

Rajshahi City Mayor hails budget

RAJSHAHI, June 20: Mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation Mizanur Rahman Minu hailed the national budget Saturday terming it a pragmatic, people and development oriented, reports BSS.

The mayor in a press statement said reduction of taxes, highest allocation in education, exemption of surcharge from interest, more allocation in Annual Development Programme than the Revenue Expenditure and creation of employment opportunity in the budget were the reflection of pro-people politics of the Government.

He said people of all walks of life would get benefit from the budget and foundation of economy and parliamentary democracy would be firm if the proposed budget was okayed.

BGMEA protests press report

Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) Saturday contradicted a report on black-listed garment factories published in a section of the Press recently, reports UNB.

The report said 248 garment factories had been black-listed by the Commerce Ministry and Export Promotion Bureau (EPB).

In a rejoinder BGMEA termed their report as "false and fabricated" and said it was designed to tarnish the image of the country's garment industry in the world market.

BGMEA urged the government, opposition parties and the people to resist any conspiracy against the local garment industry and sought their cooperation in flourishing the industry.

BARC

meeting on June 27

The 24th Council meeting of the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) will be held on June 27 in its auditorium, reports UNB.

Agriculture and Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control Minister and Chairman of the council M. M. Hossain will preside over the meeting, scheduled to begin at 12 noon, says a press release Saturday.

New Member of BEPZA

Md Sayef Uddin, Joint Secretary, has been appointed Member (Investment Promotion) of Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA), said a press release, reports UNB.

Prior to joining the BEPZA, he was Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism.

Money rates range from 10 to 12.50 pc

Money rates in the call money market during the week ending June 17, ranged from 10.00 per cent to 12.50 per cent according to a Bangladesh Bank press release issued in Dhaka Saturday, reports BSS.

During the same week interest rates offered by the Bank on Certificate of Deposits varied from seven per cent to 13.50 per cent.

The bank rate, however, remained unchanged at 8.50 per cent.

Dollar advances in thin trading while gold prices fall

NEW YORK, June 20: The US dollar advanced in thin trading on world currency markets Friday amid fresh hope for European unity, reports AP.

Gold prices fell after advancing in overseas trading. On the New York Commodity Exchange, gold bullion for current delivery settled at 340.80 dollar a troy ounce, off 1.80 dollar. Republic National Bank said gold slipped 1.40 dollar an ounce to a late bid price of 340.70 dollar.

Traders said the dollar was supported somewhat by Ireland's ratification of the Maastricht Treaty, which outlines a plan for European economic and political union.

But the vote did not entirely eradicate the uncertainty created two weeks ago by Denmark's surprise rejection of the treaty.

"This vote hasn't really clarified that much," said Earl Johnson, a vice president at Harris Trust and Savings Bank in Chicago. Traders are now looking past it and saying, "What about France?"

Ctg Port cargo handling falls by 1.50 lakh Tons

By Nurul Alam

CHITTAGONG, June 20: Volume of traffic through Chittagong Port recorded a decline by around 1,50,000 metric tonnes over the past 11 months of the current fiscal year compared to that of corresponding period of last fiscal.

According to official reports, Chittagong Port in the 11 months up to May '92 handled a total of 64,98,357 MT of cargo down from 66,45,416 MT during the corresponding period of last fiscal.

Port officials attributed the fall in traffic to lower importation of foreign goods by the traders of the country. Besides, global economic recession af-

ected the export trade of Bangladesh, the officials added. However, number of containers handled by Chittagong Port in the 11 months of current fiscal year registered an increase compared to that of the same period in the last fiscal.

Official reports say, during the period a total of 1,10,261 containers were handled by the port up from 93,872 containers in the corresponding period of last fiscal year. Chittagong Port targeted to handle 7.4 million metric tonnes of cargo in addition to 1,25,000 containers in the current fiscal year, official reports added.

The number of vessels which called at Chittagong

Port during the past 11 months totalled 918 as against 908 vessels in the corresponding period of previous year.

The total cargoes handled by the port in the past 11 months included 58,01,190 MT of import goods and 6,94,167 MT of export while in the corresponding period of last fiscal 58,54,765 MT of import and 7,90,651 MT of export goods were handled.

