

Handicraft exhibition begins today

Bangladesh Handicraft Exporters' and Manufacturers Association (Bangla craft) has organised a three-day Handicraft Exhibition '92 from today in Hotel Sheraton, says a press release.

M K Anwar, Commerce Minister will inaugurate the exhibition at 10 am.

Ctg test relief meet held

CHITTAGONG, Oct 8: The meeting of Chittagong district test relief co-ordination committee was held today at the DC auditorium with Minister for Planning A M Zahuruddin Khan in the chair, reports BSS.

Mayor of Chittagong Municipal Corporation Md M Nasir Uddin and Wahidul Alam MP, Deputy Commissioner and the concerned officials were also, among others, present in the meeting.

The submitted projects under test relief '92 were reviewed and approved and test relief circular for 1992-93 was discussed in the meeting.

The planning minister asked all concerned not to misuse the wheat sanctioned under test relief. He said, the very misuse of the said wheat was tantamount to snatch the food from the mouth of the distressed which the present democratically elected government would never tolerate.

BIBM seminar on poverty alleviation concludes

The Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM) conducted a one-day seminar on 'Poverty Alleviation Through Banking' on the October 8, in the Institute's seminar hall, says a press release.

The seminar was attended by Deputy General Manager and Assistant General Manager level executives of banks. The Business Session of the Seminar was presided over by A H M Nurul Islam Choudhuri, Director General, BIBM. M Azizul Haq, Deputy Executive President, Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd., Abdur Raquib, Project Director, Small Enterprises Development Project, M Rezaul Karim, Executive Director, BRDB, and Atiqun Nabi, Senior Regional Manager, BRAC presented a key-note paper in the seminar. There was a lively discussion on the Poverty Alleviation Through Banking.

Training on poultry begins

TANGAIL, Oct 8: A four-day long training for women on poultry farming sponsored by Society for Social Service, a non-governmental organisation began here on Wednesday, reports BSS.

A total of 34 women are taking part in the training courses.

Dr Fariduddin, a specialist has been imparting training to the participants.

Indonesia yet to approve removal of oil from Malaysian tanker

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 8: Indonesia has yet to approve the removal of oil from a ruptured tanker in the Malacca strait, as oil slicks continued to lap Malaysian beaches, a salvage firm said, Wednesday, reports AFP.

Chua Eng Boon, operations manager of Singapore's Sembawang Maritime Ltd said Jakarta had disallowed the firm to unload an estimated 28,800 tonnes of crude oil from the Nagasaki Spirit until the ship's owner accepted responsibility for polluting Indonesia's environment.

The Liebrtan-registered Nagasaki Spirit was carrying 57,000 tonnes of Arabian medium crude when it collided September 20 with a Panamanian-flagged container ship, Ocean Blessing, off Sumatra, Indonesia.

Sembawang was contracted to salvage both ships in Indonesian waters. Following the collision, oil from the Nagasaki Spirit drifted into Malaysian waters, forcing Kuala Lumpur to activate plans to contain sea pollution.

Chua said Nagasaki Inc., the registered owners of Nagasaki Spirit, had ignored reminders relayed by Sembawang through the vessel's manager, Teekay Shipping of Vancouver, Canada, that Indonesia wanted to see its representatives before approving the salvaging of the crude oil.

They (the owners) are just making the (Indonesian) authorities angry by continuing to hide away," Chua said, adding that Jakarta's patience over the issue was wearing thin.

Depressing trend in tea market continues

CHITTAGONG, Oct 8: The weekly tea sale held here Wednesday was marked by continued depressing trend as buyers were less active, market sources said Thursday, reports BSS.

There was heavy withdrawal of fannings because of Pakistani blenders absence. Prices also dropped considerably.

There was only a fair support from Pakistan bazar while the internal buyers were also subdued. Russian and Polish buyers showed slightly more interest resulting in an increased sale of these grades.

Large and bold brokeners met with more demand and generally tended dearer, but price levels ranged between Taka 38/- and Taka 41/- per kg. Small brokeners eased further by Taka one to Taka two per kg over last levels with fair withdrawals.

Fannings met with a weak market and were lower by up to Taka two to Taka three per kg over last with considerable withdrawals. Popular varieties sold between Taka 47/- and Taka 50.10 per kg.

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Prof M Shahjahan, Vice-Chancellor, BUET inaugurating a tree plantation programme at the University campus organised by Rotary Club of Dhanmondi on Wednesday.

