

# 10-day meet begins today in Bangkok ESCAP for more regional trade, investment

A 10-day annual meeting of the ESCAP will begin today (Wednesday) at the new United Nations Conference Centre at Rajmamn avenue in Bangkok, reports UNB.

According to a press release issued by the United Nations Information Centre in Dhaka, Prime Minister of Thailand, Chuan Leekpai will inaugurate the 49th session of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

The session will review recent economic and social developments in the region and seek ways to enhance regional economic cooperation through, in particular, the expansion of investment and intra-regional trade.

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## Tk 8 cr for 80 uplift projects

MAGURA, Apr 20: Water Development Board has sanctioned an amount of Taka 8 crore for completion of 80 projects in three districts during current fiscal year under Ganges-Kobadak Development Programme, reports UNB.

Official sources said under the programme, re-excavation of canals and construction of bridges, culverts and roads will be started in Magura, Jhenidah and Kushtia districts soon.

With the completion of the projects irrigation facilities and road communication will be improved to a great extent.

Another report adds: Acute shortage of bullock has been prevailing in four thanas of the district causing serious setback in cultivation of land during the current season.

Villagers said about 50 per cent farmers have no bullock and most of them cultivate their lands on the share basis.

At present a pair of bullock is being sold between Taka 9,000 and 14,000 which is beyond the purchasing capacity of poor and marginal farmers.

## 150 industrial units closed, 3000 jobless

NATORE, Apr 20: At least 3,000 jobless labourers of about 150 closed small industrial units of northern region have been passing their days in extreme hardship.

There are 600 large and small industrial units in greater Rajshahi, Bogra, Dinajpur, Rangpur and Pabna districts of which 150 have been closed for lack of proper maintenance, shortage of capital and scarcity of fuel.

The break-up of the closed industries are: Thirtyfour closed out of 154 industries in greater Rajshahi district including Natore, 50 closed out of 172 industries in greater Bogra, 15 closed out of 108 in greater Dinajpur, 25 closed out of 73 industries in greater Rangpur and 25 closed out of 84 industries in greater Pabna districts, sources said.

All these units were established with the assistance of Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC).

The small industries which were set up without the assistance of BSCIC have also been closed for fund shortage. Shortage of skilled manpower is one of the main reasons of the closure, sources said.

## Shipping Intelligence

### CHITTAGONG PORT

Berth position and performance of vessels as on 20.04.93

Berth No	Name of Vessels	Cargo	L-Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival	Leaving
J/1	Swift Wings	Wheat	Sing	Prog	08/4	22/4
J/2	Golden Lake	GI	Hong	Prog	12/4	21/4
J/3	Orang Berani	GI	Sing	BE	16/4	22/4
J/4	Nand Bhargavi	GI	Hazi	OTL	13/4	24/4
J/5	Mars	Cement	Sing	Bright	31/3	22/4
J/6	Iyeverett	GI	Sing	EBFL	18/4	24/4
J/7	Fai Teng	GI	Dalc	Prog	06/4	26/4
J/8	Banglar Sempad	GI	Kara	ISC	07/4	22/4
J/9	Lily	GI	Reng	Dynamic	07/4	20/4
J/10	Endurance Sea	Repair	Aqba	CLA	25/1	25/4
J/11	Arti (Altach: 19/4/93)					
J/12	Al Rahman	GTSP(P)	Ind	H & SL	16/1	26/4
J/13	Fong Shin	Urea	Sing	RSL	07/4	21/4
MPB/1	Tiger Force	Cont	Sing	BD Ship	18/4	22/4
MPB/2	Ingeniuty	Cont	Col	RSL	15/4	
CGJ	Berry	Cont	Sing	RSL	17/4	
GSJ	Banglar Shobha (Ebb)	Wheat	Sing	Bright	29/3	22/4
TSP	Hang Cheong	Cement	Sing	H & H	28/3	25/4
RM/4	Vinta	Wheat (G)	Visa	PSAL	R/A	25/4
RM/6	Ronjay Choomie	Cement	Visa	PSAL	15/3	25/4
DDJ/1	Large: Labroy-90/Tug Y. Success	C.Oil		ISC	R/A	22/4
DDJ/2	Banglar Moni	GI	Sing	Mong	ILA	31/1
CUFJ	Banglar Asha	Repair		ISC	ISC	12/4
CUFJ	Barge: Smit Lombok	P.Mat	Sing	Anchor	31/3	31/8

