

## Help expand cooperative movement for uplift

President Abdur Rahman Biswas on Saturday called upon all to expand the cooperative movement throughout the country particularly in the rural areas and ensure its smooth running of on-going development activities, reports BSS.

The president was talking to a ten-member delegation of Bangladesh Jatiya Palli Unnayan Samabaya Federation led by its president Syed Rahmatul Rab Itiza Ahsan, when they called on him at Bangabhaban.

The President underscored the importance of cooperative in its poverty alleviation efforts and solving unemployment problem.

He said, organising people and motivating them to work unitedly with the spirit of co-operation could accelerate the socio-economic development of the country.

The delegation members apprised the President of their problems regarding loans. The President lauded the success of the co-operatives and assured them to look into their problems.

## ICMAB unit office-bearers

Election of Dhaka Branch Council (DBC) of Institute of cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh (ICMAB) was held on Thursday at ICMA auditorium, according to a Press release of the institute in Dhaka on Saturday, reports BSS.

Habibul Kabir FCMA, Shaikh Hossain FCMA, Moutazuddin Ahmed ACMA, Abu Sayed Md Sykhul Islam ACMA, Md Salim ACMA, Md Jalauddin ACMA, G M Shah Azruddin ACMA and Md Ali Nawaz ACMA were elected members of Dhaka branch council of ICMAB, the press release added.



## Peoples Insurance Co Chairman

Nazmul Ahsan Khaled has been re-elected Chairman of Peoples Insurance Company Limited for the year 1993 at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company held on December 30, 1992. He was also the Chairman of the Company for last two terms, says a Press release.

Born in 1940, Nazmul Ahsan Khaled obtained Graduation Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology in 1963.

At present he is the Managing Director of two coastal Shipping Lines (Khaled Shipping Lines Ltd., and Mohammadi Navigation Ltd.), two export oriented Garments Industries (Moonlight Garments and Ehsan Garments Limited) and one Civil and Electrical Construction Company working in Libya.

## Bamboo output decreases

CHAPAINAWABGANJ, Jan 2: Bamboo production has decreased to a great extent in eight northern districts due to lack of proper maintenance and systematic plantation, reports UNB.

The bamboo clusters are decaying in Chapainawabganj, Rajshahi, Natore, Naogaon, Pabna, Sirajganj, Bogra and Jaypurhat districts as the ignorant growers use the clusters as firewood, informed sources said.

There were thousands of bamboo clusters in the home-stead of these districts. But due to reckless uprooting the very existence of bamboo is threatened in these districts.

According to agricultural experts, under natural process a bamboo plant yields only 2 to 3 new sprouts while proper care and rearing will enable a plant to yield 15 to 20 new sprouts a year.

But the owners who are ignorant of cultivation process believe that to plants grow as a natural process.

No steps have yet been taken to save the bamboo clusters from decaying.

## Agrani Bank will finance youths seeking jobs abroad

Agrani Bank will finance foreign trips of the unemployed youths seeking jobs abroad provided they send wages through the bank, reports UNB.

The credit amount will be maximum Taka 1,00,000 refundable within two years in monthly instalments. Rate of interest will be 15 per cent.

The scheme is one of the several new short-term credit programmes without collateral security being launched by the nationalised bank this year (1993).

Announcing the programmes to newsmen at the National Press Club this afternoon, Agrani Bank Chairman LK Siddiqui, MP, termed the new venture a major shift from the traditional to modern banking.

To resolve housing problem of the fixed-income group, Agrani Bank has taken up a project under which it will construct multi-storey residential buildings and allocate to professionals on first-come-first-serve basis. The project will initially be limited within the capital city.

Advances will be provided to the allottees against the value of the flat and realised in monthly instalments.

Special short-term emergency credits, each amounting Taka 2.75 lakh at the maximum, have also been planned for small and medium-scale business ventures. Nominated branch managers will be authorised to decide worthy loanees.

Another project, "Micro Enterprise Credit Programme", has also been undertaken to disburse one-year terms credit to small income generating ventures like poultry, fisheries, shops, small manufacturing plants. Maximum amount will be Taka one lakh.

The Bank has also planned credit to ventures run by women, including kindergarten school, tailoring, boutique programme, advertising firm, garments and beauty parlour.

