

Int'l jute body session begins Nov 6 in Beijing

The eighteenth session of the International Jute Council (IJC), the governing body of International Jute Organisation (IJO), will be held from November 6-9 in Beijing, reports BSS.

The session will be preceded by the four-day meeting of the committee on projects from November 2.

The council session will decide the appointment of its new Executive Director. It will also discuss and review the world jute situation, competition between jute and synthetic products and contribution of the donors besides considering the new projects.

The committee on projects will review the progress of implementation of the approved projects and consider its new project proposals.

A four-member delegation led by Secretary of the Jute Ministry Mohammad Akhtar Ali from Bangladesh will attend the session.

Emirates places order for full-flight simulator

Emirates, the international airline of the UAE, becomes the first airline in the world to order the latest state-of-the-art version of an Airbus full-flight simulator for pilot training, says a press release.

The 20 million US dollar simulator will be delivered in early 1994 and will enable the airline to carry out pilot training in Dubai.

Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, the airline's chairman, signed a contract for the simulator with Ken L Hansell, the president of the manufacturer, CAE Electronics Ltd of Montreal, Canada, on Oct 25.

The simulator, to be built to Emirates' specifications, will reproduce in every way the cockpit of an Airbus A310-300/A300-600R, and replicate in detail the aircraft's performance with CAF's new 800 series six-axis full motion system.

Tannery owners, workers demand security in Hazaribagh

By Staff Correspondent

Workers and owners of tannery industries of the country held a rally (Wednesday) demanding assurance of security in tannery areas and steps for over-all development of leather industry in the country.

The rally organised by Bangladesh Leather Industry Development Coordination Council in front of the National Press Club presided over by its Convener A K M Rahmat Ullah was addressed by owners, workers and businessmen related with leather industry.

Killing of a tannery worker, Md Lokman, on October 7 last by muggers in Hazaribagh, they said, had demoralised their sense of security. The tannery leaders said, since the police had failed to arrest anyone in this connection, the workers and owners in Hazaribagh were demoralised which affected production.

JS body on shipping meets

The tenth meeting of the parliamentary standing committee on Ministry of Shipping was held Thursday in Committee Room-2 of the Jatiya Sangsad with State Minister for Shipping Harun-ur Rashid in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting discussed various activities of BIWTA in detail. The State Minister apprised the meeting that BIWTA had taken up a programme for dredging 24 lakh cubic metres of river ways during the current financial year against a total demand of 35 to 40 lakh cubic metres per year.

Workshop on appropriate tech

A three-day long workshop on "Appropriate Technology and Project Financing" conducted by Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM), concluded on October 29, says another press release.

The workshop was designed to familiarise the participants with different types of technology used in various industries and methods of project financing. Participants were drawn from banks and financial institutions.

The concluding session of the workshop was chaired by the Director General of BIBM, A H M Nurul Islam Choudhuri. Dr Mihir Kumar Roy and Mahmood Ahmed, BIBM faculty member, were the coordinators of the workshop.

Tea body urges government credit-line for Russia

CHITTAGONG, Oct 29: The Chairperson of Bangladesh Tea Industry Association (BTIA) Laila Rahman Kabir urged the government to provide a credit line of five million pound to Russia for buying Bangladesh tea that already lost most of the potential foreign markets.

Addressing as chief guest at a reception here Wednesday evening held at a local hotel under the auspices of Chittagong unit of Cha Sangsad, Kabir called for allocating the credit to Russia, a big buyer of Bangladesh tea, against Ghorashal Fertilizer Plant, a project built with Russian machineries.

If the government fails to

From staff correspondent

provide credit next year, country's most foreign exchange earning tea industries may collapse putting five lakh people of the tea sector into a miserable plight, the chairperson warned.

"Without necessary support from the government it will be difficult to protect the country's tea industries," she said.

Kabir also urged the government to provide development loans to the tea planters at a very low interests rate for fresh plantations in their gardens with a view to raising the yield and reduction of cost of production.

If the yield cannot be increased, it will be impossible

to reduce production to compete in the world markets," she added.

Bangladesh tea is now facing an open competition in the world markets after losing its potential markets due to a change in the political and economic situation of some buyer countries, the chairperson also added.

The chairman of BCS, Chittagong Unit, Nasiruddin Bahadur expressed grave concern at the deterioration of law and order situation at 16 tea gardens at Fatikchhari upazila in Chittagong.

Bahadur sought the cooperation of law enforcing personnel to stop the reign of terror in those gardens.

Around The Bazaar

Prices of rice, vegetables and sugar eases

By Staff Correspondent

Prices of rice and sugar and early winter vegetables have gone down to the delight of the city goers.

As a latest arrival cabbage was sold at Tk 12 ten days ago. It sold at Taka six Thursday.

