

### Mustard to be cultivated in 35,298 hectares of Barisal zone

BARISAL, Nov 12: Mustard will be cultivated in 35,298 hectares in eleven southern districts under Barisal Agriculture Zone (BAZ) in the current winter season, reports BSS.

The districts are: Barisal, Pirojpur, Bhola, Jhalakathi, Patuakhali, Barguna, Faridpur, Madaripur, Gopalganj, Rajbari and Shariatpur.

According to an official source, production target of mustard has been fixed at 1,28,303 metric tons.

Of the total, 10,952 hectares will be brought under upland variety of mustard and the rest under local variety.

The source said, 1715 hectares will be cultivated in Barisal district, 300 hectares in Pirojpur, 1,130 hectares in Jhalakathi, 1,158 hectares in Patuakhali, 1,066 hectares in Barguna, 1,450 hectares in Bhola, 8,100 hectares in Faridpur, 5,264 hectares in Madaripur, 5,925 hectares in Gopalganj, 3,700 hectares in Rajbari and 5,850 hectares in Shariatpur districts.

Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BADC) will supply seeds, insecticides and other necessary inputs to the farmers for successful implementation of the programme, the source said.

### Uplift projects undertaken in Jamalpur

JAMALPUR, Nov 12: Dewanganj Thana Parishad has undertaken 13 development projects at a cost of Taka 8,56,179 under the annual development programme, reports BSS.

Besides, Bakshiganj Thana Parishad has taken up 12 schemes at a cost of Taka 8,05,000 under its annual development programme.

Official sources said schemes are repair and reconstruction of primary schools, culvert, and development of haat bazars.

### Unemployment increasing in Noakhali

NOAKHALI, Nov 12: The number of landless and unemployed people is increasing in almost all thanas of the district, reports UNB.

According to a survey, about 20 per cent of the total population of about 22 lakh have become unemployed and destitute.

It revealed that about 75 per cent people completely depend on agriculture and five per cent are engaged in other vocations like day labourers, hawkers, hotel boys and rick-shawpullers, others are begging.

### Dano introduces new product

By Staff Correspondent

A new product — Dano Infant Cereals was also launched officially at a seminar Thursday.

The ceremony also coincided with the 30th anniversary of the Dano brand whole milk powder in Bangladesh and the 40th anniversary of Milco's worldwide marketing.

The producers of Dano infant milk cereals claim it to be mainly milk based, complete weaning food without any additives, colouring agents or preservatives.

Four different types of the product have been introduced — cereal with rice, cereal with wheat, cereal with wheat and fruit and cereal with whole meal and fruit.

Commenting on the anniversaries of Milco and Dano, the Charge d' Affaires of Royal Danish Embassy in Bangladesh, Knud Kjaer Nielsen said that the commercial trade relations between Denmark and Bangladesh will grow further to the benefit of the two countries.

He said trade relations will also contribute to future sustainable co-operation and will eventually remove the dependency on development assistance in Bangladesh.

The opening session was also addressed among others by the Managing Director of Milco International, Birger Silberman, and resident representative of Milco International Bangladesh, S N Ferdous.

### 2 more sugar mills begin crushing

Two more sugar mills go into cane crushing in the fourth phase of current crushing season from today (November 13), according to a press release.

These two sugar mills are Pancharag and Thakurgaon Sugar Mills with a total set target of 21 thousand 850 tons of sugar.

# Chronic power shortage again grips Chittagong

Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Nov 12: Chittagong again has come under the grip of chronic power crisis that posed a threat to its economy in addition to causing untold sufferings to the people.

Most of the mills and factories and other business houses have been facing huge production losses worth crores of taka due to power crisis regularly, sources said. Many mills and factories at Nasirabad, Sitakunda and Kalurghat industrial belts have failed to meet the delivery deadlines for their products, sources added.

Power disruptions occur here both day and night without any prior notice, residents

say. After the evening most of the residential areas plunge into darkness regularly.

When contacted, the Superintendent Engineer of PDB here Mozaherul Hoque said that the regular power shortage had forced them to resort to loadshedding round the clock.

In the pick hours Greater Chittagong receives the highest supply of 240 megawatt electricity instead of its daily requirement of 290 megawatt leaving a shortage of 50 MW, the Superintendent Engineer said.

He attributed the crisis to the fall in power generation at Kaptai Hydroelectric project

from 230 MW to 160 MW in the pick hour regularly as the water level at Kaptai lake had decreased about 20 feet from its normal level of 109 MSL ft. The Kaptai lake could not store up sufficient water due to less rainfall this season, he added.

As the lake water continues to dry up it may further aggravate power generation, signalling a deepening of power crisis for the next few months here, source of PDB apprehended.

At present only four out of five units at Kaptai project operate in the pick hours, sources added.

