

Taiwan's workers protest proposed labour laws

TAIPEI, Nov 13: About 2,000 workers marched through Taipei streets Thursday to demand the scrapping of proposed labour law revisions they say would weaken their rights, reports AP.

Chanting slogans, the protesters, including women and handicapped labourers, also staged a sit-in outside the Council of Labour Affairs and later presented a petition to council officials.

Some protesters displayed a banner reading "No Discrimination" to demand fair treatment for illegal foreign labourers who work long hours for low pay.

The four-hour protest, staged on a public holiday Thursday, ended after a rally in a park.

South Asian airlines plan forum for cooperation

COLOMBO, Nov 13: heads of South Asian airlines will meet here this month to launch an association to address common needs and prepare the ground for sharing of equipment, airline sources here said Friday, reports AFP.

Chairmen of the airlines of Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka will hold a two-day meeting from November 24 to constitute the grouping a spokesman for Sri Lanka's national carrier Air Lanka said.

The main business at the meeting will be the formation of an association of South Asian airlines, which will provide a

forum for all SAARC airlines to solve common problems. "The association could start a pooling system under which airlines from the region could co-ordinate the utilisation of their funds and resources, for instance on sharing costs for maintenance and services at airports," he said.

The grouping will be under the umbrella of the seven-nation SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation).

The spokesman said the idea of an association for the region's nine airlines — one for each country except India, which has three — was mooted at a meeting here of senior air-

line officials from SAARC countries earlier this year. "The marketing and legal executives even went to the extent of drafting the constitution and the agenda for the November meeting. A consensus on the formation of the association has now been reached," the spokesman said.

A grouping for South Asian airlines would allow them to co-ordinate the utilisation of their funds and resources.

The Air Lanka spokesman also said regional airlines could also benefit from the training of staff at national aviation colleges and sharing of hangars within SAARC countries.

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	Mezhure Chernak	GI	Sing	Prog	07/11	16/11
J/2	Neptune Peridon	C Peas	P Land	MSA	02/11	16/11
J/3	Arti	Wheat	Damam	Seacoast	06/11	20/11
J/5	Banglar Robi	GI	Muta	ESC	06/11	14/11
J/6	Pioneer	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	GI	Mong	ASL	11/11	18/11
J/10	Eco Scherin	M Seed	Khernon	Dynamic	09/11	16/11
J/11	Thalia	Wheat	Sing	BSI	09/11	20/11
MPB/2	Nikos-N Khanak	Wheat	Sing	BSI	09/11	10/11
CCJ	Ronald	C Clinic	Para	UMAL	08/10	15/11
GSJ	Banglar Kiron	Wheat	HD	ISC	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	Eso Melbourne	HD&JP	Sing	MSPL	07/11	12/11
DDJ/1	Endurance Sea	Repair	Agaba	EOSL	25/11	15/11
RM/8	Safina-e-Haider	Cement	Kara	ASL	R/A	15/11
RM/9	Banglar Shourabh	HD	ISC	R/A	17/11	

VESSELS DUE AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

Name of Vessels	Date of Arrival	Last Port Call	Local Agent	Cargo	Loading Port
Stonewall	15/11	-	Karma	GI/Lash	N Yourk
Jackson	15/11	-	GI	-	-
Samudra Raj	13/11	Kar	BDShip	Cont	Sing
Fong Yun	13/11	Sing	BDShip	Cont	Sing
Constellation	13/11	Martupol	N Roaly	Mop	-
Optima	15/11	Mong	BSL	Cont	Sing
Ocean Voyager	14/11	-	AML	Cement	-
M T Victorious	14/11	Sing	ILA	GI/GI	-
Mariner	15/11	Mad	SSL	GI/GI	Japa
Vishva Mamta	15/11	Sing	BDShip	Cont	Sing
NGS Express	15/11	Sing	BDShip	Cont	Sing
Samudra Rani	20/11	Mong	SSL	-	Karachi
Hafiz	15/11	Mong	SSL	-	B Abbas
Petr Starostin	16/11	Sing	CT	Cont	Sing
Safar	15/11	-	ASL	Cement	Clink
Tai Binh	14/11	-	UMAL	Cement	Clink
Wenger Star	16/11	Sing	BDShip	Cont	Cal
Ingenuty	16/11	Sing	RSL	Cont	Sing
Soarer Bellona	16/11	P Land	OWSL	Wheat	-
M T Royal City	17/11	-	Anchor	Jawa	-
Ahler Breeze	19/11	Col	RSL	Cont	Mgl & Col
Al Swamir	19/11	-	ASL	GI	-
Kota Buana	20/11	Bank	Blue Ocean	GI	-
Horn	22/11	Hong	Prog	GI	-
Orang Berani	23/11	-	HA	GI	-

