

Contraband Indian goods flood Tulatola Bazar in Jessore

From Our Correspondent

JESSORE, Jan 12: Tulatola Bazar, better known as "Indian Market" located just near the main town is loaded with contraband Indian goods.

The market is crowded and remains open almost all the day long attracting all categories of customers. Indian biscuit, fruits, sugar, salt, spices, pepper, garlic, warm clothes and saree are available here.

There are few underground godowns to make room for what is called, "transportable items." These goods are mostly preserved here until green signals are shown to transfer them to somewhere else.

According to reliable sources, contraband goods arrive this market in a very systematic way. A large network of people, officials as well as police, BDR are involved in this operation.

Smuggling is carried out in areas where BDR personnel and police recognise "tokens" belonging to different gang leaders. On showing these tokens, men on duty around border areas okay or give clearance so the transport of these goods can proceed and reach their destinations.

Similar tokens are also issued by BDR and policemen for check-post clearance. Police in plain clothes are always on duty for smuggler's safety. They help the smugglers if any trouble arises.

such shops where contraband goods are sold. Similarly, Taka five thousand is given as toll to each check-post each time goods get cleared.

Task force is often formed to resist such smuggling. A re-

Acting on secret information, BDR raided some of the godowns and recovered huge quantity of goods few months ago.

Tulatola Bazar was disbanded on a number of occasions by the local administration. BDR men also raided the area several times but it occurs again after the raids.

The local administration is well aware of such operations by the smugglers. Even few well-known figures are on police's list of gang leaders yet no such action was taken to crackdown on these leaders.

During "Operation Push-Back", movement of smugglers across the border was drastically reduced from October to mid November last year.

According to a statistical report, BDR seized goods worth Taka eighty crore during the last five years. In 1992 alone it was Taka 15 crore 50 lakh while the seizure by task force during the same period under review was only Taka two crore 42 lakh forty-nine thousand.

It is still a challenge to the government to ensure tough and effective control of smuggling specially in this area.



JESSORE: The smugglers are waiting at Tulatola Bazar with their goods for customers. — Star photo

For such safety and security the gang leaders pay heavy toll to the police and BDR men. A fixed toll is collected from each shop owner. Taka one hundred a day. There are roughly about four hundred

port received earlier said, a truck (No. Dhaka-Metro-7393) was seized loaded with Indian polyester worth Taka eighty lakh by Kotwali police. But later the truck was allowed to proceed.

New GM of Emirates



Hans Haensel, the international airline of the UAE, has appointed Hans Haensel as General Manager, Product and Market Development. Haensel is responsible for overseeing the operations of Emirates Holidays, the airline's inbound and outbound division, says a press release.

He will also be involved in developing the convention, incentive and VFR (Visiting Friends and Relatives) traffic into Dubai and the UAE.

Born in Namibia and educated in Germany, Haensel has over 26 years' experience in the tourism industry, 20 of which are in management positions with the world's major tour operators and airlines. This includes Germany's DER and Neckermann, Tour East in Asia and the Swire Group, with which he was based in the Indian Ocean region.

FAO assures continued assistance

World Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) has highly appreciated the efforts and achievements of the present democratic government in increasing production in the agricultural sector, reports BSS.

The FAO also assured Bangladesh of its continued assistance in the development of the agricultural sector.

This was stated by visiting FAO Assistant Director General Hart Weghed Hayen, when he called on Agriculture, Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control Minister M. Majid-ul-Haq at his secretary's office on Tuesday.

The Agriculture Minister explained production and marketing system of fertilizer, progress of crop diversification programme and overall irrigation system of Bangladesh.

They discussed the identification of different problems of the agriculture sector and ways and means to their solutions.

Agriculture Secretary ANM Yusuf was present.

ICAB team leaves for Colombo to attend confce

Three-member delegation team of Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) headed by its President MA Halim Gazvandi FCA left Dhaka Jan 12 for Colombo to attend the eighth SAFA conference scheduled to begin on Jan 14, says a Press release.

President of Sri Lanka, Ranasinghe Premadasa will inaugurate the three-day moot, organised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka. The Conference theme 'Regional Development - South Asian Perspectives' is considered appropriate and timely in the context of the development thrust presently sweeping South Asia.

Immediate past president ICAB and former Deputy Prime Minister Jamal Uddin Ahmed FCA and Anwaruddin Chowdhury FCA are the other two members of the delegation.

Bumper production of raw silk, cocoon expected this yr

RAJSHAHI, Jan 12: The bumper production of raw silk and cocoon is expected in the region during the current season, reports UNB.