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Workers asked to help achieve economic goal

BRAHMANBARIA, Oct 8: State Minister for Shipping Harun-ol-Rashid called upon the working classes to put in relentless efforts to achieve economic emancipation of the people, reports BSS.

He was addressing as chief guest the biennial conference of Brahmanbaria district Jatiyatobadi Samik Dal at the local town hall Wednesday, according to an official handout.

Presided over by Hezbul Bari, Convener of the district Jatiyatobadi Samik Dal, the function was addressed, among others, by Messrs Iskander Ali, Mojobur Rahman Sarwar MP and A K M Nazrul, president, organising secretary and joint secretary respectively of central committee of Jatiyatobadi Samik Dal.

Speaking on the occasion the state minister said, it was President Zia who introduced first the politics of production in Bangladesh.

He said the BNP workers were working to implement the 19-Point programmes of late President Ziaur Rahman.

Rashid urged the workers to strengthen the hands of Begum Khaleda Zia to complete the unfinished task of late Zia. He sought cooperation from all to consolidate the democracy which was established through deporting autocracy.

The state minister said, some quarters are trying to foil democracy. We should be alert regarding this, he added. He asked all nationalist forces to work unitedly to carry out the development activities.

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Shipping Intelligence

CHITTAGONG PORT

Berth position and performance of vessels as on 8.10.92

Berth No.	Name of Vessels	Cargo	L Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival	Len-ving
J/1	Artemis-1	Cement	Sting	Bright	17/8	14/10
J/11	Yao Sheng	Cement	Sting	Bright	7/10	8/10
J/12	Andrian Goncharov	Cont	Sting	CT	7/10	10/10
J/13	Impugnity	Cont	V Patm	RSL	6/10	8/10
MPB/1	Ever Cheer	Cont	Sting	BDSHP/9	10	9/10
MPB/2	Optima	Cont	Col	RSL	6/10	8/10
CCJ	Erikovann	C Clinker	Porba	SW	2/10	15/10
TSP	Three Sisters	R Phos	Aqaba	SSST	1/10	9/10
RM/4	Chopin	CDSO	S Lore	Royal	2/10	8/10
RM/6	Esso Bayonne	HSD/JP-1	Sting	MSPL	4/10	8/10
DDJ	Banglar Shourabh	C Oil	HSC	R/A	8/10	8/10
DDJ/1	Endurance Sea	Repair	Aqaba	EOSL	25/1	15/10

VESSELS DUE AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

Name of Vessels	Date of Arrival	Last Port	Local Agent	Cargo	Loading Port
Pacific Timur	8/10	V.Pata	OTL	Logs	Male
Ronald	8/10	Kara	UMAL	C Clinker	-
Johanna	9/10	N Orle	Alamin	Wheat	-
Amal	9/10	Sikka	ENCL	Cement	-
Continent-1	10/10	Mong	CLA	Bunkering	-
Banglar Kakoli	10/10	Mong	HSC	GI	-
Indian Renown	10/10	Aqaba	UMAL	C Clinker	-
Banglar Shobha	10/10	Col	HSC	GI	-
Robert-e-Lee	10/10	Cal	Karna	GI	New York
Nikoula	11/10	-	PSAL	TSP	-
Kamalverett	11/10	Sting	EBPL	GI	FE ST
Knud Jespersen	20/9/11	Sting	CT	Cont	Sting
Vishva Nandini	3/10	11/10	SSL	E/L	UK Cont
Ahler Breze	27/9	12/10	RSL	Cont	Col
Cattleya	12/10	-	Prog	GI	-
Sea Glory	12/10	-	Khansons	Cement	-
Kong Maru	12/10	-	SSL	GI	-
Fong Yun 3/10	12/10	Sting	BDSHP	Cont	Sing
Kota Buana 3/10	12/10	Sting	CTS	Cont	Sing
Safina-e-Najam	13/10	Kara	ASLL	C Clinker	-
Vishva Mamata	13/10	Mad	SSL	GI/GL	Japa
New Genrol 3/10	13/10	Sting	BDSHP	Cont	Sing
Al Salma	13/10	Hong	ASLL	GI	-
Shenton 27/9	14/10	Sting	OMNI	Cont	Sing
Ilyambrenko 5/10	14/10	-	CT	Cont	Sing
Olga-1	15/10	-	USTC	Cement	-
Safar	15/10	-	ASLL	GI/GL	Cal
Chandidas 12/9	15/10	-	SSL	E/L	UK Cont
Banglar Urmi	17/10	Col	HSC	GI/GL	UK Cont
NGS Express 5/10	17/10	Sting	BDSHP	Cont	Sing
Fong Shin 7/10	17/10	Sing	BDSHP	Cont	Sing
Ilyeverett	18/10	-	EBPL	GI	-
Malloeverett	18/10	Cal	EBPL	GI	-
Thalia	19/10	-	Alamin	Wheat	-
Ranger	20/10	-	Lutful	Softwood	-
Gold Asia	21/10	-	AML	GI	-

