

Call money rate ranges from 8.50 to 10.50 pc

Money rates in the call money market during the week ended October 14 ranged from 8.50 percent to 10.50 percent, a Bangladesh Bank Press release said in Dhaka on Saturday, reports BSS.

During the same week interest rates offered by the bank on certificate of deposits varied from 7.00 per cent to 14.00 percent. The bank rate, however, remained unchanged at 8.50 per cent, the Press release added.

Middlemen deprive jute growers of fair price

SHERPUR, Oct 17: Jute growers in the district have complained that the price of jute was very low because of glut and market manipulation by middlemen, reports UNB.

Farmers said the markets of the district were flooded with jute but buyers were few and far between. There is no purchase centre in the area.

A mound of jute is being sold between Taka 250 and 280 and mesta between Taka 150 and 200 per maund.

The farmers urged the concerned authority to open a purchasing centre in the district.

Fish processing centre needed

HABIGANJ, Oct 17: A huge quantity of fish are rotten in the district for want of a fish processing centre and cold storage, reports UNB.

Official sources said there are 470 beels, 37 haors and 15,218 ponds in the district from where 27,498 tons of fish are produced every year.

Unofficial sources said fishermen from different places catch huge quantity of fish but they cannot sell in time due to lack of buyers nor they can store fish and wait for a favourable market.

A fish processing centre is needed in the district for better marketing of fish in the country, local leaders said.

37 BSB units begin production

A total of 37 industrial units have gone into production which have been financed by Bangladesh Shipha Bank (BSB) during last two financial years, says a press release.

Total investment of these projects is about Taka 78.27 crore. Out of the total, Shilpa Bank invested Taka 42 crore including foreign currency equivalent to Taka 28.13 crore.

About 3,000 people have been employed in these projects. The Shilpa Bank has financed 24 new units and rehabilitated 13 old projects.

Lawmakers urge Bush to change sugar provisions in NAFTA accord

WASHINGTON, Oct 17: Thirty US senators and 85 representatives signed letters to top Bush administration officials urging them to change sugar provisions in the proposed North American Free Trade Agreement, reports Reuter.

In letters to US trade representative Carl Hills and Agriculture Secretary Edwrad Madigan, lawmakers said NAFTA could ruin the US sugar industry by allowing Mexico virtually unlimited access to the US market after six years.

The lawmakers said the United States must push three changes. Without the changes, the senators' letter said, senate approval of the pact could be jeopardised.

Coordinated plan needed to fight hunger, poverty

Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz on Saturday said hunger and poverty are the enemies of humanity and national, regional and international support and coordinated programme were needed to fight out the two enemies, reports BSS.

He was addressing as the chief guest at the inaugural session of the day-long function on Saturday morning at BARC auditorium in observance of the World Food Day. Food Minister M Shamsul Islam, Agriculture Secretary ANM Yusuf and Assistant FAO Representative SS Rekhil also spoke.

Hafiz said Bangladesh was looking forward to near self-

sufficiency in food with a bounty of bumper production of about 19.5 million metric tons this year.

Despite hurdles in the irrigation system farmers have worked hard to produce bumper crop in the larger parts of the country, he added.

Hafiz said the present government had initiated massive development programmes in agricultural sector for attaining self-sufficiency in foodgrain production.

He said the government had been providing adequate support in the form of equitable distribution of agricultural inputs and supply of high-yielded varieties of seeds, pesticides and irrigation equipment to the farmers.

The farmers, he said had

developed confidence in the present government which had refixed higher procurement prices of rice and wheat.

Economists have forecast a record a bumper production this year, he added.

The Law Minister said the concern of FAO for providing food security and for eradication of malnutrition from the poor countries like Bangladesh is praiseworthy.

Food Minister Shamsul Islam said 'food and nutrition' the main theme of World Food Day, came to us with the identical call of 'dal-bhat' theory of Prime Minister Begum Zia.

He said the present government had taken necessary steps to meet the country's total requirements of nutrition.



POTTERY INDUSTRY: Potters now-a-days are found making beautiful earthen pots of various kinds and designs. They have changed model of working which is bringing them higher earnings. —Star photo

Recovery of Turkish economy hinges on '93 budget

ANKARA, Oct 17: Turkey, struggling to reach key economic targets this year, hopes the 1993 budget will help get its inflation-hit economy back on an even keel, reports Reuter.

