

Technical edn to meet jobless stressed

BEGUMGANJ (Noakhali), Sept 11: State Minister for Textiles Abdul Mannan said Wednesday that six textile institutes and 27 mobile weaving schools were imparting training to students on textile technology to provide skilled manpower to some 4,500 small and big textile mills in the country, reports BSS.

He said the overall development of the textile industry was not possible without trained and skilled manpower in the sector.

The Minister was addressing the students and teachers of textile institute here.

Mannan called for taking more technical and vocational education and said solution to the country's unemployment problem could not be attained without technical and vocational education.

Dhaka earned Tk 20.57 cr thru electronics export last yr

by Sharier Khan

Bangladesh has brought home Taka 20 crore 57 lakh and 19 thousand from exporting electronic goods in the fiscal year of 1991-92.

The electronics include computer, video and audio cassettes, radio-recorders, TV set and transformers.

According to sources, the export earning from electronics assembled in Bangladesh is gradually increasing and the Commerce Ministry has taken policy to boost the electronics' export.

Assembled computer, during the last fiscal, alone brought 15.43 crore Taka.

The TV set earned Taka 1.64 crore 38 thousand; transformer Taka 2.37 crore; video and audio cassettes Taka 86 lakh 44 thousand and radio-recorders Taka 28 lakh-11 thousand.

Sources in the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) said, the electronics manufacturers and assemblers of the country are quite capable of producing goods with standard and required quality.

But such companies need further improvement for manufacturing and assembling the best quality, sources added.

The sources also informed that the supply capacity of electronics by the local manufacturers was more than adequate.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Ministry has set target to fetch home Taka 34 crore in the fiscal of '92-93 from exporting electronics.

The authority is also expecting that other than the assembled products, the country would soon be able to export electronic components produced by the local manufacturers.

In the fiscal of 1990-91, the country fetched home only Taka 4.77 crore 75 thousand in which only transformer fetched Taka 4.71 crore.

Against the export earning of the Taka 20.57 crore in the fiscal of '91-92, the target was set at Taka 29 crore.

Milk Vita earns net profit of Taka 60 lakh

Bangladesh Milk Producers' Co-operative Union Limited announced at its 15th annual general meeting that Milk Vita, a dairy farm products company of the organisation, has earned a net profit of Taka 60 lakh in 1991-92 fiscal year, a profit first achieved for last 18 years, says a press release.

The meeting was presided over by the organisation's Chairman, Quamruddin Yahya Khan Majlish, at the BMDC auditorium on Sept 9 in Dhaka.

Among others who attended the meeting were, Vice-Chairman, Al-haj Abdul Fazal Khan, Directors, Shamsul Huda, Kartik Chandra Saha, Rais Uddin Ahmed and 80 other representatives from four milk shed areas.

Referring to the accounts, the Chairman further added that Milk Vita has earned an operational surplus of Taka two crore three lakh from its income of Taka 20 crore 93 lakh.



Quamruddin Yahya Khan Majlish, Chairman, Bangladesh Milk Producers' Co-operative Union Limited addressing the general meeting of the organisation on Wednesday at BMDC auditorium.

Uddyan unnyan employees asked to expand work

JESSORE, Sept 11: Agriculture and Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control Minister M Majid-ullah visited Uddyan Unnyan Prokhalpa and Seed Processing and Preserving Centre of BADC at Jhunjhumpur under Jessore sadar Wednesday, reports BSS.

Different kinds of improved and high yielding variety of seeds and saplings of fruit-bearing and wood tree, flower, vegetable, spices and other cash crops have been produced in the demonstration farms of the Centre. These seeds and saplings are distributed among the farmers of the area.

During the visit, the Minister was apprised that targets had been fixed to produce twenty one tons of summer and twenty tons of winter vegetable as well as two lakh eighty thousand saplings in the current year.

The Minister planted a sapling there and also released fish-fry in the pond of the farm.

The Agriculture Minister instructed the concerned officials to expand and multiply their activities so that people could get more benefit from the Centre.

IMF criticises industrial states economic policy

WASHINGTON, Sept 11: The International Monetary Fund scolded the United States and other industrial nations on Thursday for lacking the political courage to raise taxes or cut spending, or both, to curb the mountains of debt that are crippling economic policy, reports Reuter.

