

UNDP to give Tk 12.48 cr for export promotion

Bangladesh will receive US dollar 2.7 million (equivalent to Taka 12.48 crore) from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for export development and promotion, reports BSS.

A project document to this effect was signed in Dhaka on Tuesday between the Bangladesh government and UNDP, an official handout said.

Secretary of the Economic Relations Division (ERD) of the Ministry of Finance, Enam Ahmed Chowdhury and Resident Representative of UNDP Charles Lamsmont signed the document on behalf of their respective sides.

The export development and promotion project will be implemented by Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) of the Ministry of Commerce in 36 months time.

The project is intended to contribute to the government's effort to diversify and expand non-traditional exports, improve institutional infrastructure by upgrading the capacity of the national focal point for export development and by establishing inter-linkage among participating government and private sector organisations.

BSCIC sets up 144 industrial units in six N-dists

From Our Correspondent

NATORE, Dec 29: At least 144 small industries have been set up by Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) in six districts of the northern region of the country, official sources said.

The BSCIC has established 16 small industries in Rajshahi, 53 in Bogra, 7 in Rangpur, 29 in Dinajpur and 9 in Nilphamari districts at a cost of Taka 47 crore.

Besides, BSCIC has begun the work of industrial estates in ten districts of the region.

According to sources, about Taka 14 crore would be spent for the implementation of the work in Natore, Naogaon, Chapainawabganj, Shrirang, Kurigram, Joypurhat, Lalmonirhat, Gaibandha, Thakurgaon, and Panchagarh districts.

It may be mentioned here that, a good number of employment will be created after the establishment of the industries.

BRAC founding day observed

JAMALPUR, Dec 29: The 20th founding anniversary of Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC) was observed here on Monday with much enthusiasm, reports UNB.

Local unit of BRAC organised a discussion meeting and cultural function on the occasion.

The meeting, presided over by BRAC Area Manager MA Khaleq, also addressed by Deputy Commissioner of the district Jalal Ahmed as chief guest and Rafiqul Islam.

A photo exhibition was also held which attracted a large number of spectators.

BKB to disburse Tk 2 cr in 3 dists

KUSITIA, Dec 29: Krishi Bank allocated Taka 2,07,50,000 for distribution as loan among the farmers of Kushtia, Chuadanga and Meherpur during the current fiscal year, reports UNB.

The amount is part of the total allocation of 9,50 crore which was sanctioned for Khulna Division to be disbursed by June next year.

People urged to render services for uplift

President Abdur Rahman Biswas on Tuesday called upon all sections of people to render their united efforts towards development of all areas of the country, reports BSS.

He was talking to a 50-member delegation of Dhaka-based Monirampur Thana Probashi Samity of Jessore when they called on him at Bangladesh.

The President said strong determination and firm commitment towards development could make our self-reliant programme a success.

He underscored the importance of utilisation of the potentials of the land, beech and rivers for increasing food and fish production and help achieve self-reliance.

He said, in the democratic system, the people and the leaders should make concerted efforts for the overall development of their respective areas.

Ceramic goods exported to UK

From Our Correspondent

BOGRA, Dec 29: Country's oldest ceramic industry at Bogra, Tajma Ceramic exported 10 thousand pieces of meat plate and two thousand pieces of salt shaker to England.

Tajma ceramic was established in 1959 at Bogra. This is the first time they exported porcelain abroad since its establishment.

'Sea good life Netly' of England will take three more items — four inch cup-plate, eight inch meat plate and ceramic bell. Tajma ceramic in-

