

# Rubber plantation projects require proper govt attention

From Our Correspondent

BANDARBAN, Oct 14: The rubber plantation projects failed to make desired contribution to the national economy as required loom and other government facilities were not extended.

The irregularities in disbursement of bank loans, absence of government patronage have been leading the rubber planters to the deepest uncertainty, speakers at a meeting held recently in the premises of rubber garden at Fashiakhali under Ali Kader thana, said. The meeting was arranged by the Bangladesh Rubber Plantation Association (BRPA).

Only 1300 tons of rubber produced in the country an-

nually from the government raised and private arranged plantations where as the annual requirement of rubber in the country is 15,600 metric tonnes, the speakers said at the meeting, chaired by Chairman of BRPA, Tafazzal Hussein Manik.

800 rubber plantations raised on 20,000 acres of denuded forest land covering 25 acres per plantation, raising of which were started from 1982 mainly in Bandarban, Cox's Bazar and Chittagong district, have been facing multifarious problems, the meeting observed.

Chief guest of the meeting, Dr A T M Shamsul Huda,

Managing Director of Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB) told in his speech that a threadbare report should immediately be prepared on the problems and obstacles being faced, as well as the financial loss incurred by the planters on denuded hills of the hill tracts region to sort out these?

Dr Huda said, "We can invest the amount for development, we pay in the shape of foreign currency for export, if the existing rubber plantations can fulfill our demands."

The Managing Director of BKB said, "though there is no provisions to exempt the bank loan in the existing rules, the BKB has been extending

maximum assistance and co-operation to the entrepreneurs in the greater national interest. The chief guest expressed his regret knowing that the entrepreneurs are not getting any loan for the last one year and a half in the rubber plantation sectors.

The BRPA informed the chief guest that the continued atrocities carried out by the tribal insurgents, the devastating cyclone of April '91 and very difficult access in the inaccessible hill due to poor road communication, the development and maintenance of the rubber gardens are being disturbed. BRPA sought all around co-operation from BKB.

# Manufacturers urged to maintain good's quality

The 23rd World Standards Day was observed in Bangladesh as elsewhere in the world Wednesday. "International standards are keys to open market" was the slogan of the day this year, reports UNB.

To mark the occasion, Bangladesh Standard Testing Institution (BSTI) arranged a seminar at its Tejgaon head office this morning.

BSTI should enhance its role in upgrading the standard and quality of production through constant monitoring and vigilance.

He also called upon the institution authorities to protect the interest of the consumers by raising their consciousness about the standard products.

BSTI Director General Fakhr Azam Saleheen presided over the seminar, attended by representatives of different manufacturing associations.

Saleheen appreciated standard of several local items, including cement and single phase electric meter. But he emphasised on improvement of quality of most of the exportables to penetrate in the international export markets.

A message from the President of ISO (International Organisation for Standardization) and from the President of IEC (International Electrotechnical Commission) was read out at the seminar.

He cautioned that Bangladesh manufacturers will only survive in today's highly competitive global market as well as in the domestic market if they can match their products with those of international standard.

Rahman suggested that

# Dhaka Stock Prices

At the close of trading on October 14, 1992

## Star Economic Report Poor performance continues

Business continued to fall at Dhaka Stock Exchange on Wednesday. With no sign of improvement the turnovers further moved to the negative side.

Value fell by 35.4 per cent from Taka 1093913.00 to Taka 706617.00. Volume, in the same manner, lost by 15.87 per cent from Tuesday's 12499 to 10515.

Stocks trading on the floor also fell from Tuesday's 38 to 32. Losers lead the floor by 15 to seven. Ten shares traded at their previous rates.

The DSE Index further lost 0.133 points from Tuesday's 356.0006 to 355.8676.

## DAY'S TRADING AT A GLANCE

DSE All Share Price Index	355.8676
Market Capitalization Tk	10,173,198,351.00
Turnover in Volume	10515
Turnover in Value Tk	706617.00

Company	FV/ML	Previous price	Closing price	Change (absolute)	Change (%) over
		Tk	Tk	Tk	price

**Gains(07)**

Shares:

Al Baraka Bank	1000/1	860.00	900.00	40.00	4.651
6th ICB M Fund	100/10	62.89	62.47	0.22	0.350
Eastern Cables	100/5	77.86	77.95	0.09	0.115
NTC	100/5	253.00	255.00	2.00	0.790
Dulamia Cotton	100/10	83.00	86.00	3.00	3.614
Bata Shoe	10/100	38.76	39.00	0.24	0.619
Savar Refractories	100/5	94.00	95.00	1.00	1.063