"Budget deficits, which have recently widened again... are one of the most fundamental threats to the world economy," an IMF official told journalists as the watchdog agency for the world's economy issued its annual report.

Italian aid for health care of Rohingyas

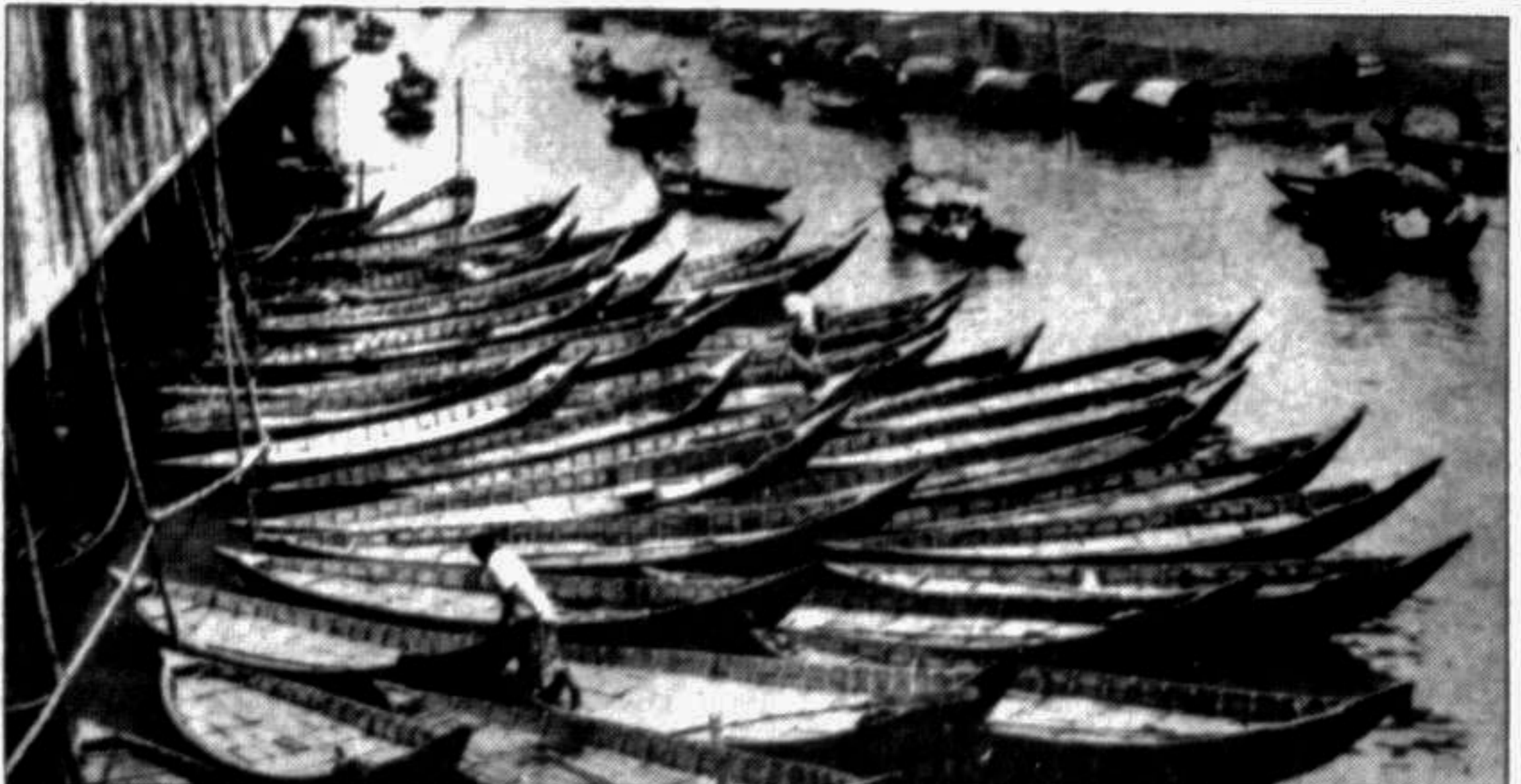
Italy will provide an emergency assistance worth 500,000 US dollars plus technical assistance of 6 months for the health care of Rohingyas refugees in the Cox's Bazar area, according to a press release issued by the Italian embassy in Dhaka Wednesday reports BSS.