Size of each credit will not exceed Taka 50,000 which will be realised within two years in monthly instalments.

A two-year credit, not exceeding Taka 25,000 each, for purchase of low cost vehicles — Rickshaw, rickshaw van and

country boat — has also been decided.

LK Siddiqui said rates of interest in all these credit programmes would be maximum 15 per cent. In some cases, good performance in repayment would lead to 1 per cent rebate.

Bank, he said, has enough liquidity to respond to a large number of loan demands provided they are deserving ones.

Siddiqui said close monitoring would be ensured in utilisation and repayment of the credits to plug the loopholes for default.

Bad loans of Agrani Bank is estimated at Taka 700 crore.

The Bank has also introduced Inland Travellers' Cheque from this month which will enable a traveller to carry cheques worth up to Taka 25,000 instead of cash. Bank will charge 20 paise for every hundred taka.

Under another unique programme coming soon, Agrani Bank will collect house rents in Dhaka city in favour of owners living abroad.

Managing Director Mostafa Aminur Rashid, members of the managing board and senior officials were present.



Air Commodore Azharul Haque, Chairman, Bangladesh Civil Aviation Authority and Zoyenuddin Shidak, Director General, Air Communications of Indonesia signing an accord on air communications between the two countries on behalf of their governments. The accord was signed in Jakarta recently.

## Women urged to take part in socio-economic activities

State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahanara Begum on Saturday called upon the womenfolk for mass participation in socio-economic activities to ensure overall national progress, reports BSS.

She made this call while addressing a seminar on "Girl child: a future investment" held at the University Women Federation College under the auspices of Bangladesh Federation of University Women (BFUW).

Presided over by chairperson of BFUW, Begum, the key-note paper was presented at the seminar by Dr Halima Khatun.

The State Minister underlined the need to educate women by informal education like vocational and technical education as well as formal education. She said that many social problems would be solved by making the women community educated and conscious.

In this connection, she listed various epoch-making steps of the present government towards achieving the desired goal of women education.

Prof Jahanara observed that women were the main victims of maximum social crimes. She called upon all concerned to help the government introduce strict legislative measures against such crimes.

She also inaugurated a computer course of BFUW. The course was organised to increase professional skill and creating congenial atmosphere of job opportunity for the women.

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## Shipping Intelligence

### CHITTAGONG PORT

Berth position and performance of vessels as on 02-01-93

Berth No	Name of Vessels	Cargo	Local Agent	Local Agent	Date of Arrival	Date of Leaving
J/3	Cape Syros	Mop	Pira	Seacom	18/12	05/01
J/6	Tiger Sun	GI	BUSA	Prog	30/12	03/01
J/8	Hua Li	GI	Sing	ASLL	30/12	07/01
J/9	Becco Europe	Urea	Safa	UMAL	R/A	10/01
J/10	Endurance Sea	Repair	Agaba	EOSL	25/1	05/01
J/11	Janbaz-II	Urea	Cal	RSSA	20/12	12/01
J/12	Kallang	Urea	Tugo	UMAL	29/12	10/01
J/13	I Yamburenko	Cont	Sing	CT	01/01	05/01
MPB/1	NGS Express	Cont	Sing	BDSHIP	31/12	02/01
MPB/2	Kota Buana	Cont	Sing	CTS	01/01	03/01
DOJ	Banglar Shourab	Repair	BSC	R/A	04/01	04/01
RM/8	S E Haider	Cement	Kara	ASLL	R/A	05/01
RM/9	Banglar Kiron	Repair	BSC	R/A	03/01	03/01