**Losses (15)**

Shares:

3rd ICB M Fund	100/5	143.00	141.00	2.00	1.398
BGC	100/10	144.41	144.00	0.41	0.283
B. That Aluminium	100/10	81.80	81.00	0.80	0.977
Howlader PVC	100/10	92.61	91.05	1.56	1.684
Karim Pipe	100/5	107.65	107.00	0.65	0.603
Quasem Drycells	10/50	10.03	10.00	0.03	0.299
Alpha Tobacco	10/50	46.00	40.00	6.00	13.043
Bengal Food	100/5	137.24	135.94	1.30	0.947
Zeal Bangla Sugar	10/50	10.36	10.00	0.36	3.474
National Oxygen	100/10	106.00	105.75	0.25	2.122
Eagle Star Tex	10/50	24.06	23.25	0.81	3.366
Kohinoor Chemical	100/5	85.31	84.26	1.05	1.230
Bestmix	10/100	14.87	14.36	0.51	3.429
G Q Ball Pen	10/50	84.06	84.00	0.06	0.071
Monno Ceramic	100/5	249.80	248.50	1.30	0.520

**Traded at previous rates (10)**

Shares: Islami Bank, Bangladesh Autocars, National Tubes, Singer Bangladesh, Dhaka Vegetables, Tallu Spinning, The Ibsina, Wata Chemical, Milon Tannery, Usmania Glass.

## DSE SHARES AND DEBENTURES

Company	FV/ML Tk	Specialised Jute	10/50	NT
Shine Pakur Jute	100/5	96.00		
Sonali Garsh	100/5	100.00		

**BANKS (10)**

Al Baraka Bank	1000/1	900.00		
AB Bank	100/5	182.00		
City Bank	100/5	285.00		
I.F.C	100/5	155.00		
Islami Bank	1000/1	1500.00		
National Bank	100/5	102.00		
Rupali Bank	100/5	100.00		
Rupali Bank	100/10	77.00		
U.C.B.L	100/5	121.00		
Utara Bank	100/5	120.00		

**TEXTILE (20)**

Alhaj Textile	10/50	NT
Arbee Textile	100/10	112.00
Ashraf Textile	10/50	34.30
Chand Textile	10/50	NT
Chand Spinning	10/50	NT
Desh Garments	100/10	54.00
Dulamia Cotton	100/10	86.00
Eagle Star Textile	10/50	23.25
GMG Ind. Corp	10/50	10.00
Modern Dyeing	100/5	40.00
Padma Textile	100/20	180.00
Quasem Silk	10/100	5.00
Quasem Textile	10/50	5.50
Rahim Textile	100/5	63.00
Saltham Textiles	100/10	82.00
S.T.M. (ORD)	100/5	50.00
Stylecraft	100/5	106.00
Tanu Textile	100/5	20.00
Tallu Spinning	100/10	135.00
Tamujuddin	100/10	193.00

# Tk 1.21 cr for construction of seed store

MAJURA, Oct 14: The government sanctioned an amount of Taka one crore 21 lakh 23 thousand for construction of 16 seed store cum block supervisor's offices in six districts of Khulna Division during the current fiscal year, reports UNB.

According to an official source, Taka 28,76,000 out of total amount has been sanctioned for construction of four union seed store cum block supervisor's office in the Magura district.

An amount of Taka 21,24,000 has been sanctioned for three seed store and block supervisor's offices in Chudanga, Taka 7 lakh 17 thousand for one seed store in Meherpur, about Taka 35 lakh for four seed stores cum block supervisor's offices in Kushtia and Jhenaidah and the rest for the construction of four seed stores in Jessore.

The construction work will begin in November and would be completed by March next year.

# Faridpur Sugar Mills to start crushing Oct 23

FARIDPUR, Oct 14: Faridpur Sugar Mills will start its crushing programme 92-93 from October 23 with a target of 14,280 metric tons of sugar production, reports UNB.

Official sources said the mills is expected to crush 1,70,000 metric tons of sugarcane within 155 days with a target of 8.4 per cent of recovery.

The authorities went on crushing at least two weeks earlier as the condition of sugarcane in the current season was reported well.