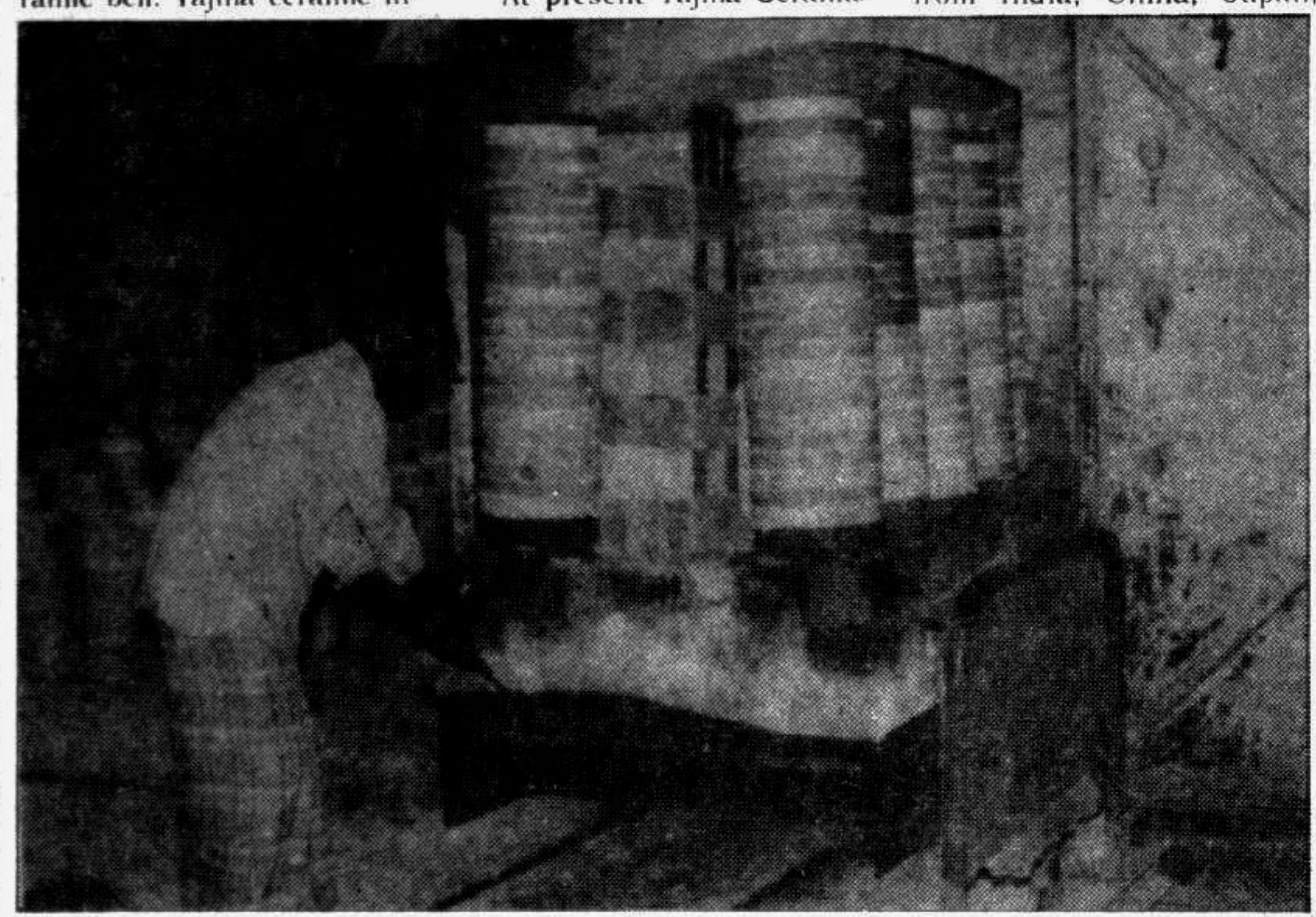
achieved high productivity and technology at a lightning speed.

At present there are five porcelain industries in the country which carry on regular production. Of these two are export-oriented. Four of these industries are located in Dhaka while the other Tajma Ceramic Industry (TCI) is in Bogra.

TCI is now exporting five of their items; these are seven inch meat plate, salt shaker, four inch cup-plate, eight inch meat plate and ceramic bell. At present Tajma Ceramic

Bogra TCI was running with furnace oil in while all other units are using gas. Though we have no gas facility, we are also producing quality porcelain", MD said. "Government is providing us subsidised furnace oil which we are using but their rate of subsidy is not sufficient. If we get full cooperation from government we will be able to capture foreign market within a very short period."

All the raw materials of the industry are imported mainly from India, China, Japan.



BOGRA: The kiln of Tajma Ceramic Industry is ready to turn out some products.

— Star photo

dustry will also export their finished goods to Greece in January '93. This was disclosed by its Managing Director. Different importers of England and other countries are also willing to import our quality goods, Managing Director of Tajma Ceramic added.