TANKER DUE

Eso Bayonne	12/11	Sing	MSPL	HSD
Grigory Ordzhonikidze	19/11	Sing	MSPL	Lube Oil

VESSELS AT KUTUBDIA

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

VESSELS AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

Ready On	Cargo	Last Port Call	Local Agent	Date of Arrival
NGS Ranger	Cont	Sing	BDShip	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

Damon	Wheat	Mers	Royal	08/11
Devo	-	Col	Lams	10/11
Sea Byol	Cement	Sing	H&H	11/11

VESSELS AWAITING INSTRUCTION

Artemis-1	Cement	Hond	Bright	R/A
Banglar Jyoti	-	HD	ESC	R/A

VESSELS NOT ENTERING

Malloweverett	Scraping	Cal	UMAL	R/A (27/10)
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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 11

Essentials	(Taka per kg)	OIL	(Taka per litre)
RICE		Mustard	54.00-56.00
Aman(fine)	15.00-16.00	Soybean	37.00-38.00
Pajam	11.50-12.00	Coconut (Colombo)	90.00-100.00
VEGETABLES		Vegetable Ghee (1kg)	48.00-52.00
Potato (local)	11.00-12.00	SPICES	
Brinjal	10.00-12.00	Onion (local)	12.00-13.00
Karolla	10.00-12.00	Garlic (local)	26.00-35.00
Lalshak	5.00-6.00	Chillies (local)	20.00-25.00
Peppy	5.00-6.00	Turmeric (Local)	48.00-50.00
Green Bananas (Four Pieces)	4.00-6.00	Green chillies	15.00-30.00
OTHER FOODGRAN		Cinnamon (10gm)	16.00-18.00
Flour	13.00-14.00	Candamom (10gm) (small)	3.00-3.50
Atta	11.00-11.50	Jhira (50 gm)	8.00-10.00
FISH		MILK	
Rahi(big)	160.00-180.00	Dano	332.00-333.00
Katla(big)	110.00-130.00	Red-Cow	321.00-322.00
Hilsha	65.00-70.00	MISCELLANEOUS	
Pangas	120.00-130.00	Ghee	220.00-240.00
Shrimp(big)	120.00-150.00	Salt	7.00-8.00
Singi	100.00-110.00	Sugar	32.00-33.00
Koi	110.00-130.00		
MEAT			
Beef	65.00-60.00		
Mutton	85.00-90.00		
CHEICKEN			
Large	64.00-66.00		
Moderate	68.00-70.00		
Small	72.00-78.00		
TEA			
Dust (Plain)	80.00-90.00		
EGG			
(4 pcs)	10.8911		
Hen	11.00-12.00		
Duck	11.00-11.50		
Firm	11.00-11.50		
PULSES			
Mashur	30.00-31.00		
Moogh	34.00-36.00		
Khasari	23.00-24.00		
Khauri	16.00-18.00		
FRUITS			
Green Coconut (Small)	4.00-5.00		
Coconut (Large)	8.00-10.00		
(One piece)	10.8911		
Banana (4 pieces)	3.00-4.00		
Sagar (Large)	10.00-12.00		
Chango	3.00-4.00		
(Taka per kg)	55.00-60.00		