"You can call this cabbage an autumn vegetable," a wholesaler in Kawranbazar said jokingly, "it is being produced early because rain fall is lower than usual in the region where it is cultivated."

Cabbages are coming from Meherpur and Jessore, they informed adding, "it's good news to buyers, we believe you will be able to buy vegetables at a cheaper price this year because the country is going to produce huge amount of vegetables."

While cabbage supply to the

city is increasing steadily cauliflower supply is not.

Winter beans are out of reach of the common man. Its price is also unstable. One kg of bean (if available) costs about Taka 45. It was Taka 35 yesterday and Taka 40 the day before yesterday.

The latest arrival in the market is gourd — a vegetable appreciated equally by gourmets and boulds who use its peel to make "ektara" — a musical instrument. But its price is not very musical yet. One rather small gourd now costs about Taka 30.

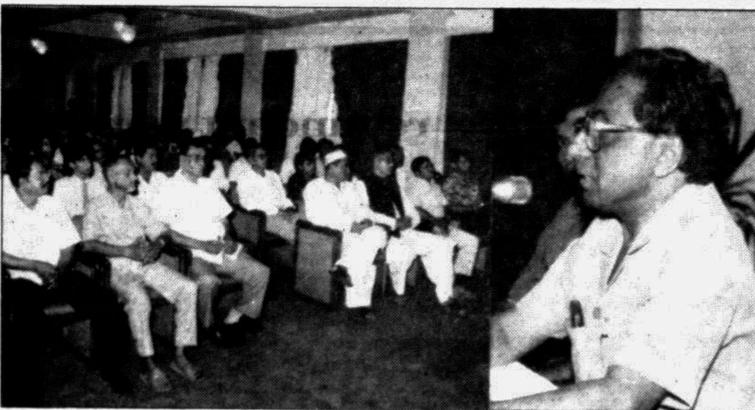
Meanwhile, buyers may feel a little bit relieved that price of sugar dropped to Taka 34 from Tk 35 in the last week since supply of sugar has slowly started to increase.

Rice market is also comfortable for the buyers. Prices of all varieties of rice excepting the fine ones are low and stable.

"Prices would go further down I hope," a wholesaler said, "We have got huge stocks from last season's production and new production of rice will start coming to the market after 20 days."

Price of fine rice, however, is high, due to lower production and is not expected to go down soon.

In the chicken market, prices were stable yesterday. "Supply of chicken from the villages usually begins to drop from November," chicken sellers in New Market said, "and after a month the prices will start to rise."



A Hasanat Khan, Managing Director of Bangladesh Oxygen Limited (BOL) addressing the national conference of the resellers of the company held at hotel Abakash on Thursday. Matters relating to marketing and sales of welding products of the company were discussed in the conference attended by large number of resellers from all over the country.

Turn human resources to skilled manpower, urges Biswas

President Abdur Rahman Biswas Thursday stressed the need for turning the vast human resources into skilled manpower and utilise them through proper leadership in the continuous process of economic development of the country, reports BSS.

He said a broad general participation was required in nation building activities in view of complicated pattern of economic, political and social changes in modern societies which include political consciousness, urbanisation, division of labour, industrialisation and literacy.

The President was inaugurating an international seminar on "Human resources development in the Islamic countries: Challenges of the 21st century" at the auditorium of the Engineers Institution in Dhaka.

Federation of Engineering Institutions of Islamic Countries (FEIC) and Institutions of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) are jointly organising the three-day seminar.

The inaugural session was also addressed by FEIC President Dr S A Hasan of Pakistan, Secretary General, Dr M Ali Bisher of Egypt, IEB President Dr Jamilur Reza Choudhuri, General Secretary Engineer M A K Azad and Director General of ICTVTR Dr Abdul Matin Patwari, who read out the message of OIC Secretary General Dr Hamid al-Gabid.

Chairman of the seminar organising committee Dr M Anwar Hossain presided over the inaugural session of the seminar.

President Biswas said Bangladesh had integrated a number of programmes for alleviation of poverty and cre-

ation of jobs through human resources development.

The major strategies in this regard will involve integration of group based approach, community involvement and participatory planning in the rural areas," he said.

President Biswas also referred to the current five-year plan of the government and said its objectives aimed at poverty alleviation and employment generation, which was linked to human resources development, both male and female, and provided acquisition of salable skills.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas called upon the Muslim world to make an in-depth study and analysis on its human resources and formulate strategies for their development.

BIBM course on research methodology ends

A 12-day long training course on "Research Methodology", conducted by Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM), concluded October 29, says a press release.

The objective of the course was to equip the participants with the methods of designing and conducting research projects in the Banking Sector. Officers from banks and financial institutions participated in the course.

