

Tk 170 cr rural uplift project taken up for implementation

RAJSHAHI, Oct 23: The second phase of the North-West Rural Development Project will be taken up for implementation on next January at a cost about Tk 170 crore, official sources here said, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Rural Development Board will implement the project and Asian Development Bank will give the monetary assistance.

The works will include extension and strengthening of the cooperative societies of BRDB, training programmes of the wealthless and unemployed distressed people for self-employment, disbursement of loans and so on.

A plan has already been undertaken to set up a centre at Rajshahi for supervision of the second phase work.

The project will be extended to 97 thanas of 16 districts of the western and southern regions of the country. The districts are Rajshahi, Natore, Naogaon, Nawabganj, Pabna, Sirajganj, Kushtia, Chuadanga, Meherpur, Jessore, Magura, Jhenidha, Narail, Faridpur, Rajbari, Madaripur, Shariatpur and Gopalganj.

The first phase of the North-West Rural Development Project in greater Rajshahi, Pabna and Kushtia regions was completed during the last financial year.

Training course on productivity measurement ends

A six-day training course on 'productivity measurement techniques in the engineering sector' ended in the city Thursday, reports BSS.

National Productivity Organisation (NPO) of the ministry of industries organised the training course for 20 mid-level executives and trade union officials of different public and private enterprises, a NPO press release said.

The objective of the course was to acquaint the participants with productivity concept, gains, measurement techniques of productivity and its application in concerned fields.

The participants were awarded certificates at the concluding function.

Madaripur textile mills incurs Tk 23cr loss

MADARIPUR, Oct 23: Madaripur Textile Mills of Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC) has incurred loss of about Tk 23 crore in the last 13 years since its installation, reports UNB.

The textile mills was established in 1979 at a cost of taka 25 crore with the financial assistance from Romania.

But due to mismanagement, corruption, want of spare parts, scarcity of cotton, electricity problem, political unrest and frequent strike by the workers caused the heavy loss during the period, sources alleged.

Price hike of fertilizer threatens aman output

GAZIPUR, Oct 23: The price hike of chemical fertilizers in the district has posed a threat to production of transplanted aman crop, reports UNB.

At present a 50 kg bag of urea is being sold at Taka 350 as against previous price of Taka 245 while TSP and MP at Taka 450 and Taka 400 as against Taka 330 and 272 respectively.

Farmers said the fertilizers were distributed through Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation beforehand which ensured the proper distribution with fair prices.

But recently the government has withdrawn BADC's involvement in the distribution system that facilitated the dealers' monopoly market resulting the artificial crisis and price hike.

British growth may be too late, say economists

LONDON, Oct 23: Economists fear a switch by Britain towards a policy for growth may be too late to prevent the two-year recession becoming more severe, reports Reuter.

"It could take six months for them to decide on a way to proceed and to put policies in place," said economist Gwyn Hooper of Broker James Capel.

While welcoming what appeared to be a step away from the previous pre-occupation with controlling inflation, some economists suggested the new approach smacked of panic.

Women urged to work hard for economic emancipation

Minister for Agriculture, Irrigation Water Development and Flood Control M Majid-ul-Huq Friday called upon the Jatiyatabadi women workers and employees to uphold the flag of nationalist politics for the uplift of the backward womenfolk and economic emancipation of the people, reports BSS.

He was addressing as the chief guest the inaugural session of the Mahila Sramik Karmachari National Conference '92 of the Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal at BCIC auditorium in Dhaka on Friday morning.

Presided over by State Minister for Cultural Affairs and Chairperson of the Mahila Sramik Committee Jahanara Begum MP, among others spoke on the occasion, were Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khondoker Mosharraf Hossain, Sramik Dal president Ishkandar Ali and general secretary Nazrul Islam Khan, Dhaka City Sramik Dal President A K M Nazrul Islam and General Secretary Mosharraf Hossain Khan, Froza Begum and Kazi Marium Begum.

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Shipping Intelligence

CHITTAGONG PORT

Berth position and performance of vessels as on 22-10-92

Berth No	Name of Vessels	Cargo	L/Port	Local Call	Agent	Date of Arrival	Leaving
J/1	Safina-e-Najim	C Clink	N Mang	ASLL		15/10	25/10
J/2	Al Salma	GI	Hong	ASLL		13/10	25/10
J/4	Safer	GI/GL	Pena	ASLL		19/10	26/10
J/7	Banglar Kakoli	GI	Mong	ESC		23/10	24/10
J/8	Banglar Urm	GI/Rico	Col	ESC		28/10	21/10
J/9	Eriksvann	C Clink	Porba	SW		R/10	03/10
J/11	Shong Chon						
Gang	Cement	Nampo	Sun	shine		25/09	03/10
J/12	Haight	Fert	Tempa	SSST		19/10	30/10
MPB/1	Ingenuty	Cont	Sting	RSL		21/10	23/10
CCJ	Indian Renown	C Clink	Col	UMAL		10/10	25/10
TSP	Al Arza	Repair	Pada	KSL		18/10	01/11
RM/4	Artemis-1	Cement	—	Bright	R/A	25/10	
RM/5	Papua	HSD	Sting	ECSL		20/10	23/10
RM/6	Amal	Cement	Bomb	ENCL		08/10	25/10
BD	Banglar Jyoti	Repair	—	ESC	R/A	24/10	
DDJ/1	Endurance Sea	Repair	Aqaba	EOSL		25/1	26/10
RM/8	Kosomollets						
	Adzhari	Cement	Aqaba	PSAL		25/9	22/10
MM/9	Banglar Asha	Repair	—	ESC	R/A	14/10	
CUFLJ	Tug Royal City	—	Sting	Anchor		15/10	22/10