The main import cargoes handled by Chittagong Port were food grain, cement, fertilizer, coal, salt, sugar, edible oil, POL and others while export cargoes covered jute, jute products, leather goods, tea, garments, frozen goods, fertilizer, neptha and others.

Call to implement population, health projects of S Asia

The 10th meeting of the Technical Committee on Health and Population Activities of the South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation (SAARC) began in Dhaka Saturday, reports BSS.

Minister for Health and Family Welfare Choudhury Kamal Ibne Yousuf inaugurated the three-day meeting at Hotel Sheraton Saturday afternoon. It is being attended by 14 delegates from the host Bangladesh and nine delegates from six other SAARC countries and the SAARC secretariat.

The inaugural session was also addressed by Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Abdul Mannan Choudhury, the delegate from the SAARC secretariat Ahmad Saleem and leader of the two-member Indian delegation Dr AK Mukherji.

Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and new Chairman of the Committee Sayed Ahmed presided over the inaugural session.

In his inaugural address, Choudhury Kamal Ibne Yousuf expressed the hope that concrete and pragmatic proposals would emerge from the deliberations of the meeting to help implement the programmes in Health and Population sector to the welfare of a billion people of the SAARC region.

He said some of the areas identified in the sector were harmonization of national laws, South Asian Plan of Action on Children and networking on eradication of malaria besides population research and training.

"I hope the discussion and views of the experts in the 10th meeting of the Committee will help contribute towards accelerating the process of implementing these programmes and undertaking new programmes" he said.

The Health Minister referred to the 9th meeting of the Committee, held in Dhaka in July last year. Where a good number of programmes in different related areas were outlined.

He said some of those programmes had already been implemented and some of medium and long term programmes were under consideration.

Among those, the Minister said, Bangladesh took part in preparing projects in some areas like primary health care, tuberculosis, leprosy and water and sanitation.

Choudhury Kamal Ibne Yousuf recalled with gratitude the far-sightedness of Shaped President Ziaur Rahman who, he said, had visioned formation of the SAARC with a view to

establishing a spirit of friendship among the countries of the region for cooperation and collaboration.

The three-day meeting, inter alia, will review the past activities of the Committee including workshop on population policy held in New Delhi, SAARC seminar on surgical and clinical aspects of tuberculosis held in Kathmandu and seminar on iodine deficiency disorder held in Thimphu.

It will also review the status and implementation of decisions of the last meeting of the committee.

The meeting sources said Bangladesh's proposal for establishment of a networking arrangement among the institutions in the member countries for population research and training and the country's offer to act in this regard was expected to be decided in the current meeting.

The agenda also includes consideration of annual reports from the member countries on the situation of children, review of the progress on implementation of the South Asian Plan of Action on Children, consideration of possibility of harmonization of national laws in areas of health and population activities and identification of regional projects for SAARC fund.

Shipping Intelligence

CHITTAGONG PORT

Berth position and performance of vessels as on 18.06.92

Berth No	Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival	Leaving
J/2	Al Salma	GI/GL	Bank	Aall	17/6	23/6
J/4	Armas	GI/GL	Pena	OWSL	8/6	22/6
J/6	Kopalnia Ryduktowy	M.Seeds	Sing	Royal	5/6	20/6
J/7	Sea Glory	GI	Sing	Prog	16/5	29/6
J/8	Olga-1	Cement	Mong	USTC	27/6	22/6
J/9	K. Marupolay	GI	Mala	Alamtn	19/6	26/6
J/10	Sarinderjit	Cement	Tig	PSAL	30/5	20/6
J/11	Banglar Aaha	Wheat	-	BSC	R/A	20/6
J/12	Tanary Star	Urea	Mong	PSAL	31/5	22/6
MPB/1	Fong Shin	Cont	Sing	BDShip	17/6	21/6
MPB/2	Bervalla	Cont	Mong	RSL	18/6	20/6
CCJ	Safina-e-Najam	C.Clink	Col	ASLL	30/5	20/6
GSJ	Banglar Baani	Wheat	-	BSC	R/A	20/6
TSP	Consensus Wave	R. Sulp	Juba	SSST	12/6	20/6
RM/4	Youhao	Cement	R.Chu	USTC	15/6	22/6
RM/5	Anangal Hope	Cement	Sing	H&H	11/6	20/6
DD	Banglar Jyoti	Repair	-	BSC	R/A	20/6
DDJ/1	Endurance Sea	Repair	Aqaba	EOSL	25/1	22/6
RM/8	Ronjay Choomie	Cement	Sing	MSA	27/5	22/6
RM/9	Banglar Sampad	Cement	Mong	BSC	16/6	22/6

