

# BANSDOC can play vital role in uplift of science

Education Minister Barrister Zamruddin Sircar Sunday said Bangladesh National Scientific and Technical Documentation Centre (BANSDOC) would be modernised with latest operational methods and techniques to serve the interest of the users, reports ISS.

He said it became essential to replace the traditional systems with modern ones so that BANSDOC could have easy access to world science and technology information resources and disseminate them to the clients with maximum speed and accuracy.

The Minister was giving his presidential speech at a meeting held at BANSDOC conference room to apprise the participants about the services offered by BANSDOC and the role it can play for the devel-

opment of science and technology as well as service organisations in the country.

Chairman of University Grants Commission vice-chancellors of different universities, heads of different Research and Development (R and D) organisations, among others attended the meeting.

The objective of BANSDOC is to collect, process and store information and data on scientific research and experimental development in all branches of science and disseminate them to the users in different academic institutions, research and development organisations, planning and policy making bodies in industries and the individual entrepreneurs.

In his keynote speech BANSDOC Director Dr. M Lutfor Rahman emphasised the

need for replacing the outdated and traditional systems of service and said modernisation programme of BANSDOC would be undertaken soon. He sought the cooperation of all concerned in this regard.

He suggested mutual interaction and coordination among the various libraries in selecting books and journals to purchase from abroad so that costly foreign exchange could be saved by avoiding duplications.

He urged the National Council of Science and Technology (NCST) to consider the draft national science and technology information policy which was prepared five years back after an exercise for three years.

Different participants in the meeting suggested rebuilding BANSDOC with trained and

skilled manpower as well as modern equipment of information technology.

They said that BANSDOC should be developed as a central documentation centre with on-line computer connection with the information and documentation centres all over the world.

The meeting was also informed that different institutions and organisations in the country were spending lakhs of Taka for importing foreign books and journals but at least one third of them did never reach its destination due to unknown reasons. At this the researchers fell into difficulties in pursuing their works.

Additional Secretary-in-charge of the Science and Technology Division Abdullah Haroon Pasha also addressed the meeting.

# 'Govt firm to develop UPs full-fledged local bodies'

MUNSHIGANJ, Feb 28: Food Minister Shamsul Islam said here Saturday that the present government was determined to develop union parishads as the full-fledged local government unit, reports ISS.

The Minister was speaking at a conference of the union parishad chairman of Munshiganj at the District Council auditorium.

Deputy Minister for Local Government, Rural development and cooperatives, Abdul Hal, addressed the conference as the special guest.

It was attended by about 70 union parishad chairman.

Dwelling on the increasing responsibility of the union parishad, the Food Minister advised the chairman to ensure maximum welfare of the people while taking up devel-

opment programmes.

Islam pleaded for better coordination of local resources side by side with government allocation for funding development projects.

He urged the UP chairmen to apply dynamic and scientific measures in procurement of local resources.

The Deputy Minister, in his speech, said the government would take all possible steps for redressing the grievance of the UP chairmen.

Different aspects relating to the implementation of various development projects taken up by the government was discussed in the day-long conference.

Rural law and order situation and measures regarding the increase of union parishad income sources also came up for discussion.

# Dhaka Stock Prices

At the close of trading on February 28, 1993

**Transactions almost static**

Business almost remained static on Sunday at Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE). Transactions in terms of value slightly improved while transactions in terms of volume fell by a small margin. Volume suffered a loss of 5.66 per cent from Saturday's 14,739 issues to 13,904 issues. Value moved ahead to Taka 12,46,014.00 from Saturday's Taka 11,098,770.00 showing a rise of 12.26 per cent.

A large number of participants appeared on the floor. 46 traded on the day against Saturday's 37. Losers dominated the floor by 16 to ten.

The index suffered a slight loss from Saturday's 370.8016 to 370.3352 a loss of 0.466 point.