### VESSLS DUE AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

Name of Vessels	Date of Arrival	Last Port	Local Agent	Cargo	Loading Port
Tiger Force	02/01	Col	RSL	Cont	Cal
Amer Jyoti	03/01	Cal	Paragon	Cement	Cal
Becceles	03/01	Cal	EBPL	GI	Cal
Samudra Samrat	03/01	Peng	SSL	GI	Cal
Vinta	04/01	Safa	SSST	R Phos	Cal
Stern	04/01	Safa	UMAL	TSP (P)	Cal
Alam Meico	04/01	Safa	SSST	GTSP	Cal
Golden Nion	05/01	Mong	OWSL	Cement	Salam
Guljan	05/01	Lans	ATSL	Cement	Salam
Mowla	05/01	Mong	SSL	GI/GL	Abbas
Shenton	05/01	Sing	Omni	Cont	Sing
Lena	06/01	Bank	Prog	Const. Materials	Sing
America Trader	06/01	P Land	BSC	Wheat	Sing
A S Oka	06/01	KUT	BSC	GI	Sing
Trans America	07/01	BKG	BOAL	Sugar/GI	Sing
NGS Ranger	07/01	Sing	BDSHIP	Cont	Sing
Fong Shin	07/12	Sing	BDSHIP	Cont	Sing
Andrian Goncharov	07/12	Sing	CT	Cont	Sing
Delight Glory	08/01	Kara	Bright	Cement	Sing
Banglar Sampad	08/01	Kara	BSC	GI	Sing
Iro	08/01	Ghent	Ancient	Wheat (G)	Sing
Optima	09/01	Mong	RSL	Cont	Sing
HMS London	11/01	Sing	JP	Cont	Sing
Ingenuity	12/01	Sing	RSL	Cont	Sing
Massy Pdenx	15/01	Japa	OWSL	Wheat (P)	Sing

### TANKER DUE

Name of Vessels	Date of Arrival	Last Port	Local Agent	Cargo	Loading Port
Ajon	03/01	CT	CT	C P Oil	Cal
Anteres	04/01	CT	CT	Tallow	Cal
Carrico	04/01	Sing	MSPL	HD	Cal
Aspiros	05/01	Rast	DSLL	Crude oil	Cal
Global Venus	05/01	Seacom	Seacom	Palm Oil	Cal
Chota	07/01	Seacom	Seacom	Ven Oil	Cal

### VESSLS AT KUTUBDIA

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival
Paraskevi M-Y	Wheat (G)	Sing	BSC	31/12
Banglar Robi	Wheat	Sing	BSC	R/A (30/12)

### VESSLS NOT READY

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival
Anting	R Seeds	Sing	BDSHIP	24/12
Arbon	TSP (G)	Sing	H&SL	24/12
Solbulk	Wheat (P)	P Land	Seacom	30/12
Farcast	Urea	Jaka	USC	R/A
Al Tajwar	Cement	Jaka	PSAL	2/1

### VESSLS AWAITING INSTRUCTION

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival
Banglar Jyoti	Wheat	Sing	BSC	R/A (20/12)
Banglar Asha	Wheat	Sing	BSC	R/A (20/12)
Al Pessari	Wheat	Sing	RSSA	R/A (31/12)
Al Reza	Wheat	Sing	RSL	R/A (29/12)
Artemis-1	Cement	Sing	Bright	R/A (2/11)

### VESSLS NOT ENTERING

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival
Hydra	TSP (G)	Sing	SSST	23/12
Tai Shan Hai	TSP (G)	Sing	H&SL	24/12
Solar Dumbaze	CT	P Land	CT	24/12
Meringa	Scraping	Viza	MTA	1/1

### MOVEMENT OF VESSELS FOR 03/01/93

OUTGOING	INCOMING	SHIFTING
J/6 Tiger Sun	J/4 M V Anting	Lash Barge to J/6
MPB/2 Kota Buana	J/5 Becceles	

The above were the Saturday'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 Index	Essentials	Price Index
RICE (Taka per kg)	13.50-15.00	Green Coconut (Small)	4.50-5.00
Amantifine	11.00-12.00	Coconut (Large)	9.00-10.00
Pajam	9.00-10.00	Banana	4.00-5.00
VEGETABLES (Taka per kg)	6.00-8.00	Sugar (Large)	3.00-4.00
Brinjal	12.00-14.00	Chapati	3.00-4.00
Potato (local)	6.00-8.00	Dates	55.00-60.00
Karola	12.00-14.00	Oil	54.00-56.00
Lalshak	18.00-22.00	Mustard	36.00-38.00
Tamato	6.00-10.00	Soyabean	90.00-95.00
Cauliflower	13.00-15.00	Coconut (Colombo)	48.00-52.00
ONION (Taka per kg)	10.50-11.00	Vegetable Ghee (1kg)	48.00-52.00
Flour	13.00-15.00	SPICES (Taka per kg)	10.00-11.00
Alta	10.50-11.00	Onion (local)	24.00-32.00