# IJC okays 3 projects worth \$ 19m for jute, kenaf

The International Jute Council (IJC) has approved three projects involving 19.30 million US dollar for research on and cultivation of high yielding jute and kenaf, reports UNB.

The approval came at the IJC meeting November 6-9 in Chinese capital Beijing which was attended by Mohammad Shamsul Haq Chisty, Executive Director of the International Jute Organization (IJO).

An IJO press release said Thursday the council meeting assessed and reviewed the jute situation and expressed concern over the downtrend in jute price.

The approved projects are: Collaborative research for exploration and exploitation of genetic variation for improvement of jute and kenaf production and fibre quality at an estimated cost of 269,600 US dollar, support for varietal improvement of jute and kenaf at an estimated cost of 730,800 dollars and high-yield cultivation technology development for jute and kenaf at an estimated cost of 930,000

dollar.

The council also dealt with other administrative matters of IJO and reappointed Shamsul Haq Chisty Executive Director for a one-year term in view of his performance and competence. His presence term expires on January 3.

Inaugurated by Chinese Foreign Economic Relations Minister Li Lan Quing, the session was also attended by Tian Ji-yun, Vice-Premier of the State Council of China. A Hamilton of France presided over the session.

Inaugurating the session, Lan Quing referred to the general problems facing commodities and mentioned various efforts, including those of the international commodity organisations.

He also urged further strengthening of international co-operation in the field of jute and appreciated the progress made by IJO in improving strains of jute and kenaf, enhancing the technical level of production and processing, promoting sales of jute and jute products, strengthening

scientific and technological exchange and cooperation.

He also lauded the fruitful cooperation of jute producing and consuming countries and the efforts of IJO during the period of the first agreement.

Shamsul Haq Chisty highlighted the progress in IJO activities. Out of the total 25 projects approved so far, 10 with a cost of 2.47 million dollar have been implemented, six with a cost of 3.32 million dollar are under implementation, he informed the meet.

Nine other approved projects requiring 6.65 million US dollars are awaiting funds, he said, adding the funding problem has all along been a cause of anxiety.

IJO has received about 5.9 million dollars so far for its R&D and market promotion programmes, he told the session.

The council meet was preceded by a three-day session of the committee on projects, held November 3-5 and chaired by Khaled Rab of Bangladesh.

## Shipping Intelligence

### CHITTAGONG PORT

Berth Position and Performance of Vessels as on 12/11/92

| Berth No | Name of Vessels   | Cargo   | L/Port Call | Local Agent | Date of Arrival | Leaving |
|----------|-------------------|---------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|---------|
| J/1      | Mezhidure Chernak | GI      | Sing        | Prog        | 07/11           | 16/11   |
| J/2      | Neptune Peridon   | C/Pcas  | P Land      | MSA         | 02/11           | 16/11   |
| J/3      | Arti              | Wheat   | Damam       | Seacomb     | 06/11           | 20/11   |
| J/5      | Banglar Robi      | GI      | Muta        | BSC         | 06/11           | 14/11   |
| J/6      | Pioner            | Salt    | N Kha       | MSA         | 30/10           | 16/11   |
| J/7      | Karabieverett     | GI      | Sing        | EBPL        | 07/11           | 13/11   |
| J/8      | Banglar Doot      | GI      | Peng        | BSC         | 09/11           | 22/11   |
| J/9      | Al Saima          | CL      | Morg        | ASL         | 11/11           | 18/11   |
| J/10     | Eco Scherin       | M Seed  | Kherson     | Dynamic     | 09/11           | 16/11   |
| J/11     | Thalia            | Wheat   | Derm        | Alamin      | 03/11           | 20/11   |
| MPB/2    | Nikos-N Khanak    | Wheat   | Sing        | BSL         | 09/11           | 10/11   |
| CCJ      | Ronald            | C/Clmk  | Pana        | UMAL        | 08/10           | 15/11   |
| GSJ      | Banglar Klron     | Wheat   | HD          | BSC         | R/A             | 09/11   |
| TSP      | Al Reza           | Repair  | HD          | KSL         | 18/10           | 15/11   |
| RM/3     | Ajon              | Palmoil | Sing        | CT          | 08/11           | 13/11   |
| RM/6     | Esso Melbourne    | HD&JP   | Sing        | MSPL        | 07/11           | 12/11   |
| DDJ/1    | Endurance Sea     | Repair  | Agaba       | EOSL        | 25/11           | 15/11   |
| RM/8     | Safina-c-Haider   | Cement  | Karna       | ASL         | R/A             | 15/11   |
| RM/9     | Banglar Shourabh  | -       | HD          | BSC         | R/A             | 17/11   |