Hides & Skin

(Wet/Salted)	(Taka per 100 pieces)
Raw Calf	15000 - 35000
Light	6100 - 8900
Medium	7100 - 8900
Heavy	8100 - 8900
Very heavy	10000 - 10500
Rejected	8000 - 5000
Raw Sheep	12000 - 13000
Light & Heavy	9000 - 11000
Rejected	3000 - 5000
Raw Goat	7500 - 8000
Buffalo	60000 - 70000

Gold & Silver

Gold (Guinea)	5395.00
Silver	200.00
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 14.

Currency	Selling B.C.	T. T. (C)	Buying OD Transfers
US Dollar	39.1326	38.9087	38.6339
Poundsterling	59.6495	59.3438	59.9484
DM	24.7205	24.5682	24.3947
F.E	7.2751	7.2294	7.1783
S Riyal	10.4641	10.4042	10.3307
D Guilders	21.8252	21.6882	21.5351
S Kroner	6.5609	6.5162	6.4708
Singapore Dollar	23.9255	23.7886	23.6206
UAE Dirham	10.8911	10.8299	10.5548
Kuwait Dinar	131.8495	131.0951	130.1692
Indian Rupee (AMU)	1.5104	1.5036	1.4961
Pak Rupee (AMU)	1.5357	1.5287	1.5210

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

Weekly review: At the close of tradings on November 5 and November 12, 1992

Company	FV/ML*	1991-92		High	Low
		October 5	November 12		
<b>BANKS (10)</b>					
AL Baraka Bank	1000/1	900.00	900.00	1200.00	780.00
AB Bank	100/5	182.00	182.00	215.00	155.00
City Bank	100/5	300.00	300.00	305.00	172.00
I.F.C	100/5	178.00	178.00	200.00	160.00
Islami Bank	1000/1	1700.00	1700.00	1900.00	1190.00
National Bank	100/5	106.18	107.00	122.50	102.00
Pubali Bank	100/5	102.00	100.00	110.00	85.00
Rupali Bank	100/10	79.00	79.00	110.00	68.00
U.C.B.L	100/5	150.00	150.00	131.00	118.00
Utara Bank	100/5	112.00	112.00	200.00	115.00

<b>INVESTMENT (08)</b>					
ICB	100/5	103.00	103.00	100.00	79.00
1st ICB M.Fund	100/5	370.00	370.00	414.00	330.00
2nd ICB M.Fund	100/5	166.00	166.00	220.00	148.00
3rd ICB M.Fund	100/5	156.94	152.00	195.00	124.00
4th ICB M.Fund	100/10	152.00	152.00	170.00	120.00
5th ICB M.Fund	100/10	106.00	97.23	128.50	85.00
6th ICB M.Fund	100/10	69.00	62.69	93.00	56.00
Unit Certificate					
Sales Price		112.00	113.00	-	-
Re-purchase		107.00	108.00	-	-

<b>INSURANCE (04)</b>					
BGIC	100/10	151.00	149.29	178.00	104.50
Green Delta	100/10	154.00	147.00	165.00	106.00
Peoples	100/10	163.00	163.00	168.00	120.00
United	100/10	165.07	159.11	182.00	116.50

<b>ENGINEERING (19)</b>					
Afab Automobiles/100/5	192.00	219.00	280.00	180.00	
Afab Bangladesh/10/50	50.92	50.50	67.00	30.00	
Aziz Pipes/100/5	216.43	215.00	330.00	218.00	
Bangladesh Autocars/100/5	72.40	70.00	123.00	65.00	
Bangladesh Lamps/100/5	245.00	245.00	315.00	225.00	
B.Thai Aluminium/100/10	81.00	80.00	143.00	70.00	
Bengal Carbide/100/5	265.00	265.00	269.50	220.00	
Bengal Steel/100/					