According to Bangladesh Sericulture Board, the highest yield of 2 lakh kg of cocoon and 15,000 kg of raw silk is expected which will be supplied to about 50 public and private silk factories, now closed for lack of cocoon and raw silk.

The bumper harvest of cocoon has been possible due to prevention of diseases, favourable weather and proper care of the concerned authorities and field workers after three years of declining trend in production.

Production of cocoon, mother crops of raw silk, was damaged seriously during the last few years for the due to massive of attack of bacterial disease pebrine.

Official sources informed that 35,000 kgs of cocoon were produced in Bangla month Bhadra this year against the target of 1.7 lakh kg. The yield of the current Bangla month Agrahayan is expected over 2 lakh kgs attaining about 91 per cent of the target. The production was 1.57 lakh kg in the corresponding season of the last year.

The production in the coming Bangla month Chaitra is expected to exceed the target if the present favourable condi-

tions exist. The target of production has been set at 1.5 lakh kgs of cocoon and six lakh layings.

It is alleged that the farmers are not getting the fair price of cocoon. One maund of cocoon is being sold between Taka 1500 and 2000 in open market against BSB fixed price of Taka 1550-2500 while the cost of production is above the fixed price.

The farmers urged the authorities to check the smuggling of raw silk from India and impose tax on import of raw silk to ensure reasonable price of the locally produced cocoon and raw silk for the interest of the silk sector.

Fishing boat owners asked not to catch fish fry

President Abdur Rahman Biswas on Tuesday underscored the need for increased pisciculture by utilising the vast water resources to generate more income sources for the people of the country, reports BSS.

He was talking to 24-member delegation of Bangladesh Fishing Boat Owners' Association when they called on him at Bangabhaban.

Chairman of the association Mohammad Shamsul Alam led the delegation.

The president said, fish sector has a bright prospect and the country can earn more

foreign exchange by its proper cultivation.

He stressed the need for using advanced technology with integrated efforts by all to achieve success in this sector.

President Biswas said, the country has yield bumper crops this year and we should have more fish from the ponds, rivers and sea to achieve self-reliance in food.

In this regard, he advised the fishing boat owners to comply with the government restriction on catching of fish fry.

He said united efforts of all should be made to mobilise

domestic resources for the development of the country and fish sector could contribute much to that direction.

He said the government was determined to ensure security of the fishermen and necessary step had already been under taken.

Earlier, the delegation submitted a memorandum to the President with their problems and he assured them to look into these.

The delegation, among others, included, Shahidullah, Vice Chairman and Mohammad Mujibur Rahman, General Secretary of the association.

3 million jobless in France

PARIS, Jan 12: A new magazine which went on sale this week aimed at France's nearly three million unemployed said on Friday half the 300,000 copies it published were sold in the first day and a half, reports Reuter.

Rebondir (rebound), a 70-page monthly that costs 15 franc (2.70) dollar and claims to be the first magazine exclusively dedicated to helping the unemployed, said it was printing a further 100,000 copies immediately.

A statement said Rebondir received 3,000 letters and

many telephone calls.

The magazine says it is packed with tips on job-hunting, training and seasonal work.

It offers ideas on changing career, advice on how to write a curriculum vitae and impress at a job interview, and lists of organisations such as the city of Paris, government ministries, the police and the civil aviation authorities which are recruiting new staff.

It also counsels on how to overcome the trauma of losing a job and how to reschedule bank loans or mortgages.

Slovaks in panic over fate of money

BRATISLAVA, Jan 12: Thousands of Slovaks, confused over the fate of their money, staged a near-panic rush on banks on Monday to get rid of Czechoslovak banknotes, reports Reuter.

In an unusual response to monetary uncertainty, Slovaks queued for up to three hours at banks in the capital of Bratislava - not to withdraw cash but to deposit it. Others changed crowns into western currency.

Behind the rush to banks, officials said, were fears that banknotes issued by the defunct Czechoslovak federation may be worthless or difficult to convert once a currency union agreed by the Czech and Slovak republics collapses.

Monday's activity followed reports last Thursday that the central bank of the richer, more populous Czech republic had begun stamping Czechoslovak bank notes in preparation for a currency split.

Czechoslovakia broke into

separate Czech and Slovak states on January 1 after partition agreements that included retaining the Czechoslovak crown as their joint currency for a transitional period.

Jozef Baca, spokesman for the Slovak National Bank, the country's central bank, termed the situation "panic" and said he thought it might take a week to settle down.

