

Prices of rice, spices yet to come down

By Staff Correspondent

Prices of essentials, especially rice and various types of spices, were still higher in the city markets on Thursday although the transport strike had been withdrawn a week ago.

The highest rise in the prices of essentials last one week was marked in the price of fine rice. The fine rice was sold at Taka 26 per kg yesterday which was Taka 23 a week ago.

The shopkeepers quoting the whole sellers said, the price will further rise in the coming weeks. Shopkeepers in New Market added that low supply was the main reason behind the price rise.

The katarivogh rice which costed Taka 19 per kg a week ago now being sold at Taka 21. The price of nazirshail rice rose to Taka 16.50, pajam Taka 14.50 and IRR Taka

12.50. Rice sellers informed that this price hike took place at the end of the transport strike and there is hardly any possibility of prices coming down soon.

Onion which was available between Taka 10 and 11 per kg during the strike now sells at Taka 14. Zinger now sells at Taka 28 which was available at Taka 18 and Garlic at 30.

But due to increase of supply, the price of dried chilly which was available between Taka 40 and 50 fell by Taka five per kg.

Fresh vegetables like patal or barbati (bean) marked a price hike of Taka two per kg. But prices of green chilly went down by Taka five per kg and now costs taka 10.

The price of sugar which jumped up from Taka 28 to 35 during the strike period mak-

ing it bitter has now come down to taka 30.

It can be mentioned here that there was no shortage of sugar for which the price can be higher. But the whole sellers are keeping the price high," shopkeepers informed.

Price of ata also brings bad news for bread fans. Ata is now sold at Taka 12 per kg which was available at Taka 11.

The prices of powder milk, namely Red Cow, went high by 20 taka in the wholesale market during the last one month. One 2 kgs can Red Cow now costs Taka 318 while Dano Taka 310. However, the prices of meat and fish remained reasonably steady during the week. Beef costs taka 60 per kg, mutton Taka 80, big hilisa Taka 120, prawn from Taka 100 to 200 per kg, mirka taka 200 per kg, katla Taka 250 per kg and ruhi Taka 170.

Dollar firm while shares fall in Tokyo

TOKYO, July 9: The US dollar remained higher against the Japanese yen Thursday morning, while share prices on the Tokyo Stock Exchange edged up, reports AP.

The dollar ended morning trading at 124.60 yen. It opened at 124.68 yen, up 0.68 yen from Wednesday's close and about even with its overnight finish at 124.70 in New York, and ranged between 124.40 yen and 124.68 yen.

The 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average rose 149.14 points, or 0.90 per cent, to close the morning session at 16,749.40. The average rose 140.71 points, or 0.85 per cent, on Wednesday.

The Tokyo Stock Price Index of all issues listed on the first section rose 8.47 points, or 0.66 per cent, to 1,282.60. The TOPIX gained 2.98 points or 0.23 per cent the previous day.

As of 11:05 am (0205 GMT), benchmark No 129 10-year Japanese government bonds stood at 106.54 points, down from Wednesday's 106.57-point finish. Their yield remained higher at 5.205 per cent from 5.200 per cent.

Stock traders said that the Nikkei was supported largely by index-linked buying from investment trust funds and selective buying by dealers.

Gainers included banks, mining, electric power and gas companies, they said.

On the foreign exchange, dealers said currency rates moved little after the dollar opened higher following its overnight surge in New York.

Profit-taking on overbought German mark positions against the yen, as well as the dollar's short-covering against the yen also helped the dollar's strength, dealers said.

SHIPPING CHITTAGONG PORT

Berth position and performance of vessels as on 09.07.92

Berth No	Name of Vessels	Cargo	Local Agent	Date of Arrival	Leaving
J/1	Bikin	Refer	Jedda ENCL	6/7	13/7
J/2	Vishva Abha	GI	Madd SSL	6/7	10/7
J/3	Yarnis-II	GI	Durb PSAL	27/6	14/7
J/4	Mitruva	GI	Pena MSA	30/6	14/7
J/5	Banglar Doot	GI	Pena BSC	2/7	15/7
J/6	S E Rehamt	GI/GL	Kara ASL	26/6	10/7
J/7	Sea Glory	GI/Pert	Sing Prog	16/6	16/7
J/8	Samudra Samrat	GI	Col SSL	1/7	12/7
J/9	Mowlavi	GI/GL	Cal SSL	2/7	10/7
J/11	Banglar Aaha	Wheat	Lams R/A	12/7	12/7
J/12	Banglar Bazar	Wheat	Lams R/A	12/7	12/7
J/13	Andrian Goncharov	Cont	Sing CT	6/7	9/7
MPB/1	Sea Glory	Cont	Sing CTS	8/7	12/7
MPB/2	Fong Shin	Cont	Sing BODShip	4/7	1/7
TSP	Eastern Breeze	CL	Mong RRSA	28/6	10/7
RM/4	Hang Fook	Cement	Mong MSA	13/6	12/7
RM/6	Nam Du Jiang	Cement	Chin MSA	23/6	18/7
DDJ	Banglar Jyoti	Repair	BSC R/A	15/7	15/7
DDJ/1	Endurance Sea	Repair	Aqiba EOSL	25/1	15/7
RM/9	Banglar Kiron	Repair	BSC R/A	15/7	15/7
RM/8	Ohmazd	Salt	Col PSAL	21/6	14/7
CUF/1	Allissa	Urea	Col BSL	1/7	12/7