Finance minister Summer Oral reveal the details of the draft budget on Saturday.

Officials say the 397.7 trillion lira budget envisages a deficit of some 70 trillion lira. Turkey had set the 1992 deficit target at 32 trillion lira. But the budget of 208 trillion lira produced a deficit of 25.5 trillion lira in the first eight months.

Economists fear that the

deficit could exceed 40 trillion lira this year.

Earlier this week Prime Minister Suleyman Demirel said the 1993 budget would aim to re-establish 'economic balances' which he says were upset during 1983-1991 rule of the motherland party, founded by President Turgut Ozal.

Demirel's conservative-social democrat coalition government came to power in November, pledging to revive the stagnant economy and lower inflation to 42 per cent by end-1992.

Consumer price inflation

rose by 43.2 per cent under Demirel in the first nine months of this year. Annual inflation ran at 67.7 per cent in September, compared to 66.9 per cent in the same 1991 month.

Officials say the draft budget targets a 47 per cent inflation rate in 1993, although Demirel has recently pledged to bring it down to 42 per cent by end-March.

The government is likely to ease its grip on the loss making state concerns, allowing them to raise their prices freely to relieve their burden on the economy, economists say.

Nursery development plan taken up in Satkhira

SATKHIRA, Oct 17: Local Government Engineering Bureau (LGEB), Satkhira has taken up an extensive programme for the development of nurseries for the district.

According to the LGEB, source, about 24 nurseries have been brought under the programme with a view to helping afforestation plans.

Kamrul Islam Siddique, Chief Engineer LGEB recently visited all the nurseries and asked to set up such more nurseries.

The executive and thana engineers of other districts have also visited the nurseries in Satkhira to have proper idea and guidance of the nurseries.

Advisor, Palliunyan Prokapa-7 also visited the nurseries under LGEB and ex-

pressed satisfaction over the work of the LGEB. According to him, an extensive programme will be taken up under the Palli Unnayan Prokapa for the development of such nurseries in the country.

Kamoyana, Assistant Representative, UNDP and Bellison Chief Advisor Technical Engineering Bureau under ILO also visited the nurseries under Kalaroa thana LGEB and expressed satisfaction to set the nurseries.

They also thanked the local authorities for establishing the nurseries which they termed as model of the country and assured all possible help from their respective organisations to promote the nurseries through out the country.

Hong Kong may go alone on new airport project

HONG KONG, Oct 17: Fresh hints that Hong Kong may go alone on the territory's 21 billion US dollar airport project were made Thursday after China again rejected funding proposals for it, reports AFP.

After a three-hour meeting here yesterday of the Sino-British joint liaison group airport committee, British team leader Tony Gaisworthy said the Hong Kong government would need to 'make a decision' if no agreement was reached by late November.

'The main deadline for us now is the tender expiry date for the airport platform which is the end of November. The Hong Kong government will have to take a decision on how to manage that,' he said.

Less paid women perform double duty

Wage and workplace equality for women still remains elusive in developing as well as developed countries, according to the UN's International Labour Organisation (ILO), reports UNB.

Women's wages continue to lag behind those for men doing comparable work in industrialized countries and the gap is even larger in developing countries, said the ILO's 1992 World Labour Report released last month. The report was available in Dhaka on Friday.

The primary justification given for workplace inequality, said the report, is that women are seen as responsible for the 'social reproduction of the family' which includes child rearing, preparing food and keeping the house.

These responsibilities either cut into a woman's opportunity for outside work, or — more often — are performed in addition to outside work, creating a 'double burden', the report observed.

work many more hours per day than men when family responsibilities are included.

Smaller families and labour saving technologies allow women in industrialized countries to spend less time on housework. However, there is still an enormous 'double burden' in developing countries where few time-saving technologies are available.

The report suggested that this issue of family responsibility must be addressed by central and local government, employers, trade unions, workers and community groups.

According to official statistics, women currently make up 31 per cent of the formal labour force in developing countries. But, the ILO report said, many women actually work in the informal sector unseen by many collectors of statistics.

During difficult economic times in the industrialized world and also during the economic restructuring in former communist countries, women

are entering the informal labour force to maintain living standards when men lose their jobs, according to the report.