## DAY'S TRADING AT A GLANCE

DSE Share Price Index	370.3352
Market Capitalisation(Tk)	10,586,023,400.00
Turnover in Volume	13904
Turnover in Value(Tk)	1246014.00

Company	Previous Price Tk	Closing Price Tk	Change (absolute) Tk	Change (% over of share Price)	Number of shares
<b>Gains (10)</b>					
Stocks:					
Rupali Bank	73.00	116.83	43.83	60.04	
Bd Lamps	160.00	165.00	5.00	3.125	05
Morno Ceramic	281.00	285.00	4.00	1.423	50
Dhaka Vegetable	81.95	83.00	1.05	1.281	15
Cig Cement	253.00	255.53	2.53	1.000	110
Wata Chemical	113.00	114.00	1.00	0.885	60
2nd ICB M Fund	164.00	165.14	1.14	0.695	19
3rd ICB M Fund	145.00	145.52	0.52	0.359	135
BGIC	156.70	157.00	0.30	0.191	400
Debtenture:					
Beximco Infusion	1520.00	1522.00	2.00	0.132	02

Company	Previous Price Tk	Closing Price Tk	Change (absolute) Tk	Change (% over of share Price)	Number of shares
<b>Losses (16)</b>					
Stocks:					
Tulip Dairy	60.00	50.00	-10.00	-16.667	10
Cig Vegetables	79.00	78.50	-0.50	-0.633	270
Zeal Bangla	8.30	8.20	-0.10	-1.205	6300
Bengal Food	134.75	133.28	-1.47	-1.091	2800
Karim Pipe	89.00	88.00	-1.00	-1.124	08
Eastern Cables	73.25	73.00	-0.25	-0.341	25
United Ins	185.00	183.00	-2.00	-1.082	240
IFIC	172.50	172.00	-0.50	-0.290	03
Eagle Star	16.14	16.10	-0.04	-0.248	100
Satham Textile	72.00	71.39	-0.61	-0.847	350
Talpu Spinning	103.96	103.50	-0.46	-0.442	100
Beximco Infusion	215.00	214.35	-0.65	-0.302	120
Beximco Pharma	426.50	426.18	-0.32	-0.075	277
Pharma Aids	162.00	161.00	-1.00	-0.617	50
Bata Shoe	37.40	36.48	-0.92	-2.460	1160
CG Ball Pen	81.00	80.00	-1.00	-1.235	100

Traded at previous rates (16)

Stocks: City Bank (40), National Bank (79), UCB (12), 1st ICB M Fund (19) 4th ICB M Fund (80), 5th ICB M Fund (40), 6th ICB M Fund (260), Aftab Automobiles (15), Singer Bangladesh (294), Metalex Corp (15), AB Biscuit (05), Rahim Textile (10), Kobinor Chemical (100), The Ibrsina (10), Rahman Chemicals (10), Green Delta (150).

## DSE SHARES AND DEBENTURES

Company	FV/ML Tk	Specialised Jute	Shine Pakur Jute	Sonali Aarsh
<b>BANKS (09)</b>				
Al Baraka Bank	1000/1 910.00	10/50	NT	
AB Bank	100/5 186.00	100/5	120.00	
City Bank	100/5 268.00	100/5	100.82	
IFIC	100/5 172.00			
Islami Bank	1000/1 1675.00			
National Bank	100/5 100.33			
Pubali Bank	100/5 101.00			
Rupali Bank	100/10 118.83			
U.C.B.L	100/5 120.00			
Uttara Bank	100/5 100.00			

Company	FV/ML Tk	Specialised Jute	Shine Pakur Jute	Sonali Aarsh
<b>INVESTMENT (08)</b>				
ICB	100/5 85.00			
1st ICB M Fund	100/5 350.00			
2nd ICB Fund	100/5 164.14			
3rd ICB M Fund	100/5 145.52			
4th ICB M Fund	100/10 145.50			
5th ICB M Fund	100/10 91.50			
6th ICB M Fund	100/10 60.00			
ICB Unit Cert.				
Sales Price	117.00			
Re-purchase	112.00			

