

4066 registered trade unions in country

By Staff Correspondent
There are 4066 registered trade unions in the country while there are five separate trade unions at the Bangladesh Power Development Board.
This was disclosed yesterday in Parliament by Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan in a written reply to separate questions from Awami League Member Md Shamsul Huq and Jamaat-e-Islami member Sheikh Ansar Ali.

In a supplementary, Huq wanted to know if any law was being violated by having five trade unions in a single organisation as the Industrial Relations Ordinance of 1969 stipulates that a union can only be formed with the participation of at least 30 per cent of the employees. In which case, he added, a maximum of three separate trade unions can be registered from any organisation.

On behalf of the Labour Minister, Work Minister Rafiqul Islam Mian assured the House that if any law was violated necessary steps would be taken.

Doha keen to help uplift activities of Dhaka

DOHA (Qatar), Feb 16: Qatar has expressed its readiness to cooperate fully to the development activities of Bangladesh, reports BSS.
The assurance came as Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman, now in a visit to Doha, met the Emir of Qatar Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al-Thani yesterday and handed over a letter to him from Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia.

During the meeting, the Emir of Qatar showed his interest in the welfare and development of Bangladesh. He also accepted the invitation of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia to visit Bangladesh. The Emir also reciprocated by conveying his greeting and best wishes to the Bangladesh Prime Minister.

Mostafizur Rahman, later held an official meeting with his Qatari counterpart Sheikh Hamad Bin Jassim Bin Jabor Al-Thani. The meeting, which was held in an "extremely cordial atmosphere", discussed the entire gamut of bilateral relations as well as international and regional issues.

On bilateral relations the foreign minister emphasized the need for further promotion of cooperation in trade, economic and cultural fields. He particularly invited Qatari participation in joint venture projects and sought country's assistance for an important development project as a special symbol of Qatar-Bangladesh friendship.

The Foreign Minister of Qatar expressed their readiness to extend assistance and cooperation whatever possible on their part for such project. He, however, invited Bangladesh government to send details of such project for their study and consideration.

Prospects of employment of more manpower in Qatar also figured in their talks. The Foreign Minister expressed the hope that the brotherly government of Qatar would consider this aspect very sympathetically as this would be a great help to the economy of Bangladesh. He particularly requested the Foreign Minister to use his kind influence in this regard. The Foreign Minister of Qatar gave assurance that they would be happy to do whatever possible for Bangladesh in this respect.

The two foreign ministers also discussed international and regional issues like Bosnia-Herzegovina, Palestine, Middle East peace and Babri Mosque. Both sides held identical views on these issues. The two foreign ministers reaffirmed their desire to further promote co-operation and understanding in bilateral and international fields between the two countries.

Mostafizur Rahman extended invitation to the Foreign Minister of Qatar to visit Bangladesh at a time of his convenience. The invitation was accepted.

Sunday evening, the foreign minister met a cross-section of Bangladesh in the embassy premises and held free and frank discussions with them. He advised them to work unitedly for the progress and prosperity of the country and also help project country's image abroad. The foreign minister left for Jeddah last afternoon.



Niaz Rahim, Director Marketing and Sales, Rahimafroz (Bd) Ltd delivering speech in the inaugural function of IPS Rahimafroz Dealer Conference '93 at Sonargaon Hotel.

Shipping Intelligence

CHITTAGONG PORT

Berth position and performance of vessels as on 16.02.93

Berth No	Name of Vessels	Cargo	L Port Call	Local Agent	Date of Arrival	Leaving
J/1	Samudra Rani	Repair	Col	SSL	28/01	18/02
J/2	Komosoletis Rossi	GI	Pena	Surbeam	15/02	19/02
J/3	Al Salma	Cement	GI	ASL	09/02	25/02
J/4	Tiger Hope	GI	Pena	Prog	18/02	21/02
J/5	Stidi Bishr	Sugar (P)	Pena	MMI	25/01	19/02
J/6	Lily	GI	Pena	Dynamic	13/02	17/02
J/7	Trans America	Repair	BK	BOL	08/01	21/02
J/8	J Sister	Urea	S Hat	Seacom	05/02	20/02
J/9	Horn	GI	Busan	Prog	13/02	20/02
J/10	Endurance Sea	Repair	Aqaba	EWSL	25/01	20/02
J/11	Massy Phoenix	Wheat (P)	Sing	OWSL	28/01	17/02
J/12	Kota Buana	Cont	Sing	CTS	11/02	16/02
J/13	Vector	R Seed	Rouen	Royal	10/02	18/02
MPB/1	Tiger Force	Cont	Sing	RSL	14/02	16/02
CGJ	Sea Rhapsody	C Clink	Vish	UMAL	10/02	18/02
GSJ	Vinta	Wheat (G)	Aqua	R/A	R/A	17/02
TSP	Freedom Venture	R Phos	Aqaba	SSST	13/02	22/02
DOJ	Banglar Jyoti	C Oil	Sing	ISC	R/A	17/02
DDJ/1	Labroy-90	GI	Sing	ILA	31/01	28/02
DDJ/2	Banglar Asha	Repair	Sing	ISC	R/A	22/02