"There are a huge number of bank notes being deposited," Baca said. "They (account holders) are afraid they'll miss the opportunity to change their Czechoslovak crowns into the new currency."

According to other bank officials in Bratislava, many Slovaks were also changing their crowns into hard currency because of fears that an eventual new Slovak would be devalued in relation to the old crown.

"The situation is uncertain, and people are changing their crowns to hard currency," said David Saleh.

ILO official in city on mission

Dr Ifthikhar Ahmed a senior official of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) arrived in the city on Tuesday on a ten-day technical monitoring and policy advisory mission, says a press release.

During his stay in Bangladesh, Dr Ahmed will call on Sarwar Rahman, Minister of State for Social Welfare and Women Affairs. He will also meet with the senior officials of the Government of Bangladesh and ILO Area Office in Dhaka.

Dr Ahmed will also visit several locations of the ILO executed project titled 'Technologies for Rural Employment with Special Reference to Women' which is being implemented by the Women's Affairs Department of the Ministry of Women's Affairs, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

The three and a half years project is expected to disseminate the use of appropriate improved technologies and provide appropriate skill development training to increase the productivity, employment and income of rural women.

Man of the year of BGIC

K M Masum, Senior Field Executive of Bangladesh General Insurance Co Ltd (BGIC) has been selected the 'man of the year' for 1992 of the company for his outstanding performance, says a Press release.

The Chairman and MD of the company gave away the prize on January 2 at the head office.

Masum collected over Taka one crore premium during the year 1992.

Shipping Intelligence

CHITTAGONG PORT

Berth position and performance of vessels as on 11.01.93.

Berth No	Name of Vessels	Cargo	L.Port	Local Agent	Date of Leaving
J/1	Gul Jiang	Cement	S Bari	ATSL	09/01
J/2	AS Okan	GI	Kurwait	BSC	08/01
J/3	Amer Jyoti	Cement	Jaka	Paragon	03/01
J/4	Trans America	Sugar/GI	BKK	BOAL	08/01
J/5	Golden Union	GL	Mong	OWSL	08/01
J/6	Anting	R Seed	Sing	BDSHP	24/12
J/7	Banglar Sampad	GI	Kara	BSC	08/01
J/8	Iyeverett	GI	Sing	EBPL	08/01
J/9	Becco Europe	Urea	Safa	UMAL	17/01
J/10	Endurance Sea	Repair	Aqaba	EOSL	25/01
J/11	Janbaz-II	Urea	Cal	RSSA	20/12
J/12	Norman Prince	Wheat (G)	Mong	BSL	06/01
J/13	Al Tajwar	Cement	Jaka	PSAL	02/01
MPB/2	Optima	Cont	Mong	RSL	10/01
CCJ	S E Haider	Cement	Kara	ASL	R/A
GSJ	Banglar Kiron	Wheat(G)	—	BSC	R/A
TSP	Vinta	R Phos	Jedah	SSST	04/01
RM/3	Antares	Tallow	Col	CT	06/01
RM/5	Solbulk	Wheat(P)	P Land	Seacom	30/12
RM/6	Sangate	HSD	Sing	MSPL	08/01
DOJ	Banglar Shourabh	C Oil	—	BSC	R/A
CUFJ	Farcast	Urea	—	USTC	R/A

VESSELS DUE AT OUTER ANCHORAGE:

Name of Vessels	Date of	Last Port	Local Agent	Cargo	Loading Port
HMS London	11/01	Sing	JF	—	—
Hang Wan	11/01	Dali	Prog	GI	—
Ocean Voyager	12/01	—	AML	Cement	—
Robert-E-Lee	12/01	—	Karna	GI	New York
Delight Glory	13/01	—	Bright	Cement	—
Ingenuity 31/12	13/01	Sing	RSL	Cont	Sing
Fong Yun 3/1	13/01	Sing	BDSHP	Cont	Hald
Petr Starostin (Cont) 2/1	13/01	Sing	CT	Cont	—
Stern	13/01	Safx	UMAL	TSP(P)	—
NGS Ranger	29/12	14/01	Sing	BDSHP	Cont
NGS Express	3/1	14/01	Mong	BDSHP	Cont
Tina	14/01	—	Prog	Proj Equip	—
Kota Buana 4/1	14/01	Sing	CTS	Cont	Sing
Marine Gloria	14/01	Pasca	LAMS	Bulk Dap	—
Mowlavi	15/01	Mong	SSL	GI/GL	Abas
Siamariner	15/01	—	SSST	Wheat(G)	—
Massy Phoenix	15/01	Japa	OWSL	Wheat (P)	—
Mezhorie	15/01	—	Prog	GI	—
Arti	15/01	—	H&SL	GTSP	—
Banglar Maya	15/01	—	BSC	Ballast	—
Karabieverett	17/01	—	EBPL	GI	Fe St
Shamburekno 9/1	17/01	Sing	CT	Cont	Sing
Yentun 11/01	18/01	Sing	Ommi	Cont	Sing
Tiger Force 9/1	20/01	Col	RSL	Cont	Col
State of Orissa	20/01	—	SSL	—	Ant Dundee
State of Tripura	22/01	—	SSL	GI	—
Banglar Shourabh	20/01	—	BSC	GI	—

