

## Manpower Minister leaves for Malaysia today

Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan leaves Dhaka for Kuala Lumpur today (Monday) morning on a four-day official visit to Malaysia, reports BSS.

The Minister will lead a four-member delegation. The members are Joint Secretaries of Labour and Manpower, Managing Director of Bangladesh Overseas Employment Services Ltd and Managing Director of Bay Eastern Ltd.

During his stay in Kuala Lumpur the Minister will call on the acting Prime Minister of Malaysia Ghafor Baba, Minister for Human Resources Development Lim Ah Lek and Deputy Home Minister Dato Megat Junid Bin Megat Ayob.

He will have discussion meeting with various associations dealing with construction, manufacturing, plantations and agriculture. He will also pay a visit to a plantation site to have a look at the environment and working condition of the workers.

The Minister will also have separate meeting with the Malaysian Employers Association and Bangladesh High Commission offices.

During these discussions, the Minister will highlight the availability of professional, skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled Bangladeshis for working in various sectors of Malaysia.

He will also take up the case of regularisation of unauthorised Bangladeshis with the appropriate authorities.

The Minister is expected to return home on September 25.

## Priority to agri-sector for economic emancipation

Agriculture, Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control Minister Majid-ul Huq Sunday said that the major policy thrust of the present government was the development of the agricultural sector for the economic emancipation of people of the country, reports BSS.

He was addressing as the chief guest the inaugural session of a four-day seminar on "agricultural sector credit and bank reform" at a city hotel.

U S Ambassador to Bangladesh William B Milam, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister K M Rabbani, Agriculture Secretary A N M Yusuf, USAID Director Dr Frank Young and International Fertilizer Development Centre (IFDC), Asian Centre, Director Kenneth L. Moots also spoke.

Stressing the need for spreading the fruits of research to the farmers for better

production, higher productivity and better living standard, Huq said, the only 'silver lining' is the agriculture sector for a quick development of the country.

The agriculture minister said that the country had been able to remove the notion of "international basket case" by its record in the third world achieving near food self-sufficiency. Paying tributes to the resilience of the farmers, he said, the bankers and international donor agencies have collaborated with us in our efforts to achieve this remarkable success in food production.

The minister urged the banker to prepare the agricultural loan recovery calendar suiting to the farmers' repaying capabilities at the post harvest period so that the collection of the banks money could be maximized without

causing any hardship to the farmers.

Pointing to the agricultural inputs and subsidy issues, Huq said that as most of the Bangladeshi farmers were now living below the poverty line, the government could not withdraw the subsidies at a time.

He said even in the United States and in European countries there were agricultural subsidies. But we have to remove it as part of our efforts to stand on our own feet, he added.

U S Ambassador Milam also lauded the success of the Bangladeshi farmers to near materialise the long-standing dream of food self-sufficiency in the country.

Milam said the private sector in Bangladesh would have to go a long way for the rapid industrialization and green revolution.



Md Lutfozzaman (Babar), MP and Major General K M Abdul Wahed (Retd) of Master Group of Industries talking to Hae Kon Kim, Managing Director of Kail Machinery Co Ltd of South Korea in Dhaka recently. Do-Ke Park, General Manager, Ssangyong Corporation of Dhaka liaison office is also seen in the picture.

## Fish output falls in Barguna

BARGUNA, Sept 19: Fish production in the district is decreasing gradually due to various reasons causing inconveniences to the local people, reports UNB.

Fisheries department sources said the district is facing a shortage of about 6000 metric tons of fish annually whereas average yearly fish production stands at only 5000 metric tons.

They said annual fish production could be increased upto 10,000 metric tons by introducing scientific methods. Lack of excavation and re-excavation of ponds, unplanned construction of dams

and sluice gates and indiscriminate catching of fish fry with current nets are main reasons behind the decline in fish output.

Local people complained that some unscrupulous fishermen are catching fish fry with current nets defying government ban.

Experts also said fish production has been decreasing sharply due to feeble waterflow in the rivers Paira and Bishkhali.

Sources said that only 50 per cent of the government and private ponds here have been brought under fish cultivation.

According to a survey, waterbodies in the district include 10,000 ponds of which 350 are under government control and there are four rivers and 30 beels. About 5000 families are dependent on fishing occupation.

Fishermen of the district complained that they are also facing problems due to scarcity of fishing materials and non-availability of loans on easy terms.

They further alleged that no initiative has so far been taken by the authorities to train them up in scientific pisciculture.



Mustafa Aminur Rashid, Acting Managing Director, Agrani Bank distributing certificate to one of the successful Bank Officers in two week long course on Banking at the Agrani Bank Training Institute, Dhaka on Thursday.

## Govt firm to ensure fair price of agri-products

BOGRA, Sept 20: Food Minister M Shamsul Islam Sunday said the present government was determined to ensure fair price of agricultural commodities to the farmers to boost production in the field, reports BSS.

The Minister was addressing the district level food and agriculture officers and other concerned officials.