In industrialized countries, the number of women entrepreneurs is growing, the report pointed out noting that two-thirds of new businesses in Canada are started by women.

In addition, women now enter professions other than traditionally female fields, largely due to legislative changes in some of these countries that have expanded women's opportunities for careers, for example, in the armed forces and in the police.

Nearly 75 per cent of women who work in industrialized countries are in the service sector, 15 to 20 per cent in industry, and five per cent in agriculture, the report said. 'At the same time, the share of women among managerial and administrative workers has been rising faster than their share in total employment, particularly in the

United States, Canada and Sweden.'

'It is within the power of policy-makers everywhere to make a departure from the past and intensify efforts to advance women in the economic sphere,' remarked ILO's Director General Michel Hansenne in a statement accompanying the labour report.

Hansenne said lack of physical strength and a difference in psychological make-up are common reasons given for women's lower working status in both industrialized and developing countries.

Women also enter the work force later than men, have less training, begin with lower status jobs and have less education, especially in less developed countries, he observed.

The ILO report cautioned that unless there are more efforts worldwide the female share of the global working population is projected to decrease from 36.5 per cent in 1985 to 35.5 per cent by the end of this century.

Shipping Intelligence

CHITTAGONG PORT

Berth position and performance of vessels as on

Berth	Name of vessels	Cargo	Local agent	Local agent	Date of arrival	Low
J/1	Safina-E-Najam	C Clink/GI	Mong	ASLL	15/10	30/10
J/2	Al Selma	GI	Hong	ASLL	13/10	25/10
J/3	Pacific Timur	Logs	V Pata	OTL	8/10	11/10
J/4	Kamaleverett	Stng	EBPL	EBPL	11/10	19/10
J/5	Samudra Samrat	GI	Pena	SSL	13/10	22/10
J/6	Cattleya	GI	Hong	Prog	14/10	18/10
J/7	Banglar Kakoli	GI	Mong	BSC	13/10	23/10
J/9	Erikavann	C Clink	Forba	SW	2/10	20/10
J/11	Shong Chon	Cement	Nampo	Sunhine	25/9	20/10
J/12	I Yamburenko	Cont	Sing	CT	15/10	18/10
MPB/1	Fong Yun	Cong.	Sing	BDSHP	13/10	17/10
CCJ	Indian Renown	C Clink	Col	UMAL	10/10	24/10
RM/4	Artemis-1	Cement	Bright	R/A	19/10	17/10
RM/5	Eso Melbourne	HSD	Sing	MSPFL	14/10	17/10
RM/6	Amal	Cement	Bomb	ENCL	8/10	20/10
DOJ	Banglar Shourabh	Repair	BEC	R/A	20/10	20/10
DDJ/1	Endurance Sea	Repair	Aqaba	EOSL	25/1	25/10
RM/8	Komsomolets	Cement	Aqaba	PSAL	25/9	19/10
ADZ	Adzhari	Cement	Aqaba	BSC	R/A	20/10
RM/9	Banglar Asha	Repair	BEC	R/A	20/10	20/10