The Italian assistance will support the plan of action for health aiming at decentralising the services by establishing camps health posts each one providing assistance to 5,000 refugees, health education, expanded programme of immunization, mother-child health, oral dehydration therapy, curative facilities and medicines supply, the press release said.

The Italian assistance aims at improving health and nutritional care services and supplying water and sanitary facilities by strengthening the Bangladesh sectors competent to provide such services to the refugees and to the local people and by providing the needed goods, the press release added.

Italy emerged as an important partner of Bangladesh only in 1992 when a joint commission headed by Bangladesh Finance Ministry signed a protocol of technical and financial cooperation whereby Italy made a commitment of 96.8 billion lire (about 90 million US dollars) as grant for post cyclone reconstruction, strengthening and development of agriculture sector, upgrading of primary and sanitary conditions, strengthening and development of telecommunications, transport, medium and small scale industries and strengthening health, education, social and rural development through NGOs.

The Italian government also recently approved a grant of 8.65 billion lire equivalent to about eight million dollars to Bangladesh for agricultural development in the coastal areas.



STRUGGLE FOR EXISTENCE: In rural areas of the country, boats were the main transport for communication. But due to heavy siltation, most of the canals, streams have died up for which the boatmen have got no work and have been passing hard days. —Star photo

BKB regional confce held

The Brahmanbaria region, Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB), has decided to disburse Taka 6.37 crore loan and realise Taka 29.62 crore from the outstanding arrears, says a press release.

The decision was taken at the conference of the branches of the region held on Wednesday where loan disburse and recovery, deposit collection and other activities of the region were discussed.

The branches of the bank will disburse loan to buy bullock, irrigation, pisciculture, crop and other agro-based works.

Khair Uddin Ahmed, DC, Brahmanbaria was the chief guest Md Nurul Anwar, police super, Brahmanbaria, and Md Nurul Islam Khan, GM, Comilla Division were present at the conference as special guest.

The chief guest in his address urged the bank officials to increase agriculture production through disbursing more loans to the farmers.

The divisional GM asked the bank staff to work with devotion to achieve the target.

The conference was presided over the AGM, Comilla, Md Nurul Huda Chowdhury.

Raw Jute Prices

As of September 7

Kutcha Bales FOB	BT	Rejection	1550	215
Narayanganj/Daulatpur	BT	Habibabi	1150	195
White	Tossa	Meshta	Bangla	
Mid. (A)	1058	1099	871	
Bot. (B)	978	1018	804	
Bot. (C)	871	938	737	
Bot. (X)	790	857	670	
Note: *FOB = Freight on board Bot. = Bottom				
Pucca Bales	BT	Cutting	A	1200
	BT	Cutting	B	1100
	BT	Cutting	A	1450
	BT	Cutting	B	1350
	BT	Special	A	1600
	BT	Special	B	1550
	BT	Special	C	1450
	BT	Cut Meshta		
	BT	Splicing	800	
	BT	Ord. Meshta		
	BT	Cutting	700	
	BT	Meshta SMR	900	
Remarks:				
		Quality	— Normal	
		Condition	— Average	
		N'ganj	imp—15,000/	
		20,000mds		
		Daulatpur	imp	— 20,000/25,000
		Market	— firm	
*Indicative prices at which sales may be considered for EPC registration. Dollar prices shown above are without selling commission.				

Smuggled goods worth Tk 1.5 lakh seized

RAJSHAHI, Sept 11: BDR personnel of 20 Rifle battalion (Thursday) seized incoming and outgoing smuggled goods worth taka three lakh 48 thousand and arrested two smugglers, reports BSS.

The seized goods included cow, saree, bi-cycle, spare parts of bi-cycle, cloth, blouse piece, boat, chilli and cardamom.

The seized goods were deposited with the customs office and the arrested smugglers were handed over to the Police.

Three cases were lodged in this connection.