TANKER DUE

Avon	10/10	Col	CT	Palm Oil
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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
Kasbec	C Oil	Rast	DSLL	29/9
Banglar Jyoti	C Oil	-	HSC	R/A 7/10

VESSELS AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

Bakri Navigator	C Soda	Rab	ENCL	8/10
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VESSELS NOT READY

Shong Chon Gang	Cement	Nampo	Sunshine	25/9
S E Halder	GI	Kara	ASL	R/A 20/9/92

VESSELS NOT ENTERING

Jong Pyong	Scraping	Mong	OSA	23/9
Meheddnti	Col	BEL	R/A	29/9
Kyrikos-E	Scraping	Tema	OTL	29/9
Mistral	Scraping	P Said	OTL	1/10
Avon Delta	Scraping	Aqaba	R/A	1/10
Ronday Choimie	Cement	Sting	PSAL	4/10
Northern Dancer	Scraping	Darus	Unimarine	6/10
Caracas Explorer	Sting	Alamin	R/A	16/10
T T Legacy	Scraping	Pua	MSPL	7/10

MOVEMENT OF VESSELS FOR 9/10/92 & 10/10/92

OUTGOING	INCOMING	
MPB/1	Ever Cheer	J/3P Timur
TSP	Three Sister	
RM/4	B Navigator	
10/10		
J/12	A Goncharov	J/5 Amal

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

Price Index

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Essentials	Khasari	15.00-16.00
RICE (Taka per kg)	Green Coconut (Small)	5.00-5.00
Amazir(fine)	Coconut (Large)	8.00-10.00
16.00-17.50		
Pujon		
13.00-13.75		
VEGETABLES (Taka per kg)	Pineapple	12.00-15.00
11.00-12.80	Banana : (4 pieces)	3.50-4.00
Potato (local)	Sugar (Large)	12.00-15.00
6.00-10.00	Chappa	3.50-4.00
Brinjal		
10.00-12.00		
Karolla	Dates	(Taka per litre)
Lalabai	4.00-6.00	NA
Pappa	4.00-5.00	NA
Green Banana (Four Pieces)	4.00-6.00	NA
OTHER FOODGRAN (Taka per kg)	Mustard	52.00-54.00
Flour	Soyabean	38.00-39.00
13.50-14.50	Coconut (Colombo)	90.00-100.00
Atto	Vegetable Ghee (1kg)	48.00-52.00
11.00-11.50	SPICES (Taka per kg)	
FISH (Taka per kg)	Onion (local)	10.00-10.50
Rubi(big)	Garlic (local)	24.00-30.00
160.00-170.00	Chillies (local)	25.00-35.00
Katib(big)	Turnerie(Local)	48.00-52.00
90.00-100.00	Green chillies	15.00-20.00
Hibba	Ginger	22.00-24.00
48.00-54.00	Cinnamon (10gm)	7.00-8.00
Pungo	Cardamom (10gm)(small)	10.00-11.00
120.00-130.00	Jhira (50 gms)	20.00-24.00
Shimp(big)	MILK (Two litre)	
90.00-100.00	Dink	323.00-324.00
Sing	Red-Cow	320.00-321.00
110.00-120.00	MISCELLANEOUS (Taka per kg)	
MEAT	Ghee	220.00-240.00
Beef	Salt	7.50-8.00
NA	Sugar	31.00-32.00
Mutton		
NA		
CHICKEN		
Large		
64.00-66.00		
Medium		
68.00-70.00		
Small		
72.00-74.00		
TEA		
Dust (Plain)		
80.00-90.00		
EGG (4 pcs)		
12.00-12.50		
Duck		
12.50-13.00		
Firm		
12.50-13.00		
PULSES (Taka per kg)		
Mushor	Gold (Guinea)	6200.00
29.00-30.00	Silver	200.00
Mingh		
34.00-35.00		
Chhola		
22.00-24.00		

Source: Department of Agriculture marketing

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 October 9 and 10. (Fig