### VESSELS DUE AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

| Name of Vessels | Date of Arrival | Last Port Call | Local Agent | Cargo   | Landing Port |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|---------|--------------|
| Stonewall       | 15/11           | -              | Karna       | GI/Lash | N York       |
| Jackson         | 15/11           | -              | SSL         | GI      | -            |
| Samudra Raj     | 13/11           | Kar            | SSS         | GI      | -            |
| Fong Yun        | 13/11           | Sing           | BDS/Ship    | Cont    | Sing         |
| Constellation   | 13/11           | Mariupol       | N Roaly     | Mop     | -            |
| Optima          | 15/11           | Morg           | BSL         | Cont    | Sing         |
| Ocean Voyager   | 14/11           | -              | AML         | Cement  | -            |
| M T Victorious  | 14/11           | Sing           | IIA         | GI/GI   | -            |
| Mariner         | 15/11           | Mac            | SSL         | GI/GI   | Japa         |
| Vishva Mamta    | 15/11           | Sing           | BDS/Ship    | Cont    | Sing         |
| NGS Express     | 15/11           | Sing           | BDS/Ship    | Cont    | Sing         |
| Semudra Rani    | 20/11           | Morg           | SSL         | -       | Karachi      |
| Hafez           | 15/11           | Sing           | SSL         | -       | B/Abas       |
| Petr Starostin  | 16/11           | Sing           | CT          | Cont    | Sing         |
| Safar           | 15/11           | -              | ASLL        | Cement  | Clink        |
| Thai Binh       | 14/11           | -              | UMAL        | Cement  | Clink        |
| Wesler Star     | 16/11           | Sing           | BDS/Ship    | Cont    | Cal          |
| Ingenuity       | 16/11           | Sing           | RSL         | Cont    | Sing         |
| Soarer Bellona  | 16/11           | P Land         | OWSL        | Wheat   | -            |
| M T Royal City  | 17/11           | -              | Anchor      | -       | -            |
| Lena            | 16/11           | -              | Prog        | -       | -            |
| Banglar Kakoli  | 18/11           | Cal            | BSC         | GI      | -            |
| Vishva Parag    | 18/11           | -              | SSL         | EL      | -            |
| Scardomavoom    | 18/11           | -              | SSL         | GI      | -            |
| Express         | 18/11           | P Land         | Royal       | Wheat   | -            |
| Supreme         | 18/11           | Sing           | BSC         | Wheat   | -            |
| Skiathos        | 18/11           | Sing           | BDS/Ship    | Cont    | Sing         |
| Fong Shih       | 19/11           | Sing           | BDS/Ship    | Cont    | Sing         |
| Ahler Breeze    | 19/11           | Col            | RSL         | Cont    | Mgl & Col    |
| Al Swamiruz     | 19/11           | -              | ASLL        | GI      | -            |
| Kota Buana      | 20/11           | Bank           | Blue Ocean  | GI      | -            |
| Horn            | 22/11           | Hong           | Prog        | GI      | -            |
| Orang Berani    | 23/11           | -              | BFA         | GI      | -            |

### TANKER DUE

| Name of Vessels       | Date of Arrival | Local Agent | Cargo |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------|
| Esso Bayonne          | 12/11           | Sing        | MSPL  |
| Grigory Ordzhonikidze | 19/11           | Sing        | MSPL  |

### VESSELS AT KUTUBDIA

| Name of Vessels | Cargo | Last Port Call | Local Agent | Date of Arrival |
|-----------------|-------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| TT Energy       | C Oil | Col            | NNL         | 27/4            |
| Chestnut Hill   | Wheat | N Orle         | LAMS        | 07/11           |

### VESSELS AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

| Name of Vessels | Cargo | Last Port Call | Local Agent | Date of Arrival |
|-----------------|-------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Ready On        |       |                |             |                 |
| NGS Ranger      | Cont  | Sing           | BDS/Ship    | 11/11           |
| L Yamburenko    | Cont  | Sing           | CT          | 12/11           |
| Height          | Wheat | Sing           | LAMS        | 11/11           |
| Port Au Prince  | HSD   | Sing           | EGSL        | 11/11           |

### VESSELS NOT READY

| Name of Vessels | Cargo  | Last Port Call | Local Agent | Date of Arrival |
|-----------------|--------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Damon           | Wheat  | Mers           | Royal       | 08/11           |
| Devo            | Wheat  | Col            | Lams        | 10/11           |
| Sea Byol        | Cement | Sing           | H&H         | 11/11           |

### VESSELS AWAITING INSTRUCTION

| Name of Vessels | Cargo  | Last Port Call | Local Agent | Date of Arrival |
|-----------------|--------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Artemis-1       | Cement | Hond           | Bright      | R/A             |
| Banglar Jyoti   | -      | ED             | BSC         | R/A             |