VESSELS DUE AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

Name of Vessels	Date of Arrival	Last Port	Local Agent	Cargo	Loading Port
Meng Horng 6/2	16/02	Sing	BDSShip	Cont	Sing
NGS Ranger 6/2	16/02	Sing	BDSShip	Cont	Sing
Sun Speed	16/02	Yang	MBL	GI	Sing
Asian Express	17/02	Cal	B Day	GI	Sing
Gold Future	19/02	-	AML	GI	Mom Mapu
Saigon-1	19/02	Tuti	USTC	Cement	Sing
Shenton 11/2	19/02	Hong	Omlr	Cont	Sing
Maringa Three	19/02	Tuti	BML	Cement	Sing
State of Tripura	20/02	Mad	SSL	GI	Sing
Mukachevo	20/02	-	USTC	Cement	Sing
Knud Jespersen	20/02	Sing	CT	Cont	Sing
9/2	20/02	-	SSL	GI/GL	Russ Ports
Vishva Asha	20/02	Sing	BDSShip	Cont	Sing
Fong Yun 11/2	20/02	Sing	BDSShip	Cont	Sing
Banglar Kiron	20/02	Mong	ISC	GI	Sing
Optima 11/2	21/02	Sing	RSL	Cont	Sing
Banglar Shobha	21/02	S Hat	ISC	GI	Sing
Norbuk Namir	22/02	-	PSAL	Cement	Sing
Stonewall Jackson	22/02	-	Karna	GI	New York
Banglar Robi 14/02	22/02	Sing	ISC	Cont	Sing
Qing He Cheng	22/02	S Hat	BDSShip	GI	Sing
Safina-e-Jamal-2	22/02	-	ASL	GI/GL	Karachi
Safina-e-Najam	22/02	Kara	ASL	GI/GL	Karachi
Chandidas	23/02	-	SSL	GI	Sing
Ingenyut 15/2	23/02	Sing	RSL	Cont	Sing
Blue Ocean	23/02	Kara	HOW	GI	Cal Yangon
Andrian Goncharov	24/02	-	CT	Cont	Sing
14/2	24/02	Sing	BDSShip	Cont	Sing
Long Shin 14/2	25/02	Sing	USTC	Cement	Sing
Myoschi	25/02	-	USTC	Cement	Sing
Gala	25/02	-	EBPL	GI	Sing

VESSELS AT KUTUBDIA

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival
Aspiros	C Oil	Jebe	DSLL	11/02
Banglar Shourabh	C Oil	-	BSC	R/A (16/02)

VESSELS AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

READY ON	C Clink	Akba	UMAL	15/02
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VESSELS NOT READY

Arti	GTSP (P)	Ind	H&S	16/01
Tarbela	Cement (P)	Sing	BSC	11/02
Alam Tencng	Cement	Sing	H&H	15/02
Sandgate	HSD	Sing	MSP	15/02

VESSELS NOT ENTERING

Meringa	Scraping	Viza	UMAL	01/01
Arhon	GTSP (P)	Sing	H&S	24/12
Trans Asia	GI	Sing	BOAL	01/02
Diapores	Wheat (G)	N Ori	Aqua	06/02
Al Tajwar	Wheat (G)	-	Aqua	R/A (12/02)
Gulfjarg	Urea	-	ATSL	R/A (12/02)
Sea Progress	Cement	Padra	AML	15/02

MOVEMENT OF VESSELS FOR 17.02.93

Outgoing	Incoming
J/6	Lily
J/11	M Phoenix
GSJ	Vinta
DOJ	Banglar Jyoti
	RM/5
	J/6
	NGS Ranger
	Meng Horng
	Banglar Shourabh
	Sandgate
	Sun Speed

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 Banks' BC selling and TT (C), OD transfer buying rates for some selected foreign currencies effective on February 17 (Figures in Taka)

Currency	Selling B.C.	T. T. (C)	Buying OD Transfers
US Dollar	39.1326	38.9087	38.6339
Pound Sterling	55.5728	55.2677	54.8948
DM	23.5738	23.4291	23.2636
FF	6.9587	6.9263	6.8774
S Riyal	10.4641	10.4042	10.3307
D Outiders	20.9691	20.8380	20.6908
S Kroner	5.2073	5.1740	5.1375
Singapore Dollar	23.7297	23.5939	23.4273
UAE Dirham	10.6911	10.6299	10.5548
Kuwait Dinar	127.0753	126.3482	125.4559
Indian Rupee (AMU)	1.4925	1.4858	1.4783
Pak Rupee (AMU)	1.4866	1.4790	1.4716

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 February 16, 1993

Shares gain, prices fall

Business further fell on Tuesday except a small rise in volume. Prices suffered a loss of 35.27 per cent from Taka 949265.10 to Taka 614415.00. Shares rose by 10.58 per cent closing at 10874 issues from Monday's 9833 issues.
34 stocks traded on the day against Monday's 38. Most prices fell on the day. 16 stocks lost prices while half that number gained prices. Notable changes among gainers were Bangladesh Oxygen showing a rise of 31.25 per cent and Ambee Pharma moving up by 8.67 per cent. Changes among losers were Bangladesh Lamps shedding 12.4 per cent and Eagle Box shedding an equal amount. Ten stocks traded at their previous rates.