Referring to the country's satisfactory food stock position, the Minister said all sectors including the food sector would be self-reliant in near future. Through implementation of the 19-point programme initiated by late President Ziaur Rahman.

Islam called upon the concerned officials to come forward with their field level experience, to formulate a better food management policy.

About 90 thousand metric tons of rice have already been procured in current IRRI-Boro season out of the targeted one lakh metric tons in Bogra district.

Among others, Helaluzzaman Talukder, MP, the Deputy Commissioner and the Superintendent of Police, Bogra also

addressing the meeting. Later, the Minister visited local food godown and asked all concerned to follow godown hygiene and storage principle properly.

## Barisal truck workers meet Biswas

President Abdul Rahman Biswas has said the smooth functioning of the transport sector is essential for expediting country's development, reports BSS.

He was talking to a 11-member delegation of the Barisal Zilla Truck Sramik Union led by its President M Majibur Rahman Sarwar MP, who called on him at Bangladesh Saturday.

The delegation apprised the president their problems in the efforts of development of the transport sector.

The President assured them to look into them. Administrator of the Barisal Municipality, Ahsan Habib Kamal and General Secretary of the Bangladesh Sarak Paribahan Sramik Federation,

## JS body on Civil Aviation, Tourism meets

The seventh meeting of the parliamentary standing committee on Civil Aviation and Tourism Ministry was held at the Bangladesh Jatiya Sangsad, reports UNB.

The meeting reviewed the activities of different organs of the Ministry with State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan in the chair.

It also discussed developmental activities regarding the poultry complex of Biman and adopted some resolutions for the upliftment of the project.

Afterwards, the committee members visited the Biman poultry complex and went round different sections to see for themselves the overall position of it. They also visited the 'Joy Restaurant' of the Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation at Savar.

The meeting was attended by parliament members - Saiful Azam, Alam Khan, Begum Rahima Khandaker, Ataur Rahman Khan, Shah Haiduzzaman, Syed Mushad Kamal and Secretary of the Ministry Habibur Rahman,

## Shipping Intelligence

### CHITTAGONG PORT

Berth No.	Name of vessels	Cargo	Local agent	Date of arrival	Leaving
J/1	Genesis	GI	Sing	15/9	24/9
J/2	Alam Terega	Wheat	Dynamis	17/9	28/9
J/4	Tory Hill	P Iron	K Town	19/9	26/9
J/5	Continent-1	Idc	CLA	19/9	26/9
J/6	Miramar	Idc	KSL	28/8	20/9
J/7	S E Ismail-2	GI/GL	Kara	ASL	17/9
J/8	Al Tabith	Idc	Kara	ASL	25/9
J/9	S E Haider	Idc	Kara	ASL	5/9
J/10	Mehdinti	Idc	OTL	BSL	27/8
J/11	A S Altincan	S Cargo	Hurik	BSC	13/9
MPH/1	Ever Cheer	Cont	Sing	BDSHIP	18/9
MPH/2	Andromache	Cont	Mong	RSL	19/9
CCJ	Sea Rhapsody	C Clinik	Viak	UMAL	18/9
TSP	Osac Byol	R Phos	Safa	SSST	10/9
RM/5	Hang Shing	Cement	Mong	H&H	3/9
RM/6	Georgios-M	cement	Viso	Paragon	27/8
DD	Banglar Jyoti	Repair	BSC	R/A	24/9
DD	Banglar Shourabh	Repair	BSC	R/A	24/9
DD/1	Enderance Sea	Repair	Agaba	EOSL	25/1
DD/2	Banglar Sampad	Repair	Mong	BSC	14/9
RM/8	Flying Dragon	Cement	Sing	USTC	23/9
RM/9	Banglar Asha	Repair	BSC	R/A	23/9

### VESSELS DUE AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

Name of vessels	Date of arrival	Last port	Local agent	Cargo	Loading port
Jiang Cheng	21/9	S Hai	BDSHIP	Cont	Sing
Da Cheng	21/9	V Patn	Sunshine	Cement	Sing
Qing Pyong	21/9	Mong	OSA	Scraping	Sing
Sam Houston	21/9	Cal	Karna	GI	New York
Asian Express	21/9	Peng	B Bay	GI (COPRA)	Sing
State of Manipur	21/9	Mad	SSL	GI/GL	Sing
Hang Cheng	22/9	L Kou	Khansons	Cement	Sing
Komsonolets	22/9	-	PSAL	Cement	Sing
Adzhar-II	22/9	-	Nampo	Cement	Sing
Shong Chon Gang	22/9	Sikka	ENCL	Cement	Sing
AMAL	22/9	Fuja	JF	Scraping	Sing
Belgorod	22/9	-	USTE	Cement	Sing
Dnestrovskiy	22/9	-	Sakra	Wheat	Sing
Avon Delta	23/9	Haid	BDSHIP	Cont	Sing
Wong Yun 17/9	23/9	Mong	BDSHIP	Cont	Sing
NGS Ranger 7/9	24/9	Mong	SSL	GI	Iranian Ports
Mowlay	24/9	Sing	CTS	Cont	Sing
Kota Buana 13/9	24/9	Sing	OTL	Cont	Sing
Pacific Timur	26/9	Sing	OTL	Cont	Sing
New Genford 12/9	26/9	Sing	BDSHIP	Cont	Sing
I Yamburenko 16/9	26/9	Sing	ET	Cont	Sing
Vishva Mamata	26/9	Mad	SSL	GI	Japan
Fong Shin 16/9	27/9	Sing	BDSHIP	Cont	Sing
NGS Express 12/9	28/9	Sing	BDSHIP	Cont	Sing
Kymikos E	29/9	-	OMA	Scraping	Sing
Chandidas 12/9	30/9	-	SSL	E/L UK Cont	Sing
Banglar Urmil	30/9	Kara	BSC	GI	Sing
Banglar Kakol	31/10	Male	BSC	GI	Sing
Al Fesani	22/9	-	Seacom	-	-

