Kakoli	5/6	-	BSC	GI	Karachi
Sha He Kou	24/5	-	BDSHIP	-	Sing

## Tanker Due

Tblist	19/5	Col	NNL	CDSO
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## Vessels at Kutubdia

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival
TT Energy	C Oil	Col	NNL	27/4
Alpha Sun	C Oil	Babal	DSLL	15/5
Banglar Jyoti	C Oil	-	BSC	R/A
Western Greeting	Wheat	-	BSL	16/5

## Vessels at Outer Anchorage

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival
Silver Sea	GL	Mong	RRSA	16/5
Fong Yun	Cont	Sing	BDSHIP	17/5

## Vessels not Ready

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival
Richway	Wheat	Darb	BSL	14/5
Banglar Mamata	Wheat	-	BSC	R/A (16/5)
Nikos-N	Wheat	Sing	BSL	17/5
Banglar Baari	Wheat	-	BSC	R/A (17/5)
Shezan	R Cott	Juba	AQUA	R/A (16/5)
Apil	Cement	Sing	BRIGHT	18/5

## Vessels not Entering

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival
Alyn	Cement	Sing	Alamin	R/A (18/9)
Red Deer	-	Sing	OTL	R/A (28/11)
Maria-C	Scrap	Sing	H&SONS	10/5
Mild Win	Scrap	Sing	H&H	16/5
Nodar Dambadez	CDSO	Argen	ROYAL	9/5

## Movement of Vessels for 19/5/92

Outgoing	Incoming	Shifting
RM/5 Glacinta	J/13 NGS Ranger DDJ/1	Endurance Sea to RM-8
RM/6 Banglar Jyoti	MPB/2 Fong Yun	
RM/8 Eastern Breeze	MPB/1 A Goncharov	
	RM/6 Banglar Shourabh	

The above were the Monday's (18.05.92) shipping position and performance of vessels of Chittagong Port as per berthing sheet of CPA supplied by HRC Group, Dhaka.

## Price Index

May-18

Essentials		OIL	(Taka per litre)
RICE	(Taka per kg)	Mustard	54.00-56.00
Arman(fine)	16.50-17.50	Soybean	37.00-38.00
Arman	14.00-15.00	Coconut (Colombo)	95.00-100.00
VEGETABLES	(Taka per kg)	Vegetable Ghee (1kg)	48.00-52.00
Potato (local)	11.00-12.00	SPICES	(Taka per kg)
Brinjal	10.00-12.00	Onion (local)	11.00-12.00
Karolla	8.00-10.00	Garlic (local)	20.00-36.00
Lalchak	8.00-9.00	Chillies (dry)	40.00-45.00
Papa	7.00-8.00	Chillies (local)	40.00-45.00
Green Banana (Four Pieces)	4.00-5.00	Turnmeric(Round)	50.00-54.00
OTHER FOODSTUFF	(Taka per kg)	- (Long)	52.00-56.00
Flour	14.00-15.00	Green chillies	12.00-14.00
Aila	11.50-12.00	Ginger	16.00-20.00
FISH	(Taka per kg)	Cumtaron (10gm)	2.50-3.00
Rubi(fine)	140.00-160.00	Cardamom (10gm) (small)	8.00-9.00
Katla(fine)	90.00-100.00	Jhira (50gms)	7.00-8.00
Hatla	85.00-100.00	MILK	(Two kg)
Pangus	130.00-135.00	Dano	297.00-298.00
Shrimp(fine)	100.00-120.00	Red-Cow	297.00-298.00
Saipi	110.00-130.00	MISCELLANEOUS	(Taka per kg)
Koi	120.00-130.00	Choo	220.00-240.00
MEAT		Salt	7.00-7.50
		Sugar	27.00-28.00