The Composite Index slightly fell from Monday's 370.7988 to 370.1410, a loss of 0.658 point.

TUESDAY'S TRADING AT A GLANCE

DSE Share Price Index	370.1410
Market Capitalisation (Tk)	10,580,471,251.00
Turnover in Volume	10874
Turnover in Value (Tk)	614415.00

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

Stocks:

B Oxygen	48.00	63.00	15.00	31.250	3800
Ambee Pharma	12.80	13.91	1.11	8.672	1100
Utara Bank	93.00	100.00	7.00	7.527	06
Singer Bangladesh	850.00	870.00	20.00	2.353	10
Rahman Chemicals	37.00	37.50	0.50	1.351	100
Dulamina Cotton	79.00	80.00	1.00	1.266	250
Dhaka Vegetable	81.00	82.00	1.00	1.235	155

Debtenture

Beximco	2035.00	2050.00	15.00	0.737	05
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Losses (16)

Stocks:

Bangladesh Lamps	171.25	150.00	21.25	12.409	28
Eagle Box	17.50	15.33	2.17	12.400	1500
Tulip Dairy	65.00	60.00	5.00	7.692	10
Wata Chemical	120.00	114.25	5.75	4.792	320
Howlader Pvc	99.00	96.00	3.00	3.030	80
United Ins	188.00	183.50	4.50	2.394	160
Usmania Glass	253.79	250.00	3.79	1.493	50
Kohinoor Chemical	70.00	69.00	1.00	1.429	185
BGIC	159.56	156.50	3.06	1.918	300
Modern Dying	32.00	31.75	0.25	0.781	20
3rd ICB M Fund	146.00	145.00	1.00	0.685	35
Cig Veg	80.50	80.00	0.50	0.621	50
Bata Shoe	37.57	37.40	0.17	0.452	500
Eastern Cables	74.64	74.00	0.64	0.857	200
B Autocars	60.25	60.00	0.25	0.415	20
Tallu Spinning	70.00	69.00	1.00	1.429	185

Traded at previous rates (10)

Stocks: City Bank (30), 4th ICB M Fund (10), B Thal Aluminium (150), Zee Bangla Sugar (500), Bangla Process (30), Ashraf Textile (200), Rahim Textile (20), Quasem Silk (100), Eagle Star (500), Dsh Garment's (100).

DSE SHARES AND DEBENTURES

Company	FV/ML Tk	Share Price	Volume
Shinc Pakur Jute	100/5	114.00	100
Sonali Aarsh	100/5	100.00	100

BANKS (09)

Al Baraha Bank	1000/1	930.50	10/80
A.B. Bank	100/5	186.00	100/10
City Bank	100/5	270.00	10/50
I.F.I.C	100/5	172.00	10/50
Islami Bank	1000/1	1650.00	10/50
National Bank	100/5	101.36	100/10
Pubali Bank	100/5	100.00	100/10
Rupali Bank	100/10	73.14	10/50
U.C.B.L	100/5	120.00	10/50
Utara Bank	100/5	100.00	100/20

TEXTILE (20)

Alhaj Textile	10/80	112.00
Arbee Textile	100/10	21.00
Ashraf Textile	10/50	31.00
Chand Textile	10/50	31.00
Chand Spinning	10/50	31.00
Desh Garments	100/10	50.00
Dulamina Cotton	100/10	80.00
Eagle Star Textile	10/50	16.80
GMG Ind. Corp.	10/50	10.00
Modern Dying	100/5	31.75
Padma Textile	100/20	175.00
Quasem Silk	10/100	3.00
Quasem Textile	10/50	4.00
Rahim Textile	100/5	73.00
Safham Textiles	100/10	71.00
S.T.M. (ORD)	100/5	40.00
Stylecraft	100/5	130.00
Swan Textile	100/5	18.00
Tallu Spinning	100/10	105.43
Tamjuddin	100/10	180.00

PHARMACEUTICALS & CHEMICALS (18)

Ambee Pharma	10/50	13.91
Bangla Process	100/5	63.00
BCL	100/10	270.00
Beximco Infusion	100/20	217.46
Beximco Pharma	100/5	425.00
Glaxo	10/50	125.00
I.C.I.	10/50	10.00