### VESSELS NOT ENTERING

| Name of Vessels | Cargo     | Last Port Call | Local Agent | Date of Arrival |
|-----------------|-----------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Malloweverett   | Scrapping | Cal            | UMAL        | R/A (27/10)     |

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

November 10

| Essentials                                      | Price (per unit) | Change      |
|---|------------------|-------------|
| Green Coconut (Small)                           | 4.00-5.00        | (One piece) |
| Coconut (Large)                                 | 8.00-10.00       | (One piece) |
| RICE (Taka per kg)                              |                  |             |
| Aman/fin  | 15.00-16.00      | (4 pieces)  |
| Pajam   | 11.50-12.00      |             |
| VEGETABLES (Taka per kg)                        |                  |             |
| Banana  | 5.00-6.00        |             |
| Sugar (Large)                                   | 10.00-12.00      |             |
| Champa  | 3.00-4.00        |             |
| Oil (Taka per kg)                               |                  |             |
| Dates   | 55.00-60.00      |             |
| Mustard   | 54.00-56.00      |             |
| Soybean   | 37.00-38.00      |             |
| Mustard (Colombo)                               | 90.00-100.00     |             |
| Vegetable Ghee (1kg)                            | 48.00-52.00      |             |
| SPICES (Taka per kg)                            |                  |             |
| Onion (local)                                   | 12.00-13.00      |             |
| Garlic (local)                                  | 26.00-35.00      |             |
| Chillies (local)                                | 20.00-25.00      |             |
| Chillies (local)                                | 48.00-50.00      |             |
| Turmeric (Local)                                | 15.00-30.00      |             |
| Green chillies                                  | 16.00-18.00      |             |
| Ginger  | 3.00-3.50        |             |
| Cinnamon (10gm)                                 | 10.00-11.00      |             |
| Cardamom (10gm) (small)                         | 8.00-10.00       |             |
| Jhura (50 gms)                                  | 3.00-4.00        |             |
| MILK (Two kgs)                                  |                  |             |
| Dano  | 332.00-333.00    |             |
| Red-Cow   | 321.00-322.00    |             |
| MISCELLANEOUS (Taka per kg)                     |                  |             |
| Ghee  | 220.00-240.00    |             |
| Salt  | 7.00-8.00        |             |
| Sugar   | 33.00-34.00      |             |
| Hides & Skin (Wet/Salted) (Taka per 100 pieces) |                  |             |
| Cow   | 15000-35000      |             |
| Light   | 71000-79000      |             |
| Medium  | 71000-89000      |             |
| Heavy   | 81000-89000      |             |

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 November 10.

| Currency           | Selling B. C. | T. T. (C) | Buying OD Transfers |
|--------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------|
| US Dollar          | 39.1326       | 38.9087   | 38.6339             |
| Pound sterling     | 59.8096       | 59.4938   | 59.0955             |
| DM                 | 24.5038       | 24.3484   | 24.1764             |
| SE                 | 7.2488        | 7.2033    | 7.1524              |
| S Riyal            | 10.4641       | 10.4042   | 10.3307             |
| S Dirhams          | 21.7912       | 21.6544   | 21.5015             |
| S Kroner           | 6.5259        | 6.4864    | 6.4406              |
| Singapore Dollar   | 23.9842       | 23.8470   | 23.6786             |
| UAE Dirham         | 10.6911       | 10.6299   | 10.5548             |
| Kuwait Dinar       | 132.1156      | 131.3597  | 130.4319            |
| Indian Rupee (AMU) | 1.5104        | 1.5035    | 1.4980              |
| Pak Rupee (AMU)    | 1.5406        | 1.5335    | 1.5258              |

Authorised dealers will apply T T clean buying rate for purchase of remittances of Bangladeshis working abroad.

Note: AMU—Asian Monetary Union.

## Dhaka Stock Prices

At the close of trading on November 12, 1992

### Flourishing trading

A flourishing transaction was witnessed at Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) floor on Thursday. Although the size of participants was small, the size of turnovers' figures were quite promising.

Changes in turnovers were astonishing. Jump in volume, such as Thursday's, is rarely noticed. It gained by 297.15 per cent from Wednesday's 7,279 issues to 28,909 issues. Value, in the same manner, doubled against Wednesday's Taka 1291382.00 to Taka 2592725.00.

Such a boost in turnovers was not in sight since, roughly, mid October.

Participants on the floor remained rather inactive despite such active transactions. 27 shares traded on the day. Decliners lead the floor by 14 to only five. Eight shares traded at unchanged rates.

The flourishing business did not help push up the figures in DSE index. It almost remained unchanged moving back a little and ending in 368.4827.

### DAY'S TRADING AT A GLANCE

| DSE Share Price Index    | 368.4827          |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Market Capitalisation Tk | 10,533,826,378.00 |
| Turnover in Volume       | 28909             |
| Turn                     |                   |