Company	FV/ML Tk	Specialised Jute	Shine Pakur Jute	Sonali Aarsh
<b>INSURANCE (04)</b>				
BGIC	100/10 157.00			
Green Delta	100/10 163.00			
Peoples	100/10 208.00			
United	100/10 183.08			

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<b>ENGINEERING (19)</b>				
Aftab Automobiles	100/5 170.00			
Atlas Bangladesh	10/50 43.30			
Aziz Pipes	100/5 222.00			
Bangladesh Autocars	100/5 55.00			
Bangladesh Lamps	100/5 165.00			
B. Thai Aluminium	100/10 78.00			
Bengal Carbide	100/5 260.00			
Bengal Steel	100/5 20.00			
Eastern Cables	100/5 73.00			
Howlader FPC	100/10 96.00			
Karim Pipe	100/5 88.00			
Metalex Corp	100/5 46.00			
Morno Stafflers	100/5 150.00			
Morno Jute	100/5 220.00			
National Tubes	100/10 75.00			
Panther Steel	10/50 8.00			
Quasem Drycells	10/50 9.30			
Renwick Jagnewar	100/5 79.00			
Singer Bangladesh	100/5 900.00			

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<b>FOOD &amp; ALLIED (25)</b>				
AB Biscuit	100/5 200.00			
Alpha Tobacco	10/50 46.00			
Aman Sea Food	100/5 18.00			
Apex Food	100/5 650.00			
Aroma Tea	100/5 80.00			
Bargas	100/5 160.00			
B.D. Plantation	100/5 500.00			
Bengal Food	100/5 133.28			
B.L.T.C.	100/5 500.00			
B.T.C.	10/50 62.00			
Cig. Vegetable	100/10 78.50			
Cig Vegetables	100/5 83.00			
E.L. Campella	100/5 1040.00			
Frogleg Export	10/50 2.00			
Gemini Sea Food	100/5 100.00			
Hill Plantation	100/5 550.00			
Modern Industries	100/5 185.00			
N.T.C.	100/5 190.00			
Rabeya Flour	10/100 4.31			
Rupam Oil	10/100 4.31			
Tulip Dairy	100/10 50.00			
Yousuf Flour	10/50 2.00			
Zeal Bangla Sugar	10/50 8.20			

Company	FV/ML Tk	Specialised Jute	Shine Pakur Jute	Sonali Aarsh
<b>FUEL &amp; POWER (06)</b>				
BD Oxygen	10/50 63.50			
Eastern Lubricant	10/50 14.00			
National Oxygen	100/10 95.00			
Padma Oil Co.	10/50 46.00			

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<b>JUTE (12)</b>				
Ahad Jute	100/10	NT		
Anowara Jute	10/50	NT		
Delta Jute	10/50	8.80		
Gawala Jute	10/50	NT		
Islam Jute	100/5	50.00		
Jute Spinner	100/5	78.00		
Mutual Jute	100/5	108.00		
Northern Jute	10/50	NT		
Shamsar Jute	100/5	100.00		

Company	FV/ML Tk	Specialised Jute	Shine Pakur Jute	Sonali Aarsh
<b>PHARMACEUTICALS &amp; CHEMICALS (18)</b>				
Ambee Pharma	10/50	12.78		
Bangla Process	100/5	63.00		
BCIL	100/10	270.00		
Beximco Infusion	100/00	214.35		
Beximco Pharma	100/5	426.18		
Glaxo	10/50	125.00		
IC I	10/50	10.00		
N Polymer	100/10			
Kohinor Chemical	100/5	69.33		
Petro Synthetic	10/50	10.50		
Pfizer	100/5	450.00		
Pharma Aids	100/5	161.00		
Pharmac	100/5	50.00		
Progressive Plastic	100/5	49.00		
Reckitt & Colman	10/50	110.00		
Rahman Chemicals	100/10	36.00		
Therapeutics	100/5	73.00		
The Ibrsina	100/10	101.00		
Wata Chemical	100/20	114.00		