Shipping Intelligence

CHITTAGONG PORT

Berth Position and Performance of Vessels as on 09.09.92

Berth No	Name of Vessels	Cargo	L Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival	Lea- No
J/1	Swan Glory	GI	Indo	Seacom	29/8	10/9
J/2	Banglar Shobha	GI	Pena	BSC	23/8	13/9
J/4	Safina-e-Haider	GI/GL	Kara	ASL	5/9	12/9
J/5	K Rosali	Copra	Milan	Surbam	4/9	11/9
J/6	Delos	R Seeds	Ruen	Royal	2/9	13/9
J/8	Shaplaeverett	GI	Sing	EBPL	6/9	11/9
J/10	Mehedinti	Idle	Col	BSC	27/8	13/9
J/12	Miramar	CL	Mong	KSL	28/8	13/9
MPB/2	Optima	Cont	Sing	RSL	5/9	9/9
GSJ	Banglar Asha	Wheat	Lams	R/A	10/9	
TSP	Al Tabith	R Sulp	Al Jub	BLSL	18/8	10/9
RM/3	Aldebaran-IV	CDSO	Kara	Seacom	5/9	9/9
RM/4	Shalamar	Cement	Col	PSAL	28/8	13/9
DQJ	Banglar Jyoti	Repair	BSC	R/A	13/9	
DD	Banglar Shourabh	Repair	BSC	R/A	15/9	
DDJ/1	Endurance Sea	Repair	Aqaba	EOCSL	25/1	15/9
DDJ/2	Banglar Baani	Repair	BSC	R/A	9/9	
RM/8	Flying Dragon	Cement	Sing		13/9	

VESSELS DUE AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

Name of Vessels	Date of Arrival	Last Port	Local Agent	Cargo	Loading Port
Diamond Star	9/9	Sing	BSC	Steel Cargo	
Al Fesani	9/9	Kuda	Seacom	Copra	
Caravos Explorer	10/9	Stork	Alamin	Wheat	
Kota Buana 29/8	10/9	Sing	CTS	Cont	Sing
Sac Byol	10/9	Safa	SSST	R Phos	
Sea Tradition	10/9	V Patn	AML	Cement	
Da Cheng	11/9	V Patn	Sunshine	Cement	
Yom Bun Jin	11/9	Sing	OSA	Copra	Indo
Weacer Star 25/8	12/9	Sing	BDSHIP	Cont	Cal
Fong Shin 1/9	12/9	Sing	BDSHIP	Cont	Sing
Banglar Sempad	13/9	Sing	BSC		
Pacific Timur	13/9	Cal	OTL	Logs	
Petr Starostin 5/9	13/9	Sing	CT	Cont	Sing
A S Altincan	13/9	Istam	BSC	Steel Cargo	
Mowlavi	13/9	Sing	SSL	GI	Iranian Ports
Hang Cheong	14/9	L Kou	Khansons	Cement	
Fong Yun 18/8	14/9	Peng	BDSHIP	Cont	Sing/Mong
Genests	15/9	Sing	Prog	GI	
Vishva Parijat	15/9	Sing	SSL		Dundee, Ant
Shong Chon Gang	15/9	Nampo	Sunshine	Cement	
Bervalla 7/9	15/9	Sing	RSL	Cont	Sing
State of Manipur	16/9	Sing	SSL	GI	
Andromache 1/9	16/9	Col	RSL	Cont	Mong
Ever Cheer 1/9	17/9	Sing	BDSHIP	Cont	Sing
Safina-e-Ismael-2	17/9	Sing	ASLL	GI/GL	Karachi
Andrian Goncharov	6/9	Sing	CT	Cont	Sing
Sam Houston	18/9	Sing	Karras	GI	Sa New York
NGS Ranger 7/9	19/9	Sing	BDSHIP	Cont	Sing
Amal	20/9	Sikka	ENCL	Cement	
Jiang Cheng	20/9	Sahai	BDSHIP	GI	
Avon Delta	20/9	Sacra	Aqua	Wheat	
Smit Lloyd-106	9/9	Sing	NNL		

TANKER DUE

Pacific Diamond	13/9	Sing	ECSL	F Oil
Akarat	19/9	Sing	CT	Tallow

VESSELS AT KUTUBDIA

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

VESSELS AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

READY ON

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival
Asian Queen	GI	Cal	EBPL	8/9
New Genlord	Cont	Sing	BDSHIP	8/9
I Yamburenka	Cont	Sing	CT	9/9
Tory Hill	P Iron	K Town	Anchor	6/9

VESSELS NOT READY

Yao Sheng	Cement	Sing	Bright	17/8
Georgios-M	Cement	Viso	Paragon	27/8
Hang Shing	Cement	Mong	H & H	3/9