Porcelain industry is still in its infancy compared to earthenware of this country. But it

Industry is manufacturing 59 items. These are different types of meat plate, soup plate, plate, sugar bowl, tea pot, milk pot, sugar pot, cup and saucer, mug, fruit set, soup set, duck set, cat set, couple bird, napkin ring, cock pot, elephant, flower vase, decoration plate.

Anjad Hossain, Managing Director TCI revealed that only

Koreans and Italy. Though a large quantity of white clay is available in the country, extraction of iron oxide and silica from that clay would require the setting up of another plant. This not only means investment but also a lot of initiative on the part of local industrialists for whom it is much easier to import these materials instead.

Tk 180cr master plan for uplift of power sector

State Minister for Land Kabir Hossain on Tuesday said the present democratic government had undertaken a master plan of Taka 180 crore for the development of power sector in greater Rajshahi district, reports BSS.

He was addressing a big public meeting at Charghat thana parishad premises.

The meeting was also addressed, among others, by Mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation Mizanur Rahman Minu, Azhar Rahman MP, BNP City President Advocate Ekhas Hossain, BNP district General Secretary Advocate Kamrul Monir, Organising Secretary Salahuddin Baby and BNP City Organising Secretary Ershad Ali. Local BNP leader Abu Syed Chaudhury presided over the meeting.

The State Minister said, the government was endeavouring hard to develop agriculture, education, healthcare, communication network and power sector on priority basis to ensure prosperity of the country.

Kabir said when the government was carrying out development programmes for the welfare of the people, some vested quarters rejected by the people were engaged in non-political activities to create confusion among the people. He called upon the people to be aware against these evil designs and unitedly foil their ill motives.

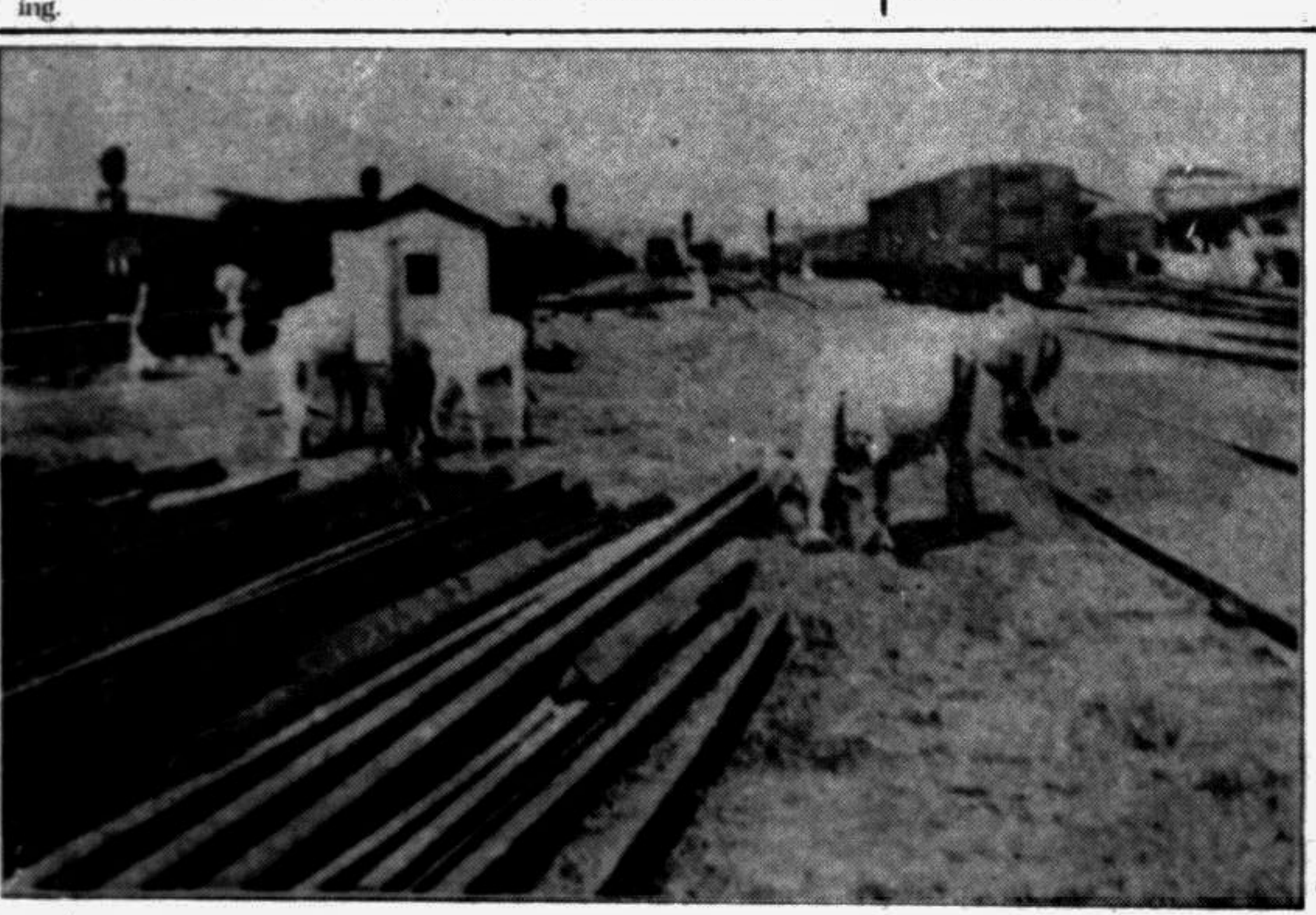
The State Minister also addressed separate meetings at Durgapur thana, Dashmary of Kazda union and at Harian.