### TANKER DUE

Global Venus	25/9	TSL	GPO
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### VESSELS AT KUTUBDIA

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last port	Local agent	Date of arrival
T T energy	C Oil	Col	NNL	27/4
Tug Smit Lloyd-106	-	-	NNL	-

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Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last port	Local agent	Date of arrival
Andrian Goncharov (Cont)	Cont	Sing	CT	19/9
Esoo Bayonne	HSD	Sing	MSPL	19/9
Optimal (Cont)	Cont	Sing	RSL	20/9
Ira	GL	Mong	KSL	20/9

### VESSELS NOT READY

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last port	Local agent	Date of arrival
Yao Sheng	Cement	Sing	Bright	17/9
Caravos Explorer	Wheat	Sing	Alamin	16/9
Orsha	Cement	Sing	AEKA	17/9
Pridneprovsk	Cement	Sing	PSAL	19/9

### VESSELS NOT ENTERING

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last port	Local agent	Date of arrival
Alvin	Scraping	Sing	OTL	R/A(18/9)
Artemis-1	Cement	Sing	Bright	R/A(28/8)

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

## Price Index

Essentials	September-20	Change	3.00-4.00
RICE	(Taka per kg)	-	(Taka per kg)
Amah(fine)	16.00-17.00	-	NA
Pajam	12.50-13.50	-	52.00-54.00
VEGETABLES	(Taka per kg)	-	(Taka per kg)
Potato (local)	11.00-12.00	-	37.00-38.00
Brinjal	8.00-10.00	-	90.00-100.00
Karola	11.00-12.00	-	48.00-52.00
Lalchak	4.00-5.00	-	9.50-10.00
Peppa	5.00-7.00	-	25.00-30.00
Green Banana (Four Pieces)	4.00-6.00	-	20.00-35.00
OTHER FOODGRAIN	(Taka per kg)	-	(Taka per kg)
Flour	13.50-14.00	-	48.00-52.00
Atta	10.50-11.00	-	18.00-20.00
FISH	(Taka per kg)	-	(Taka per kg)
Ruh(big)	14.00-17.00	-	3.00-3.50
Katla(big)	12.00-14.00	-	9.00-10.00
Haha	50.00-55.00	-	10.00-12.00
Pungas	120.00-130.00	-	316.00-317.00
Shrimp(big)	90.00-100.00	-	316.00-317.00
Sing	110.00-120.00	-	316.00-317.00
Koi	125.00-135.00	-	316.00-317.00
MEAT	-	-	(Taka per kg)
Beef	NA	-	7.00-8.00
Mutton	NA	-	29.00-30.00
CHICKEN	-	-	(Taka per 100 pieces)
Large	60.00-62.00	-	12000 - 33000
Moderate	64.00-66.00	-	85000 - 73000
Small	68.00-70.00	-	75000 - 83000
TEA	-	-	(Taka per kg)
Dust (Plain)	80.00-90.00	-	85000 - 83000
EDG	(4 pcs)	-	105000 - 110000
Hat	13.50-14.00	-	35000 - 40000
Duck	13.50-14.00	-	12000 - 13000
Firm	13.50-14.00	-	12000 - 13000
PULSES	(Taka per kg)	-	(Taka per kg)
Mush	28.00-30.00	-	10500 - 11000
Alphs	30.00-32.00	-	3000 - 5000
Chick	22.00-24.00	-	7000 - 8000
Khauri	15.00-16.00	-	8000 - 85000
FRUITS	-	-	(Taka per kg)
Green Coconut (Small)	6.00-7.00	-	12000 - 13000
Coconut (Large)	8.00-10.00	-	10500 - 11000
Pineapple	8.00-12.00	-	3000 - 5000
Banana (Large)	10.00-12.00	-	7000 - 8000

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Banana (Four Pieces)	4.00-6.00	Chillies (local)	20.00-35.00
FOODGRAIN (Taka per kg)		Turmeric (Local)	48.00-52.00
	13.50-14.00	Green chillies	18.00-20.00
	10.50-11.00	Ginger	28.00-32.00
(Taka per kg)		Cinnamon (10gm)	7.00-8.00
	140.00-170.00	Cardamom (10gm) (small)	3.00-5.00