VESSELS DUE AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

Name of Vessels	Date of Arrival	Last Port Call	Local Agent	Cargo	Loading Port
Al Reza	9/7	Kuwait	OWSL	Cement	-
Ronjay Choomie	9/7	Mong	PSAL	-	-
NGS Ranger 28/6	10/7	Sing	BODShip	Cont	Sing
Ocean Envoy	10/7	Col	BSC	GI	-
Banglar Kallol	10/7	Col	BSC	GI/GL	Dundee Harb
Knud Jespersen 2/7	11/7	Sing	CT	Cement	Sing
Artemis-I	11/7	-	Bright	Cement	-
Sletter	12/7	Tampa	SSST	-	-
Fong Yun 1/7	12/7	Sing	BODShip	Cont	Sing
Yamburenko 5/7	12/7	-	CT	Cont	Sing
Super Star (E/L)7/7	12/7	Mong	ENOL	Cont	Yangon
Berwalla 7/7	12/7	Sing	RSL	Cont	Sing
Robbert-e-Lee	12/7	-	Karna	GI	-
Banglar Gourab	13/7	Pena	BSC	GI	-
Yao Sheng	14/7	-	Bright	Cement	-
Stormy Annie	15/7	-	RRSA	-	-
Oryx	15/7	Mong	Aqua	GL	Doula
Mchedinti	15/7	Col	BSC	GI	-
Safira-e-Halder	15/7	-	ASL	GI/GL	Karachi
Al Swarnaz	15/7	-	ASL	GI	-
Samudra Raj	15/7	-	SSI	GI	-
Kota Buana 6/7	16/7	Sing	CTB	GI	Fe St
Kamalverett	18/7	-	EFTS	GI	-
Andromache 7/7	21/7	Col	RSL	Cont	Mong
A Megacarrrier Two 7/7 25/7	21/7	Sing	BODShip	Cont	Sing

TANKER DUE

Name of Vessels	Date of Arrival	Last Port Call	Local Agent	Cargo	Loading Port
Maritime Prudence	11/7	Col	EOSL	-	-
Dagava	11/7	-	CT	Tallow	-
Eso Bayonne	11/7	Sing	MSPL	HSD/JF-1	-
Antares	13/7	-	CT	Tallow	-
Maritime Pride	13/7	-	TSL	CDSO	-
Fortune Antlia	18/7	-	MSPL	-	-

VESSELS AT KUTUBDIA

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port Call	Local Agent	Date of Arrival
T T Energy	C Oil	Col	NNL	27/4

VESSELS AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

READY ON

Mytachi	GI	Sing	Prog	7/7
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VESSELS NOT READY

Hafez	Salt	Caral	OWSL	6/7
Optima (Cont)	Cont	Sing	RSL	9/7

VESSELS AWAITING INSTRUCTION

Banglar Shourabh	Bunker	Mong	BSC	R/A (6/7)
Georgios-T	-	-	BSC	6/7

VESSELS NOT ENTERING

Alyn	Cement	Sing	Alamin	R/A (18/9)
Red Deer	-	-	OTL	R/A (26/11)
Nehaj	Scraping	Col	UMAL	10/6
George	Cement	Sing	Bright	R/A (2/7)
Chestnut Hill	Wheat	Angel	BSC	30/6
Banglar Mamata	Wheat	-	Lams	R/A (6/7)
Kum Gang	Cement	Sing	MSA	23/6
Chong Chon Gang	Urea	Mong	RRSA	R/A (7/7)

MOVEMENT OF VESSELS FOR 10/7/92 & 11/7/92

Outgoing	Incoming	Shifting
107		
J/2 Vishva Abha	J/2 Mytyohl	J/7 Sea Glory to J/11/12
J/6 S E Rehamt	J/13 Optima	J/11 B Asha
J/9 Mowlavi	NB Hafez	J/12 B Baard
	DDJ/1 Alreaza	RM/6 Nam Du Jiang to J/6
	J/9 R Choomie	
117		
GSJ Banglar Baari	J/7 Banglar Kallol	J/11 Banglar Aaha to GSJ
	MPB/2 NGS Ranger	
	RM/5 Maritime Prudence	
	J/10 K Jespersen	

The above were the Thursday's (09.07.92) shipping berth and performance of vessels of Chittagong Port as per berthing sheet of CPA supplied by HRC Group, Dhaka.