Parliamentary body meet on Jute Ministry held

The tenth meeting of the parliamentary standing committee on Jute Ministry was held in Dhaka on Tuesday at the cabinet room of the Jatiya Sangshad Bhaban with Jute Minister ASM Hannan Shah in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting was informed that Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation had purchased 8.52 lakh bales of raw jute at the rate of Taka 262.00 per pound for last six months through its 107 jute purchase centres.

The BJMC has produced 135703 metric tons of jute goods for last six months which in 20 per cent higher than the corresponding period of the last year.



RAJBARI: Railway goods worth crores of taka at Bhatipara station are being destroyed as those are lying under the open sky for years.

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Wild animals destroy 80,000 rubber plants in CHT

From Our Correspondent

KHAGRACHHARI, Dec 29: The wild animals have so far damaged about 80,000 saplings of rubber in different gardens of Khagrachhari hill districts during the last three months due to non-existence of any security and non-availability of food in the forest areas, local planters informed.

The 80,000 rubber saplings could help produce goods worth about Taka 70 crore during the next 30 years, experts expressed.

The saplings so far damaged would have started giving rubber juice (serud rubber) from second quarter of 1993 at the

rate of minimum four kg exportable dry rubber worth Taka 300 per saplings every year, the experts informed.

To make the rehabilitated tribal farmers self-reliant, rubber plantation on an area of 80,000 acres were raised in different areas of the district with the financial assistance of the Asian Development Bank and Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board (CHTDB), officials said.

The CHTDB expended to the tune of Taka 1.50 crore for raising these rubber plantations during the last three years.

The wild animals damaged

the saplings have been identified as deer, bear, bamboo-rat and sozarn.

The wild animals in herds have been damaging the healthy 3 to 4 years old rubber plants round the clock every day.

The rubber plantations on an area of 4000 acres in Bhatbanchhara, Peruchhara, Joutha Khamar, Bhatrafa Katarang, Gochbonchhara of the district have been badly damaged.

The suffering planters have urged the concerned authority to take steps for protection of the plants.

74 uplift schemes to be implemented during current dry season

JESSORE, Dec 29: Fifty-seven schemes will be executed in eight thanas of Jessore district under dry season Food for Work Programme with the assistance of CARE, a non-government organisation (NGO), reports BSS.

An official source said, 2,714 metric tons of wheat worth Taka 1.76 crore were sanctioned for execution of the schemes.

The schemes involving reconstruction of kutch roads and re-excavation of canals will be implemented by the respective union parishads. Thana-wise schemes are as follows: Jessore sadar 10,

Monirampur-1, six each in Jhikargachha, Bagharpara, Abhaynagar and Keshabpur.

The schemes will be completed before next April. A reports from Satkhira says: Satkhira Thana Parishad has taken up 17 development projects at a cost of Taka six lakh and seventy-five thousand recently.

An official source said the work of the projects include construction of roads, culverts and residential buildings of different thana-level officers.

The work has already been started and will be completed by February next.