VESSELS DUE AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

Name of vessels	Date of arrival	Last port call	Local agent	Cargo	Local agent	Loading
Fong Shih	17/10	Sing	BDSHP	Cont	Sing	Sing
Optima	17/10	Sing	RSL	Cont	Sing	Sing
Al Reza	17/10	Padra	KSL	Ballast	—	—
Sea Destiny	18/10	Padra	AML	Cement	—	—
Banglar Shobha	19/10	Hald	BSC	GI	—	—
Safar	19/10	Pena	ASLL	GI/GL	Cal	—
Symplea	20/10	Damam	Dynamic	Wheat	—	—
Vishva Mamata	20/10	Mad	SSL	GI/GL	Japa	—
Sea Glory	20/10	—	Khansons	Cement	—	—
Ingunuity	20/10	Sing	RSL	Cont	Sing	Sing
Banglar Urmi	21/10	Col	BSC	GI/GL	UK Cont	—
Sea Royal	21/10	—	H&H	Cement	—	—
Thalia	21/10	Luss	Alamin	Wheat	—	—
Qing He Cheng	21/10	S Hai	BDSHP	GI	C Ports	—
Janbaz-1	22/10	—	MMI	GI	Abbas	—
Iyveverett	22/10	—	EBPL	GI	—	—
Andrian	22/10	—	CT	Cont	Sing	—
Goncharov	22/10	—	USTC	Cement	—	—
Olga-1	23/10	—	AML	GI	Mom Mapu	—
Gold Asia	23/10	—	AML	GI	Mom Mapu	—
Ranger	23/10	—	Lutfal	Softwood	—	—
Mallowverett	23/10	Cal	EBPL	GI	—	—
Eastern Mars	23/10	—	Prog	GI	—	—
Kota Bhuana	23/10	Sing	CTS	Cont	Sing	—
Ronald	24/10	Mad	SSL	GI	—	—
Ihafz	24/10	—	SSL	—	—	—
Weser Star	25/10	Sing	BDSHP	Cont	Hald	—
NGS Ranger	25/10	Sing	BDSHP	Cont	Sing	—
Belgorod	25/10	—	CT	Scrapping	—	—
Dnestrovsky	19/10	—	CT	Scrapping	—	—
Ahler Breeze	27/10	Colm	RSL	Cont	Col	—

TANKER DUE:

Papua	20/10	Sing	ECSL	IISD
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VESSELS AT KUTUBDIA

T T Energy	C Oil	Col	NNL	27/4
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VESSELS NOT READY

SE Haider	GI	Kara	ASLL	R/A(20/9)
Johanna-K	Wheat	N Orle	Alamin	9/10
Nikoula	TSP	Tamp	PSAL	12/10
Ronald	C Clink	Col	UMAL	8/10
NGS Express(Cont)	Cont	Sing	BDSHP	17/10

VESSELS AWAITING INSTRUCTION

Banglar Jyoti	—	—	BSC	R/A(11/10)
Tug Royal City	—	Sing	Anchor	15/10

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

Price Index

Essentials	Price	Essentials	Price
RKE Amanifine	(Taka per kg) 16.00-17.50	Pineapple	12.00-15.00
Pawm	13.00-13.75	Banana	(4 pieces) 12.00-15.00
VEGETABLES	(Taka per kg) 11.00-12.00	Sagar (Large)	3.50-4.00
Potato (local)	8.00-12.00	Channa	(Taka per kg) NA
Branjal	10.00-12.00	Dates	53.00-55.00
Karofila	10.00-12.00	Mustard	38.00-39.00
Lalshak	4.00-6.00	Soyabean	90.00-100.00
Papya	5.00-7.00	Cocunut (Colombo)	48.00-52.00
Green Banana (Four Pieces)	4.00-6.00	Vegetable Ghee (1kg)	10.00-10.50
ONION/ROCKRAN	(Taka per kg) 13.50-14.00	Onion (local)	26.00-35.00
Flour	11.00-11.50	Garlic (local)	25.00-35.00
Alta	11.00-11.50	Chillies (local)	48.00-52.00
FISH	(Taka per kg) 16.00-17.00	Turmeric (Local)	15.00-20.00
Kuati(big)	90.00-100.00	Green chillies	18.00-22.00
Kuati(small)	48.00-50.00	Ginger	3.00-3.50
Ilisha	110.00-120.00	Cinnamon (10gm)	10.00-11.00
Pangas	100.00-120.00	Cardamom (10gm) (small)	8.00-10.00
Shrimp(big)	90.00-100.00	Jhira (50 gm)	—
Singi	110.00-120.00		
Koi	55.00-60.00		
MEAT	85.00-90.00		
Beef	62.00-64.00		
Mutton	66.00-68.00		
CHICKEN	70.00-72.00		
Large	80.00-90.00		
Moderate	12.00-12.50		
Small	12.50-13.00		
TEA	12.50-13.00		
Dast (Plain)	29.00-30.00		
DEG	34.00-35.00		
Hag	22.00-24.00		
Duck	15.00-16.00		
Firm	—		
PULSES	—		
Mashur	—		
Moogh	—		
Chholia	—		
Kharuri	—		
FRUITS	—		
Green Coconut (Small)	(One piece) 5.00-6.00	Gold (Guinea)	6200.00
Coconut (Large)	(One piece) 8.00-10.00	Silver	200.00