VESSELS DUE AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

Name of Vessels	Date of Arrival	Last Port	Local Call	Cargo	Loading Port
Belgorod					
Dnestrovsky	22/10	Mong	CT	Scrapping	—
Thalia	22/10	Dust	Alamin	Wheat	W/LT
Ivyverett	22/10	Sting	BFL	GI	—
Eastern Mars	22/10	K Sting	Prog	GI	—
Banglar Shobha	24/10	Hald	ESC	GI	—
Banglar Kiron	23/10	Col	ESC	—	—
Kota Duana	23/10	Sting	CTS	Cont	Sing
Malloweverett					
PM	24/10	Cal	EBPL	GI	—
Jarbaz-1	28/10	Bank	IMI	GL	B Abbas
Sac Byol	26/10	—	H&H	GI/GL	Japa
Visha Mamta	25/10	MAD	SSL	GI/GL	—
NGS Ranger	25/10	Sting	BDSHIP	Cont	Sing
Kosomollets					
Beloruss	30/10	—	CT	Seeds	—
Al Tafsir PM	25/10	Viet	KSL	Rice	Food
Gold Asia	26/10	Mong	AML	GI	Mapu
Sea Tradition	26/10	Pad	Vinam	Cement	Cig
Shenton	27/10	Sting	QMNI	Cont	—
Weser Star	28/10	Sting	BDSHIP	Cont	L/Hald
Ahler Breeze	27/10	Col	RSL	Cont	Col
Hafez	28/10	—	SSL	GL	—
Fong Yun	28/10	Sting	BDSHIP	Cont	Sing
Sea Glory	28/10	—	Khansona	Cement	—
Kiso Maru	29/10	Mad	SSL	GI	—
Ranger	29/10	—	Lutful	OULF	—
Banglar Doot	29/10	—	ESC	GI	—
Banglar Robi	30/10	—	EBA	GI	—
Eastern Pearl	30/10	—	EBA	GI	—
I Yamburenko	30/10	Sting	Ukra	Cont	Sing
NGS Express	30/10	Sting	BDSHIP	Cont	Sing
Optama	30/10	Sting	RSL	Cont	Sing
Banglar Gourab	31/10	—	ESC	GI	—
Nikos-N	01/11	Sting	ESL	Wheat	Food
Petre Starostin	10/11	Sting	CT	Cont	Sing

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

Essentials	Mustard	53.00-55.00
RICE	Soyabean	38.00-39.00
Amar(fine)	Coconut (Colombo)	90.00-100.00
16.00-17.50	Vegetable Ghee (1kg)	48.00-52.00
13.00-13.75	SPICES	(Taka per kg)
VEGETABLES	Onion (local)	10.00-10.50
(Taka per kg)	Garlic (local)	26.00-35.00
Potato (local)	Chillies (local)	48.00-52.00
11.00-12.00	Tumeric(local)	15.00-20.00
Brinjal	Green chillies	18.00-22.00
8.00-12.00	Cinger	3.00-3.50
Karola	Cinnamon (10gm)	10.00-11.00
4.00-6.00	Cardamom (10gm) (small)	10.00-10.00
Lalshak	Jhira (50 gms)	8.00-10.00
5.00-7.00	MILK	(Two kgs)
Papsy	Dano	324.00-325.00
4.00-6.00	Red-Cow	320.00-321.00
OTHER FOODSTUFFS	MISCELLANEOUS	(Taka per kg)
(Taka per kg)	Ghee	220.00-240.00
Flour	Salt	7.50-8.00
13.50-14.00	Sugar	31.50-33.00
Atta		
11.00-11.50		
FISH		
(Taka per kg)		
Rubi(big)		
160.00-170.00		
Kalia(big)		
90.00-100.00		
Hilsa		
48.00-50.00		
Pungas		
110.00-120.00		
Shrimp(big)		
100.00-120.00		
Sing		
100.00-100.00		
Koi		
110.00-120.00		
MEAT		
Beef		
55.00-60.00		
Mutton		
85.00-90.00		
CHEICKEN		
Large		
62.00-64.00		
Moderate		
60.00-68.00		
Small		
70.00-72.00		
TEA		
Dust (Plain)		
80.00-90.00		
EGG		
(4 pcs)		
12.00-12.50		
Hen		
12.50-13.00		
Duck		
12.50-13.00		
FURN		
PULSES		
(Taka per kg)		
Mustard		
29.00-30.00		
Mash		
34.00-35.00		
Kichu		
22.00-24.00		
Kharuri		
15.00-16.00		
FRUITS		
(One piece)		
Green Coconut (Small)		
5.00-6.00		
Coconut (Large)		
8.00-10.00		
(One piece)		
Pineapple		
12.00-15.00		
Banana		
(4 pieces)		
3.50-4.00		
Sugar (Large)		
12.00-15.00		
Champa		
(Taka per kg)		
NA		
Dess		
OIL		
(Taka per litre)		
Gold (Gutinea)		
8200.00		
Silver		
200.00		

Hides & Skin

(Wet/Salted)	(Taka per 100 pieces)
Ow	10.00
Light	63.00
Medium	73.00
Heavy	83.00
Very heavy	103.00
Rejected	3800.00
Goat	48.00
Big & heavy	11.500
Light & heavy	12.500
Medium	95.00
Rejected	8500
Sheep	8000
Buffalo	63.000

Gold & Silver

(Taka for 11.66 grams)	
Gold (Gutinea)	8200.00
Silver	200.00

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 October 23 and 24.

Currency	Selling B.C.	T. T. (C)	Buying OD
US Dollar	39.1326	38.9087	38.6339
Poundsterling	62.8164	62.4929	62.0767
DM	25.7079	25.5324	25.3720
F.E.	7.5768	7.5280	7.4749
S Riyal	10.4641	10.4042	10.3349
D Guilders			