A H M Nurul Islam Choudhuri, Director General, BIBM, presided over the concluding session of the course and gave away the certificates to the participants.

ment. President Biswas hoped that the seminar would enable the policy makers and planners of the Islamic countries to exchange views and ideas and interact meaningfully towards formulating strategies for human resources development in the Muslim Ummah.

He also stressed the need for taking steps for the purpose of meeting the challenges of the coming century through united endeavours, far-sightedness and proper initiatives.

President Biswas referred to innumerable problems faced by the present world despite the advancement of science and technology and said the present progress in these fields had greatly affected human society and influenced man to work together to live in as one family.

He said there had been a great increase in circulation of ideas, thoughts and skills necessary for human resources development and inter-relationships had also been increased among individuals and intermediate associations.

The inaugural session attended, among others, by diplomats of Muslim missions in Dhaka, engineers, architects and high officials in the concerned field also saw participants from Egypt, Libya, Malaysia, Pakistan, Qatar and Saudi Arabia.

Chairman of the seminar organising committee Dr M Anwar Hossain in his welcome address hoped that the Muslim Ummah with its 20 per cent of the world population, 50 per cent of the world's oil, and 40 per cent of the world's export of raw materials would be able to overcome the temporary setbacks by joint Islamic action and solidarity.

Shipping Intelligence

CHITTAGONG PORT

Berth position and performance of vessels as on 29.10.92 & 31.10.92

Berth No	Name of vessels	Cargo	L Port	Local agent	Date of arrival	Leaving
J/1	Symplea	Wheat	Damam	Dynamic	21/10	-
J/2	Lamda	Wheat	Monka	Dynamic	19/10	27/10
J/3	Johanna-K	Wheat	N Orle	Alamin	9/10	23/10
J/7	Banglar Shobha	GI	Cal	ISC	26/10	31/10
J/8	Banglar Urmi	GI	Col	ISC	21/10	29/10
J/9	Qing He Cheng	GI	S Hai	BDSHIP	21/10	29/10
J/11	Al Tafsir	Rice	Viet	KSL	24/10	1/11
J/12	Haight	Fert	Tempa	SSST	19/10	3/11
MPB/1	Wester Star	Cont	Sing	BDSHIP	26/10	29/10
MPB/2	Shenton	Cont	Sing	Omni	27/10	29/10
CCJ	Safina-Najam	C Clinik	Col	ASLL	R/A	2/11
GSJ	Banglar Kiran	Repair	Col	ISC	23/10	04/11
TSP	Al Reza	Repair	Pada	KSL	18/10	1/11
RM/5	Artemis-1	Cement	Bright	R/A	-	-
RM/8	Al Saima	Repair	Hong	ASLL	13/10	05/10
RM/9	Banglar Kakoli	Repair	Mong	ISC	13/10	29/10

VESSELS DUE AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

Name of vessels	Date of last Port arrival	Local call	Cargo agent	Loading port
Gold Asia	29/10	Mong	AML	Mapu
Samudra Rani	29/10	Behw	SSL	GI
1 Yamburenko 18/10	29/10	Sing	CT	Sing
Arti	28/10	Damam	Seacoast	W/L
Ursus	29/10	Parj	BVA	GI
Fong Yun 18/10	30/10	Sing	BDSHIP	Sing
Optima 20/10	30/10	Sing	BVA	Sing
Pionar	30/10	Sing	MSA	Sing
Gianris NK	30/10	Damam	Dynamic	Wheat
Tanary Star	31/10	Damam	PSAL	Cement
Ahler Brece 15/10	1/11	Viz	RSL	Cont
Janbaz-1	1/11	Bang	MMI	GL
NGS Express 20/10	1/11	Sing	BDSHIP	Cont
Ranger	1/11	Hald	Lutfal	Cont
Ingenuity 24/10	2/11	-	RSL	Cont
Banglar Gourab	2/11	-	ISC	Cement
Banglar Robi	2/11	-	ISC	GI
Komsomolets Belorussi	2/11	-	CTMastered	Seeds
Sae Byol	3/11	-	H&H	Cement
Banglar Doot	3/11	-	ISC	GI
Kisu Maru	4/11	Mad	SSL	GI
Eastern Pearl	4/11	-	BFA	GI
Fong Shin 22/10	5/11	Sing	BDSHIP	Cont
Hafiz	5/11	Mong	SSL	GL
Nikos-N	5/11	Sing	CTS	Wheat
Kota Buana 27/10	5/11	Sing	BVA	Wheat
Chestnut Hill	5/11	N Orle	Lams	Cont
Mezhdure Chenak	6/11	-	Prog	GI
Damon	7/11	Mera	Royal	Wheat
Stonewall Jackson	8/11	-	Karna	GI New York
Vishva Mamata	9/11	Mad	SSL	GI/GL
Petr Starostin 18/10	10/11	Sing	CT	Cont
Sparer Bellona	17/11	-	Dynamic	Wheat