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<b>PAPER &amp; PRINTING (08)</b>				
Eagle Box	10/50	15.30		
Monopol Paper	100/5	50.00		
Paper Converting	100/5	110.00		
Paper Processing	100/10	34.00		
Padma Printers	10/50	50.00		
Sonali Paper	10/50	51.67		

Company	FV/ML Tk	Specialised Jute	Shine Pakur Jute	Sonali Aarsh
<b>SERVICE (08)</b>				
Bangladesh Hotel	10/50	12.00		
Bd. Service	10/50	NT		

MISCELLANEOUS (17)

Apex Tannery 100/5 375.00

Aramit 10/50 37.00

Bata Shoe 10/100 36.48

Beximco 100/10 18.00

B.S.C 100/5 50.00

Chittagong Cement 100/5 255.52

G. Q. Ball Pen 10/50 80.00

High Speed 100/5 80.00

Himadri Ltd. 100/10 60.00

Milton Tannery 100/5 10.00

Morno Ceramic 100/5 285.00

New Dhaka Relief 100/30 95.00

Phonata Leather 100/5 90.00

Savar Refractories 100/5 95.00

The Engineers 100/5 100.00

Textpick Ind 100/10 100.00

Umanisa Glass 100/5 256.00

# Sonali Bank further lowers interest rate

Sonali Bank has further lowered the interest rates on loans and advances effective from today (March 1), reports UNB.

The new rate of interest covered several important sectors like Agriculture, term loan on large and medium scale industries, working capital jute industry, working capital on industries other than jute, jute trading, export of jute and jute goods, other exports and other commercial lending.

Residential and commercial loans under urban housing were also reduced including term loan on small scale industries, Swanirvar and other special programme, said a press release on Sunday.

The relaxation on the interest rates were introduced to help expediate overall economic activities including trade and industry of the country.



A M Anisuzzaman, Chairman, Board of Directors of the Uttara Bank Ltd. inaugurating the regional heads conference of the bank on Sunday. Adviser A K M Syedur Rahman, Managing Director Atiqul Islam Bhuiyan and Executive Vice President Enayetul Karim are also seen in the picture.

# IDB okays \$ 47m loan to Egypt, Jordan, Syria

ABU DHABI, Feb 28: The Islamic Development Bank (IDB) has approved about 47 million dollar in new loans to Egypt, Jordan and Syria to finance development projects, the bank said in its latest bulletin, says AFP.

Egypt will get 19.5 million dollar to help finance a 47.1 million dollar power project while Jordan will receive 15 million dollar for a 52.6 million dollar telecommunications project, according to the bulletin obtained Saturday.

Syria's loan of 12.8 million dollar will be used for a 28-million-dollar medical project.

# Shortage of rly engine acute

SIRAJGANJ, Feb 28: The western zone of Bangladesh Railways is in a poor shape due to acute shortage of railway engines. A total of 88 rail engines is awaiting repair works which are said to be in seriously poor condition.

As many as 144 trains operate daily on schedule services at the 1,000 miles long western zone. According to officials, there are only 34 engines for 96 trains of Paksey Division and 22 engines for Lalmonirhat division.

The rest of the running 56 rail engines are also in poor condition. Passengers informed that trains stop in middle of the way due to malfunction which require repair.

Fifty five engines run in Ishardi 8 railway stations, seven in Rajbari, three in Khulna, ten in Parbatipur, four in Dewanganj and ten other in Lalmonirhat.

The Officials of TI say they are considering setting up concerned departments demanded by the local students.



Azharul Islam, Secretary of PDB and Tadao Yuasa, Deputy General Manager of Ship and Plant Division, Sumitomo Corporation of Japan signing a contract to construct 90 MW combined cycle power station at Fenchuganj on behalf of their respective organisations on Saturday in Dhaka.

# Five-fold growth in Chinese gold consumption

BEIJING, Feb 28: Increasingly wealthy Chinese consumers are rushing to buy gold jewellery in record numbers, accounting for about a quarter of gold sales in Asia last year, the official business weekly said on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Based on "conservative estimates," gold jewellery sales in China topped 250 tonnes worth 25 billion yuan (US 4.3