VESSELS DUE AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

Name of Vessels	Date of Arrival	Last Port	Local Agent	Cargo	Loading Port
Chong Chon Gang	20/6	Mong	RSSA	-	-
Bob Aquaria	20/6	Sing	Anchor	-	-
Chestnut Hill	20/6	Angel	RSL	Wheat	-
Amite	20/6	Mong	Aqua	-	UK, Cont
Golden Fish	20/6	Mong	Aqua	-	Dakar
Ever Cheer 16/6	20/6	Cal	BDShip	Cont	Sing
Qing He Cheng	21/6	S.Hai	BDShip	GI	-
Kota Eagle 14/6	23/6	Sing	CTS	Cont	Sing
Fong Yun 14/6	23/6	Sing	BDShip	Cont	Mong
Safina-e-Rehmat	23/6	Kara	ASLL	GI/GL	Karachi
NGS Ranger 14/6	24/6	Sing	BDShip	Cont	Sing
Knud Jespersen 2/6	24/6	-	CT	Cont	Sing
Abottiz Megacarrer 2	24/6	Cal	BDShip	Cont	Sing
Mehedinti	24/6	Col	BSL	GI	-
Adelfaerrett	24/6	-	EBPL	GI	-
Jala Gobinda 15/6	24/6	-	SSL	E/K Dundee	-
Yannis-II	24/6	-	PSALGI(Piron)	-	-
A S Okan	25/6	Turk	BSC	GL	-
Smolny	25/6	Col	BSA	GI/Harb	Poli
I.Yamburenko 16/6	25/6	-	CT	Cont	Sing
Optima (Cont) 18/6	26/6	Sing	RSL	Cont	Sing
Yao Sheng	26/6	-	BrightCement	-	-
Banglar Kallol	28/6	-	BSC	GI	-
Banglar Doot	30/6	-	BSC	GI	-

TANKER DUE

Neptune Orient	20/6	Sing	MSPL	HSD/JP-1	-
Itikari Antia	20/6	R.Taru	ECSL	C Oil	-
Global Jupiter	21/6	-	TSL	CPO	-
Bunga Sclash	25/6	-	Seacom	CDSO	-

VESSELS AT KUTUBDIA

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival
T T Energy	C Oil	Col	NNL	27/4
Cheamut Hill	-	-	-	9/6
Banglar Sampad	-	-	-	-
Banglar Baani	-	-	-	-

VESSELS AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival
Kota Buzura	Cont	Sing	CTS	17/6
Andrian Goncharov	Cont	Sing	CT	20/6

READY ON

Hang Hook	Cement	Vish	MSA	13/6
Karrington	Cement	Sing	H&H	18/6
George	Cement	Sing	Bright	15/6
Piya-1	Cement	Pena	H&H	18/6
Hang Loy	Cement	Buha	USTC	19/6

VESSELS AWAITING INSTRUCTION

Banglar Kiron	-	-	BSC	12/6
Banglar Shourabh	-	-	BSC	R/A(19/6)
Banglar Mamata	-	-	LAMS	R/A(19/6)

VESSELS NOT ENTERING

Alyn	Cement	Sing	Alamin	R/A(18/6)
Red Deer	-	Sing	OTL	R/A(26/11)
North Cape	Scraping	Pira	OTL	15/6
Bahin Pay	Scraping	Kawa	OTL	21/5
Nehaj	Scraping	Col	-	17/6
Boris	Cement	Chin	-	-

MOVEMENT OF VESSELS FOR 21.6.1992

Outgoing	Incoming	Shifting
J/8 Olga-1	J/8 Qing He Cheng	RM/5 Anangal Hope to J/5
MPB/1 Fong Shin	GSJ Banglar Mamata	-
GSJ Banglar Baani	RM/3 Global Jupiter	-
-	NB Boris Lavronov	-
-	CURJ Chong Chon Gang	-

The above were the Wednesday's (20.06.92) shipping positions and performance of vessels of Chittagong Port as per berthing sheet of CPA supplied by HRC Group, Dhaka.