When contacted the General Manager of the Mills told UNB that authorities disbursed loan Taka 2.85 crore among 14,000 farmers to cultivate cane on about 13,770 acres of land during the last season.

He said the entire stock of sugar amounting about 14,747 metric tons that produced in the last season had already been sold out by June 1992.

# Minister unhappy over condition of irrigation project

A meeting on the rehabilitation and approach for supply of gravitation system in the Barisal irrigation project held in Dhaka at the Conference Hall of Irrigation Ministry Wednesday, reports BSS.

State Minister for Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control Mosharraf Hossain Shahjahan presided over the meeting.

President Biswas said, along with national level activities international cooperation and coordination would help reduce the loss of natural calamities. He said assistance and cooperation among the natural calamities prone countries of the world would also help solve these problems.

The President said that public awareness should be created for spontaneous involvement of the people in disaster preparedness programmes to reduce the loss incurred by any natural calamity.

The President was speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural ceremony of the 1992 International day for natural disaster reduction held at the Osmani Memorial Hall in Dhaka.

Organised by the Relief Ministry the function was also addressed by State Minister for Relief Lutfor Rahman Khan, UNDP Resident Representative Charles H. Larimont, Relief Secretary M A Hakim and Joint Secretary A Z M Hossain Khan.

# Success story of a dairy farm

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, Oct 13: 'Mother Dairy Farm' at Dakatia, five kilometres away from Jessore town, presents a steady record of progress. Established in 1990, with four milch-cows, now it stands to twenty-three within a short span of only two years. Its daily milk production is one hundred forty litres at average rate of eighteen to twenty-one kilograms per cow. Entire production is sold in polythene bags each containing one litre with stamp 'Mother Dairy Farm', imposed on it.

There are seven employees, working on handsome pay-roll. Now three of them are engaged in milk marketing. They go on cycling and reach bags to valued consumers in the town.

Monthly sale-proceeds out of milk marketing, is Taka sixty thousand. Cost of fodder,

salary bills and other expenses is Taka forty thousand. The monthly profit is Taka twenty thousand.

Number of calf cows is on increase to thirteen now. All the cows are of higher breed comprising the Frezian, Jersey and Shahiwan Jersey. The farm is situated on six acres of land. One acre has been separated by building boundary wall where the cows kept at night. Napier grass is cultivated on another two acres for fodder. Rest is preserved for use as grazing field.

It is a private enterprise, owned by young Mizanur Rahman Babu of the village. He told The Daily Star, in reply to question what make him interested to take up this business that availability of pure milk cow was scarce and children were being hard-hit. His object was to meet the required demand.

He however said that so far he did not seek help of any funding agency. It was his own investment. His further programme now requires much money for development and he is looking for some source to get over.

He plans to collect a total of three hundred cows to raise it to a bigger establishment and cover the total demand of the town. At present, his production covers only eight per cent.

Mizanur Rahman, complained that despite clear order from Head office of Rural Electrification Board, the local office is creating bottlenecks to give connection of electricity to his farm. This problem has marred uniform development of his farm, he said.

He also acknowledged that local district Livestock office only supply vaccines not medicines. They have to get it from the markets.



A scene of Mother Dairy Farm at Dakatia, 5 km off Jessore town. — Star photo

# Ship-handling declines at Chittagong Port

CHITTAGONG, Oct 14: Ship-handling at the country's major Port in Chittagong marks a downward trend as less number of foreign vessels have been calling here since the later part of September this year, port sources said.

When contacted the port officials concerned attributed the decline in number of foreign ships' arrival at Chittagong Port to the less importation of general cargo and food grains.

According to port sources, on an average six to a eight ships were handled daily for

the past few weeks here down from 14 to 16 ships earlier weeks.

The downward trend was observed since the later part of last month that still continued, said a port traffic official, adding that one week before most of the jetties out of 17, were a vacant look due to non-availability of ships.

But such a trend was not marked even in the corresponding period of last year while rather there was berthing congestion at Chittagong Port, the port officials added.

Meanwhile, turn round of vessels at Chittagong Port almost eased with the commission of multi-purpose berth here and most of the import and export goods being container cargoes, port sources said.

In the fiscal 91-92 the turn round of vessels at Chittagong Port recorded at 5.32 days against 6.83 days in the fiscal 90-91, the sources said.

However, in the fiscal 91-92 Chittagong Port handled a total of 1168 ships including 165 lighter vessels.