Shipping Intelligence

CHITTAGONG PORT

Berth Position and Performance of Vessels as On 29.12.92

Berth No	Name of Vessels	Cargo	L Port	Local Agent	Date of Leaving
J/2	Iron Will	Salt	Col	MSA	23/12 02/01
J/3	Cape Syros	Mop (P)	Pira	Seacom	18/12 04/01
J/4	Eastern Mars	GI	Hong	Prog	27/12 31/12
J/5	Farcast	C Beans	Glatton	MSA	19/12 30/12
J/6	Continent-1	GI	Pena	CLA	24/12 29/12
J/7	Al Reza	GL	RA	KSL	29/12
J/10	Endurance Sea	Repair	Araba	EOSL	25/1 05/01
J/11	Janbeiz-II	Urea	Cal	RSL	20/12 07/01
J/13	Optima	Cont	Sing	RSL	25/12 29/12
CGJ	Al Fesant	Cement	Kaki	RSL	14/12 31/12
GSJ	Banglar Baari	Idle	Pena	Cross	13/12 31/12
TSP	Samudra Raj	Idle	Kara	SSL	R/A 30/12
RM/4	Banglar Robi	Repair	BSC	R/A	29/12
RM/6	Entalnia	HSD	Sing	MSP/L	25/12 29/12
DOJ	Banglar Shourab	Repair	BSC	R/A	02/01
RM/8	S E Halder	Cement	Kara	ASL	R/A 05/01
RM/9	Banglar Kiron	Repair	BSC	R/A	31/12

VESSLS DUE AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

Name of Vessels	Date of Arrival	Last Port	Local Agent	Cargo	Loading Port
Petr Starostin	29/12	Cal	CT	Cont	Sing
Bharatendu	29/12	Cal	SSL	GL	Dundee Ant
Al Tajwar	29/12	Cal	PSAL	Cement	Urea
Kallang	30/12	Tuto	UMAL	Urea	Urea
Solbulk	30/12	P Land	Seacom	Wheat (P)	Urea
NGS Express	30/12	Mong	BDShip	Cont	Sing
19/12	30/12	Hong	ASL	GL	Sing
Hua Li	30/12	Viza	MTA	Scrapping	Urea
Marina	30/12	Buz	Prog	GI	Urea
Tiger Sun	31/12	Sing	RSL	Wheat (G)	Urea
Parnskvi M-Y	31/12	Cal	EBPL	GI	Urea
Beccles (48)	31/12	Sing	CTS	Cont	Sing
Kota Buana	31/12	Sing	SSST	R Phos	Sing
Vinta	31/12	Sing	SSST	R Phos	Sing
Tiger Force	01/01	Col	RSL	Cont	Cal
Yamburenko	01/01	Col	CT	Cont	Sing
23/12	01/01	Sing	UMAL	TSP	Sing
Stern	01/01	Sing	OWSL	GI	Sing
Golden Union	02/01	Mong	OWSL	GI	Sing
Samudra Samrat	02/01	Sing	SSL	GI	Sing
Delight Glory	03/01	Sing	Bright	Cement	Sing
Lena	03/01	Bark	Prog	Cont	Sing
Gutiang	03/01	Land	ATSL	Cement	Sing
Trans America	04/01	BKK	BON	Sugar/GI	Sing
Mowlati	05/01	Mong	SSL	GI/GI	Albas
Banglar Sampad	05/01	Sing	IBC	GI	Sing
A S Okan	06/01	Sing	IBC	GI	Sing
Shenton 27/12	06/01	Sing	Omni	Cont	Sing
IRO	08/01	Ghent	Ancient	Wheat (G)	Sing
Massy Phoenix	15/01	Japa	OWSL	Wheat (P)	Sing

TANKER DUE

Name of Vessels	Date of Arrival	Local Agent	Cargo
Global Venus	02/01	Seacom	Palm Oil
Ayon	03/01	CT	C P Oil
Antares	04/01	CT	Tallow

VESSLS AT KUTURDIA

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival
Pong Yun	Cont	Sing	BDShip	28/12
Ingenutty	Cont	Sing	RSL	29/12
Becco Europe	Repair	Sing	UMAL	R/A (27/12)

VESSLS READY ON

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival
Pong Yun	Cont	Sing	BDShip	28/12
Ingenutty	Cont	Sing	RSL	29/12
Becco Europe	Repair	Sing	UMAL	R/A (27/12)