TANKER DUE

Name of vessels	Date of arrival	Local call	Cargo agent
Maritime Pride	1/11	Seacom	CDSO
Alon	1/11	CT	-

VESSELS AT KUTUBDIA

Name of vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local agent	Date of arrival
TT Energy	C Oil	Col	NNL	27/10
Thalia	Wheat	Darm	Alamin	23/10
Aspiros	C Oil	J Dham	-	25/10
Banglar Shurabh	C Oil	-	ISC	R/A

VESSELS AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

Ready on

Name of vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local agent	Date of arrival
Ronald	C Clinik	Col	Umal	8/10
Amphon	CDSO	Ligra	Seacom	29/10
Not ready	-	-	-	-
SE Halder	Cement	Kara	ASLL	R/A

VESSELS AWAITING INSTRUCTION

Name of vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local agent	Date of arrival
Lisc	Ballast	V Pata	BVA	29/10
Banglar Asha	-	-	ISC	R/A/28/10

VESSELS NOT ENTERING

Name of vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local agent	Date of arrival
Belgorod Dnestrovsky	Scraping	Mong	CT	22/10
Sea Tradition	Cement	Pada	AML	26/10
Mallovecrert	-	Cal	EPFL	R/A/27/10

MOVEMENT OF VESSELS FOR 30/10/92

Outgoing	Incoming	Shifting
MPB-2 NGS Ranger	J/13 Fong Yun	TSP Al Neza TO OD
DOJ/B-Shourabh	DOJ/B-Jyoti	-
-	MPB-2 Optima	-

MOVEMENT OF VESSELS FOR 31/10/92

Name of vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local agent	Date of arrival
J/4 S Rani	-	DOJ/B-Shourabh	-	-
J/5 Gold Asta	-	J/4 Pionar	-	-
J/7 B-Shourabh	-	-	-	-
DOJ/B-Jyoti	-	-	-	-

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	Price (Taka per kg)	Pulses	Price (Taka per kg)
RICE		Masur	29.00-30.00
Aman(Fine)	16.00-17.50	Moogh	34.00-35.00
Patim	13.00-13.75	Chhola	22.00-24.00
VEGETABLES		Khesari	15.00-16.00
Posto (local)	11.00-12.00	FRUITS	
Brinjal	8.00-12.00	Green Coconut (Small)	5.00-6.00
Karola	10.00-12.00	Cocoanut (Large)	8.00-10.00
Lalshak	4.00-6.00	FRUITS	
Pappa	5.00-7.00	Pineapple	12.00-15.00
Green Banana (Four Pieces)	4.00-6.00	Banana : (4 pieces)	12.00-15.00
OTHER FOODGRAIN		Sugar (Large)	12.00-15.00
Flour	13.50-14.00	Champa	3.50-4.00
Atta	11.00-11.50	Dates	(Taka per kg)
FISH		OIL	NA
Rubi(big)	160.00-170.00	Mustard	(Taka per litre)
Kalia(big)	90.00-100.00	Soyabean	35.00-38.00
Hilaha	48.00-50.00	Cocunut (Colombo)	90.00-100.00
Pungas	110.00-120.00	Vegetable Ghee (1kg)	48.00-52.00
Shrimp(big)	100.00-120.00	SPICES	(Taka per kg)
Sing	90.00-100.00	Onion (local)	10.00-10.50
Koi	110.00-120.00	Garlic (local)	26.00-35.00
MEAT		Chillies (local)	25.00-35.00
Beef	55.00-60.00	Turmeric(local)	48.00-52.00
Mutton	85.00-90.00	Green chillies	15.00-20.00
CHEEKEN		Ginger	18.00-22.00
Large	62.00-64.00	Gold & Silver	
Medium	66.00-68.00	(Taka for 11.66 grams)	
Small	70.00-72.00	Gold (Guinea)	8200.00
TEA		Silver	200.00
Dust (Plain)	80.00-90.00	Source: Department of Agriculture marketing	
EGG	4.00		
Hen	12.00-12.50		
Duck	12.50-13.00		
Firm	12.50-13.00		

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 30.

Currency	Selling B.C.	T.T. (C)	Buying OD Transfers
US Dollar	39.1326	38.9087	38.6339
Poundsterling	61.6840	61.2634	61.9539
DM	25.6020	25.4388	25.2592
FE	7.5473	7.5012	7.4482
S Riyal	10.4641	10.4042	10.3307
D Outdiers	22.6028	22.6028	22.4485
S Kroner	6.7938	6.7491	6.7014
Singapore Dollar	22.7515	24.0608	23.8908
UAE Dirham	10		