Price Index

June-17

Essentials

RICE	(Taka per kg)	Champa	(Taka per kg)
Amrulin(fine)	16.00-17.00	Dates	45.00-50.00
Pajon	14.00-15.00	OIL	(Taka per litre)
VEGETABLES	(Taka per kg)	Mustard	54.00-56.00
Potato (local)	11.00-12.00	Soyabean	39.00-40.00
Brinjal	6.00-8.00	Coconut (Colombo)	95.00-100.00
Karolla	6.00-7.00	Vegetable Ghee (1kg)	48.00-50.00
Lalshak	3.00-4.00	SPICES	(Taka per kg)
Papaya	6.00-8.00	Onion (local)	9.00-10.00
Green Banana (Four Pieces)	4.00-5.00	Garlic (local)	26.00-32.00
OTHER FOODSTUFF	(Taka per kg)	Chillies (dry)	80.00-90.00
Flour	14.00-14.50	Chillies (local)	36.00-48.00
Arise	10.50-11.00	Turmeric(Round)	50.00-56.00
FISH	(Taka per kg)	- (Long)	56.00-60.00
Kud(big)	120.00-130.00	Green chillies	8.00-10.00
Kud(big)	110.00-120.00	Ginger	15.00-16.00
Hilsa	48.00-50.00	Cinnamon (10gm)	3.00-3.50
Pungo	120.00-130.00	Cassiamom (10gm)	8.00-9.00
Shrimp(big)	90.00-100.00	Jhira (50gm)	8.00-9.00
Singi	120.00-130.00	MILK	(Two kg)
Koi	130.00-140.00	Dano	31.00
MEAT		Red-Cow	31.60
Beef	60.00	MISCELLANEOUS	(Taka per kg)
Mutton	85.00-90.00	Ghee	220.00-240.00
CHICKEN		Salt	7.00-7.50
Large	68.00-70.00	Sugar	27.00-27.50
Moderate	72.00-74.00		
Small	76.00-78.00		
TEA			
Dun (Plain)	70.00-80.00		
ROG	(4000)		
Ham	11.00		
Duck	11.50-12.00		
Firm	11.50-12.00		
PULSES	(Taka per kg)		
Mashur	27.00-28.00		
Moogh	30.00-31.00		
Chhole	23.00-24.00		
Khesari	13.00-14.00		
FRUITS			
Green Coconut (Small)	5.00-6.00		
Coconut (Large)	6.00-7.00		
Mango	(Taka per kg)		
Lango	40.00-45.00		
Himnagar	30.00-40.00		
Pineapple	5.00-8.00		
Jackfruit	15.00-40.00		
Banana	(6 pieces)		
Sugar (Large)	8.00-10.00		

Hides & Skin

(Wet/Salted)

(Taka per 100 pieces)

One	15000	-	30000
Light	55000	-	62000
Medium	63000	-	69000
Heavy	67000	-	72500
Very heavy	77500	-	81500
Rejected	22500	-	23500
One	9000	-	10500
Light & Heavy	7500	-	8500
Rejected	2500	-	4000
Sheep	8200	-	8500
Bull	53500	-	62000

Gold & Silver

(Taka for 11.66 grams)

Gold (Genuine)	200.00
Silver	200.00

Source: Department of Agriculture marketing

Dhaka Stock Prices

At the close of trading on June 20, 1992

Star Economic Report

Business falls

The week started with a decline in business of Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) on Saturday. The decline was due to fall in both the turnovers. Value fell by 91.83 per cent against Thursday's Tk 3,087,333.00 and stood at Tk 252,190.00 while volume lost 92.33 per cent against Thursday's 50706 papers and closed at 3885.

Trading on the floor was solely ruled by the gainers whose total stood at 14. Moreover, not a single share was traded at its previous quoted price.

The DSE Composite Price Index however, maintained its growth, standing at 330.4292 from Thursday's 327.7292, showing a difference of 2.700 points.

THE DAY'S TRADING AT A GLANCE

DSE All Share price Index	330.4292
Market Capitalization (Tk)	9,451,645,659.00
Turnover in value (Tk)	2,52,190.00
Turnover (in volume)	3885

Company	FV/ML	Previous day's price	Closing price	Change (absolute)	Change (%)
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