VESSELS NOT ENTERING

Alyn	Cement	Sing	Alamin	R/A (18/9)
Artemis-1	Cement	Sing	Bright	R/A (28/8)
Zang San	Cement	Visak	Hill	2/9
Bryanskyl Mashinostrotel	Bunker	Mong	UMAL	7/9

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

Price Index

September-9

Essentials	Moogh	30.00-32.00
RICE (Taka per kg)		22.00-23.00
Amph(fine)		15.00-16.00
Pajon		13.00-14.00
VEGETABLES (Taka per kg)		(One piece)
Potato (local)	Green Coconut (Small)	5.00-7.00
Brinjal	Coconut (Large)	8.00-10.00
Karola		(One piece)
Lalchak	Pinnapple	8.00-12.00
Paps	Jackfruit	5.00-6.00
Green Banana (Four Pieces)	Banana : (4 pieces)	4.00-6.00
(RIVER ROOKRAN) (Taka per kg)	Sugar (Large)	10.00-13.00
Flour	Chapra	3.00-4.00
Ata		(Taka per kg)
FINH (Taka per kg)	Dans	50.00-55.00
Rubi(hg)	OIL (Taka per litre)	
Kastur(hg)	Mustard	52.00-54.00
Haha	Soyabean	37.00-38.00
Panga	Coconut (Colombo)	90.00-100.00
Shrimp(hg)	Vegetable Ghee (1kg)	48.00-52.00
Sing	SPICES (Taka per kg)	
Koi	Onion (local)	10.00-11.00
MEAT	Garlic (local)	25.00-30.00
Boaf	Chillies (local)	28.00-32.00
Mushun	Turmeric(Local)	48.00-52.00
CHICKEN	Green chillies	12.00-15.00
Large	Ginger	24.00-28.00
Moderate	Cinnamon (10gm)	7.00-8.00
Small	Cardamom (10gm) (small)	3.00-3.50
TEA	Bira (50 gms)	9.00-10.00
Dug (Plain)	MILK (Two/kg)	
EGG (4 per)	Dano	309.00-310.00
Hen	Red-Cow	317.00-318.00
Duck	MISCELLANEOUS (Taka per kg)	
Firm	Ghee	230.00-240.00
PULSES (Taka per kg)	Salt	7.50-8.00
Mothar	Sugar	27.00-28.00

Exchange Rates

The following are the Commercial Bank's BC selling and TT (C), OD transfer buying rates for some selected foreign currencies effective on September 10, 11 and 12. (Figures in Taka)

Currency	Selling B.C.	T. T. (C)	Buying O.D. Transfer
US Dollar	39.1326	38.9087	38.6339
Poundsterling	78.3778	78.0145	77.5051
DM	28.0782	27.9035	27.7065
FF	8.2515	8.1991	8.1412
S Riyal	10.4641	10.4042	10.3307
D Outdiers	24.9208	24.7821	24.6872
S Kroner	7.6730	7.6217	7.5678
Singapore Dollar	24.6024	24.4616	24.2889
US Dirham	10.6911	10.6299	10.5548
Kuwaiti Dinar	135.5475	134.7719	133.8201
Indian Rupee (AMU)	1.5104	1.5035	1.4960
Pak Rupee (AMU)	1.5553	1.5482	1.5405

Authorised dealers will apply T T clean buying rate for purchase of remittances of Bangladesh working abroad. Note: AMU—Asian Monetary Union.

Dhaka Stock Prices

Weekly review: At the close of tradings on September 8, and September 9, 1992

Company	FV/ML*	Taka	Taka	Taka	Taka
BANKS (10)					
AL Baraka Bank	1000/1	925.00	850.00	1200.00	760.00
A.B Bank	100/5	200.00	215.00	215.00	155.00
City Bank	100/5	305.00	305.00	305.00	172.00
I.F.I.C	100/5	161.00	161.00	200.00	160.00
Islami Bank	1000/1	1450.00	1400.00	1900.00	1190.00
National Bank	100/5	103.00	103.00	122.50	102.50
Pabali Bank	100/5	100.00	100.00	110.00	85.00
Rupali Bank	100/10	78.00	80.00	110.00	68.00
U.C.B.L	100/5	122.00	122.00	131.00	118.00
Uttrara Bank	100/5	115.00	115.00	200.00	115.00
INVESTMENT (06)					