VESSLS NOT READY

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival
Aning	R Seeds (P)	Sing	RSL	21/12
Arhon	TSP (G)	Sing	H&SL	24/12

VESSLS AWAITING INSTRUCTION

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival
Banglar Jyoti	-	-	IBC	R/A (20/12)
Banglar Ashu	-	-	IBC	R/A (20/12)
Arcimta-1	Cement	-	Bright	R/A (2/11)

VESSLS NOT ENTERING

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival
Iydra	TSP (G)	Sing	SSST	23/12
Tai Shan Hai	TSP (G)	Sing	H&SL	24/12
Nodar Dumbaze	CISO	P Land	CT	24/12

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

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 December 30.

Currency	Selling B.C.	T.T. (C)	Buying OD Transfers
US Dollar	39.1326	38.9087	38.6339
Pound sterling	58.5990	58.2863	57.8953
DM	24.1410	24.0177	23.8481
F.F.	7.0892	7.0423	6.9926
S Riyal	10.4641	10.4042	10.3307
D Guilders	21.4896	21.3549	21.2041
S Kroner	5.4907	5.4521	5.4136
Singapore Dollar	23.8672	23.7306	23.5630
UAE Dirham	10.6911	10.6299	10.5548
Kuwait Dinar	130.6598	129.9123	128.9947
Indian Rupee (AMU)	1.4925	1.4858	1.4783
Pak Rupee (AMU)	1.5208	1.5139	1.5064

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 December 29, 1992

Transactions improve

Transactions improved in terms of both, shares and prices at Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) on Tuesday. Although figures still appeared little depressed, volume or shares more than doubled against previous day's finish. Shares closed at 9854 issues from Monday's 4776 issues a jump of 106.32 per cent.

On prices' list value also finished higher against Monday's close. Value was pushed ahead at Taka 639572.00 from Monday's Taka 454023.50, showing a rise of 40.86 per cent.

Most prices fell on the day. 13 listed companies lost prices while eight gained. Ten listed companies traded at previous prices. Changes in prices were small. The highest number of shares were traded by Beximco (4600) while the lowest/traded at unchanged prices, by Rahim Textile (05).

The all share composite index continued to move back. It further lost 0.388 point from Monday's 373.7814.

DAY'S TRADING AT A GLANCE

DSE Share Price Index	373.3932
Market Capitalisation (Tk)	10,673,437,525.00
Turnover in Volume	9854
Turnover in Value (Tk)	639572.00

Company	Previous Price Tk	Closing Price Tk	Change (absolute) Tk	Change (% over price)	Number of shares/ debentures sold
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Gains (08)

Company	Previous Price Tk	Closing Price Tk	Change (absolute) Tk	Change (% over price)	Number of shares/ debentures sold
Ambee Pharma	11.50	12.00	0.50	4.348	50
Alfab Automobiles	175.00	182.22	7.22	4.126	45
Zal Bangla	9.00	9.12	0.12	1.334	60
Beximco	18.20	18.29	0.09	0.495	4600
Wata Chemical	103.00	103.50	0.50	0.486	240
Dulamia Cotton	80.00	80.38	0.38	0.475	40
Umaria Glass	284.00	285.00	1.00	0.353	100
Singer Bangladesh	770.00	771.00	1.00	0.130	45

Losses (13)

Shares :					
Dhaka Vegetable	83.15	80.00	3.15	3.789	200
Rupan Oil	5.15	5.00	0.15	2.913	300
Ctg Vegetable	80.00	78.00	2.00	2.500	10
Bextimo Infuson	216.65	211.50	5.15	2.378	40
B Thal Aluminium	84.00	82.44	1.56	1.858	200
BGIC	153.81	152.21	1.60	1.041	510
Ctg Cement	289.00	286.00	3.00	1.038	10
Quasem Dry Cells	10.00	9.90	0.10	1.000	500
Green Delta	153.28	152.13	1.15	0.751	200
6th ICB M Fund	63.73	63.27	0.46	0.722	220
Paper Processing	37.25	37.00	0.25	0.672	230
Tailu Spinning	101.00	100.57	0.43	0.426	70
Aray Tannery	265.00	264.82	0.17	0.047	150