# Help reduce losses thru' early signals

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He said that establishment of a separate directorate could be considered for overall coordination of the activities of government and non-government organisations in managing the natural calamities.

He said, increase in frequency and intensity of natural calamities had co-relation with the loss of environmental balance and emphasised the need for extensive tree plantation and afforestation programmes to prevent deterioration of environment.

Referring to the courage and struggling inspiration with which the people were facing the natural calamities he said this inspiration should be utilised in developing realistic disaster resistance programmes.

government capabilities through the disaster co-ordination and monitoring unit.

Referring to the declaration of United Nations the current decade as the decade of reduction of natural calamities he said by the year 2000 all countries were expected to develop their own capabilities for early warning, rescue and relief preparedness measures.

The UNDP Representative Larimont said UNDP was actively involved in many disaster management programmes and was helping in strengthening

# Shipping Intelligence

## CHITTAGONG PORT

Berth position and performance of vessels as on : 14.10.92.

Berth No	Name of vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local agent	Date of arrival	Leaving
J/1	Artemis-1	Cement	Bright	R/A	17/10	
J/2	Pacific Timur	Logs	V Pata	OTL	08/10	16/10
J/3	Kamaleverett	GI	Sing	EBPL	11/10	17/10
J/4	Banglar Nakoli	GI	Mong	ISC	13/10	21/10
J/5	Vishva Nandini	GI	Mong	SSL	12/10	14/10
J/6	Shong Chon Gang	Cement	Nampo	Sushahne	25/09	20/10
MPB/1	*Knud Jespersen	Cont	Sing	CT	11/10	14/10
MPB/2	*Kota Buana	Cont	Sing	CTS	12/10	14/10
CGJ	*Erikswann	C.Clink	Porba	SW	02/10	17/10
RM/4	*Indian Renown	C.Clink	Col	UMAL	10/10	20/10
RM/6	Amal	Cement	Bomb	ENCL	08/10	17/10
DDJ	Banglar Shourabh	C Oil	ISC	R/A	11/10	
DDJ/1	Endurance Sea	Repair	Aqaba	EOSL	25/1	25/10
RM/8	Komsomolts	Adzhari Cement	Aqaba	PSAL	25/9	17/10
RM/9	Banglar Asha	Repair	ISC	R/A	25/10	

## VESSELS DUE AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

Name of vessels	Date of arrival	Last port	Local agent	Cargo	Loading port
Belgorod Dnestrovsky	16/10	Mong	CT	Scrapping	
Vishva Mamta	20/10	Mad	SSL	CI/GL	Japa
L Yamburenko	15/10	Sing	CT	Cont	Sing
Banglar Shobha	16/10	Hald	ISC	GI	
Olga-1	18/10	-	USTC	Cement	
Sea-Hyl	17/10	-	H&H	Cement	
Sahina & Najam	16/10	Kata	ASL	C.Clink	
Kiso Maru	16/10	Mad	SSL	GI	
Royal City	15/10	Sing	Anchor	-	
Banglar Urmi	17/10	Col	ISC	-	UK Cont
NGS Express	17/10	Sing	BDSShip	Cont	Sing
Fong Shin	17/10	Sing	BDSShip	Cont	Sing
Optama	17/10	-	RSL	Cont	Sing
Safar	18/10	Pena	ASL	GI/GL	Cal
Inyeverett	21/10	-	EBPL	GI	
Symplea	18/10	Dumam	Dynamic	Wheat	
Sea Glory	20/10	-	Khansons	Cement	
Ranger	20/10	-	Lufbal	Softwood	Puff
Ingenuty	20/10	Sing	RSL	Cont	Sing
Hafez	20/10	-	SSL	Cont	
Janbe-1	20/10	-	MMI	Cont	
Thalia	21/10	-	Alamin	-	B Abba
Gold Asia	21/10	-	AML	GI	Mong
Qing He Cheng	22/10	S Hal	BDSShip	GI	Chines
Ever Cheer	22/10	Sing	BDSShip	Cont	Sing
Andrian Goncharov	22/10	-	CT	Cont	Sing
Malloweverett	23/10	Col	EBPL	GI	
Weaver Star	25/10	Sing	BDSShip	Cont	Hald
NGS Ranger	25/10	Sing	BDSShip	Cont	Sing
Eastern Pearl	25/10	-	BBA	GI	

## TANKER DUE

Ayon	14/10	Col	CT	Palm Oil
Esso Melbourne	14/10	Sing	MSDL	HSD

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