Price Index

July 9

Essentials	CHICKEN	Large	62.00-64.00
RICE (Taka per kg)	Large <td>Moderate <td>66.00-68.00</td> </td>	Moderate <td>66.00-68.00</td>	66.00-68.00
Amant(fine)	Small <td>Small <td>70.00-72.00</td> </td>	Small <td>70.00-72.00</td>	70.00-72.00
Pajam	TEA		
VEGETABLES (Taka per kg)	Dust (Plain)		70.50-15.00
Potato (local)	EGG (4 per)		
Brijal	Hen		12.00-12.50
Karolla	Duck		13.00-13.50
Lalshak	Firm		14.50-15.00
Pappa	PULSES (Taka per kg)		
Green Banana (Four Pieces)	Mushor		28.00-29.00
OTHER HOODCRAN (Taka per kg)	Moogh		29.00-30.00
Flour	Chokro		22.00-23.00
Asa	Kaenari		14.00-15.00
FRUIT (Taka per kg)	FRUITS		
Rush(big)	Green Coconut (Small)		5.00-7.00
Kaul(big)	Coconut (Large)		8.00-10.00
Haha	Mango		(Taka per kg)
Pungo	Langra		30.00-33.00
Shrimp(big)	Hingra		30.00-40.00
Sipi			(One piece)
Koi	Pinapple		5.00-8.00
MEAT			
Beef			
Mutton			

FOREIGN CURRENCY RATES

The following are the Commercial Bank's BC selling and TT (C). OD transfer buying rates for some selected foreign currencies effective on July 10 and 11.

Currency	Selling B. C.	T. T. (C)	Buying O.D. Transfer
US Dollar	39.1326	38.9087	38.6339
Poundsterling	75.3710	75.0270	74.5355
DM	26.2776	26.1097	25.9253
S Riyal	7.8023	7.7546	7.6998
D Guilders	10.4641	10.4042	10.3307
S Kroner	23.3210	23.1737	23.0101
Singapore Dollar	7.2663	7.2180	7.1610
UAE Dirham	10.6911	10.6399	10.5848
Kuwaiti Dinar	136.3967	135.6163	134.6585
Indian Rupee (AMU)	1.5104	1.5035	1.4900
Pak Rupee (AMU)	1.5623	1.5451	1.5374

Authorized dealers will apply T T clean buying rate for purchase of remittances of Bangladeshis working abroad.

Note: AMU-Asian Monetary Union.

Dhaka Stock Prices

At the close of trading on July 9, 1992

Star Economic Report

Business declines

Business registered a further decline at Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) on Thursday. Both, volume and value fell against Wednesday's figures. Values registered a fall of 34.39 per cent from Wednesday's Taka 1073003.00 to Taka 703958.00. Volume registered very little decline of 2.59 per cent from 14,623 to 14,243.

The losers still retained their position as leaders outnumbering the gainers by 15 to seven. Only a single stock, The Ibsina, traded at its previous rate.

The DSE Composite Index continued to fall. It further lost 0.813 points from 361.5288 on Wednesday to 360.7163.

THE DAY'S TRADING AT A GLANCE

DSE All Share Price Index	360.7163
Market Capitalization (Tk)	10,306,316,839.00
Turnover in value (Tk)	703958.00
Turnover (In volume)	14243

Company	FV/ML	Previous day's price	Closing price	Change (absolute)	Change (% over previous price)
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Gains (07)

Shares:

Satham Textile	100/10	80.00	84.72	4.72	5.900
B Oxygen	10/50	49.33	53.59	4.26	8.636
Savar Refractories	100/5	102.00	105.00	3.00	2.941
Bextimco	10/100	15.63	17.42	1.79	11.4552
Dhaka Vegetable	100/5	125.00	126.25	1.25	1.000
Tamjuddin	100/10	200.67	201.00	0.33	0.164
Bata Shoe	10/100	43.83	44.00	0.17	0.388

Losses (15)

Shares:

Chittagong Cement	100/5	356.29	330.83	25.46	7.146
Usmania Glass	100/5	348.25	325.00	23.25	6.676
Apex Tannery	100/5	345.38	325.00	20.38	5.901
National Oxygen	100/10	128.00	115.00	13.00	10.156
Talhu Spinning	100/10	150.00	140.00	10.00	6.667
National Tubes	100/10	107.75	98.33	9.42	8.742
Kohinoor Chemical	100/5	100.00	92.00	8.00	8.000
Kartim Pipe	100/5	173.00	167.33	5.67	3.277
Green Delta	100/10	142.80	138.02	4.78	3.347
Eagle Star	10/50	38.75	35.86	2.89	7.458
Bd Autocars	100/5	102.79	100.00	2.79	2.714
Ashraf Textile	10/50	39.00	37.67	1.33	3.410
Quasem Drycells	10/50	10.12	9.13	0.99	9.783
BGIC	100/10	150.60	150.00	0.60	0.398
Zeal Bangla Sugar	10/50	12.00	11.50	0.50	4.167

Traded at previous quoted prices (01)
Share: The Ibsina.

DSE SHARES AND DEBENTURES

Company	FV/ML Tk	Mutual Jute	100/5	105.00
Northern Jute	10/50	NT		
Shamser Jute	100/5	100.00	NT	
Specialised Jute	10/50	NT		
Shine Pukur Jute	100/5	95.00	NT	
Sonali Aarsh	100/5	100.00	NT	

BANKS (10)

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