TANKER DUE:

Shota	11/01	Recug	Seacom	Veg Oil
Esso Bangkok	11/01	Sing	MSPL	HSD
Vidnoe	12/01	Cal	CT	—
Botany Triad	17/01	P Alma	JF	Tallow

VESSELS AT KUTUBDIA

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival
Aspillos	C Oil	Rast	DSL	5/1
Banglar Jyoti	C Oil	—	BSC	R/A

VESSELS NOT READY:

Arhon	TSP(G)	Sing	H&SL	24/12
IRO	Wheat(G)	Ghent	Ancient	10/01
Banglar Robi	Wheat(G)	—	BSC	R/A(9/1)
Global Venus	P Oil	Sing	Seacom	10/01

VESSELS AWAITING INSTRUCTION:

Banglar Asha	—	—	BSC	R/A (20/12)
Artemis-1	Cement	—	Bright	R/A(02/01)

VESSELS NOT ENTERING:

Al Fesari	—	—	PRSA	R/A(31/12)
Maringa	Scraping	Viza	MTA	01/01
American Trader	Wheat(G)	Sing	BSL	06/01
Al Mohammad	Wheat (G)	Mong	BSL	07/01
Paraskevi M-Y	Wheat (G)	Sing	BSL	R/A(10/01)

MOVEMENT OF VESSELS FOR 12/01/93

OUTGOING	INCOMING	SHIPPING
J/6	Anting	DOJ
J/8	Iyeverett	RM/4
MPB/1	Optima	RM/3
DOJ	Banglar Jyoti	RM/6
		ESSE Bangkok
		J/8 Hang Wan

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

Price Index

Essentials	72.00-74.00
RICE	76.00-78.00
Small	76.00-78.00
Medium	76.00-78.00
Large	76.00-78.00
TEA	80.00-90.00
Dust (Plain)	80.00-90.00
EGG	4.00
Han	10.50-11.00
Duck	10.00-11.00
Fam	11.00-12.00
PULSES	(Taka per kg)
Mashur	30.00-31.00
Mough	32.00-33.00
Chhola	26.00-26.50
Khesari	16.00-18.00
FRUITS	(One piece)
Green Coconut (Small)	4.00-5.00
Coconut (Large)	15.00-18.00
Banana	(One piece)
Sugar (Large)	10.00-14.00
Champa	4.00-6.00
Dates	(Taka per kg)
Mustard	55.00-60.00
Soyabean	52.00-54.00
Coconut (Colombo)	36.00-37.00
CHICKEN	95.00-100.00
Large	68.00-70.00

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 January 13.

Currency	Selling B.C.	T.T. (C)	Buying OD Transfers
US Dollar	39.1326	38.9087	38.6339
Poundsterling	60.6882	60.3701	59.9666
DM	23.9563	23.8046	23.6363
FE	7.0484	7.0017	6.9523
S Riyal	10.4641	10.4042	10.3307
D Guilders	21.3024	21.1690	21.0195
S Kroner	5.3047	5.2722	5.2349
Singapore Dollar	23.5966	23.4616	23.2959
UAE Dirham	10.6911	10.6299	10.5548
Kuwait Dinar	129.2785	128.5389	127.6310
Indian Rupee (AMU)	1.4925	1.4858	1.4783
Pak Rupee (AMU)	1.5060	1.4992	1.4917

Authorized dealers will apply T T clean buying rate for purchase of remittances of Bangladeshis working abroad. Note: AMU—Asian Monetary Unit.

Dhaka Stock Prices

At the close of trading on January 12, 1993

Shares gain, prices fall

Dhaka Stock Exchange met with a mixed reaction on Tuesday. Transactions in terms of value was quite dull. Shares worth Taka 958022