### VESSELS DUE AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

Name of Vessels	Date of Arrival	Last Port	Local Agent	Cargo	Loading Port
Ji Lin	20/04	Hongkong	Prog	GI	
Flying Dragon	20/04	Sing	USC	Cement	
Marcry Sea	20/04	Malc	Scraping		
Opima 12/04	21/04	Sing	RSL	Cont	Sing
Qing He Cheng	21/04	S.Hai	BD Ship	GI	Chinese Ports
Niaga	22/04	Sing	USC	Cement	
Agri	22/04	Sing	MIL	GI	
Kota Buana 13/4	23/04	Sing	PSAL	Cement	
Opomya 8/4	23/04	Sing	CTS	Cont	Sing
Nomadic Lady	23/04	Cam	LAME	Wheat (G)	Lalaka
Banglar Doot	23/04	Mong	ISC	CL	
Loyal Bird	24/04	Sing	IRISA	Repair	
NGS Express	22/04	Sing	BD Ship	Cement	
ORSI	25/04		USC	Cement	
Ronjay victory	25/04		USC	Cement	
Robert-Lex	25/04		Kara	GI	New York
State of Andhra Pradesh	25/04	Mad	SSL	GI	UKC
Safina-e-Najam	25/04		ASL	GI	Karachi
Bo Tong Gang	26/04		ASL	Cement	
Meng Hai 17/04	26/04		AME	Cont	Sing
Feng Yun 17/4	26/04		AME	Cont	
Mowlavi (E/L) 19/4	26/04		SSL	E/L	Bandar Abbas
Banglar Robi 19/04	28/04	Sing	ISC	Cont	Sing
Eastern Pearl	30/04		IFA	GI	
Safina-e-Islam-2	30/04		ASL	GI/CL	Karachi
Vishva Kaumudi	01/05		SSL	CL	Dundee UKC
Merado	07/05	Tawau	AME	GI	

### VESSELS AT KUTUBDIA

Name of vessels	Cargo	Last port call	Local agent	Date of arrival
Pearl One	GI	Cal	Cross	18/04
Samudra Rani	GI	Kara	SSL	18/04
Meng Lee	Cont	Sing	AME	18/04
Petr Starostin	GI	Sing	CT	18/04
Continent-1	GI	Reng	CLA	19/04
NGS Ranger	Cont	Sing	BD Ship	19/04
IU Aspiration	Cement	Jaha	USC	16/04

### READY ON

Alair Lee	Cement	Sing	Bright	22/03
Xin Ji	Cement	Lach	Kharsons	15/04
Hawdy Shipper	M.Seeds	Sing	Royal	19/04

### VESSELS AWAITING INSTRUCTION

Banglar Jyoti			ISC	R/A (18/04)
Shipman	Cement	Tiz	PSAL	14/04

### VESSELS NOT ENTERING

Pletstella	Cement	Sing	Bright	23/03
Erotas	Scraping	Sing	Unimarine	07/04
Norbulk Namir	Cement	Viza	Boal	15/04
Sea Destiny	Cement	Pada	AML	16/04
Ryong Song	Cement	Sing	USC	19/03
Sierri	Scraping	Mong	New Funel	09/04
Milos	Scraping	Pira	Je	19/04
King Alexander	Scraping	Pachi	H & SL	19/04
Sea Rhapsoody	Scraping		UMAL	R/A (18/04)

### MOVEMENT OF VESSELS FOR 21/04/93

OUTGOING	INCOMING	SHIPPING
J/2 Golden Lake	MPB/1 Meng Lee	Fong Shin to MPB
J/12 Al Rahman	J/13 Petr Starostin	Banglar Shobha to DDJ/2
MPB/1 Tiger	J/2 Continent-1	Samudra Rani to NS
MPB/2 Ingeniuty	J/12 NGS Ranger	Mars to NS
RM/4 Vinta	NB Ji Lin	Ronjay Choomie to RM/4
DDJ/2 Banglar Moni	NB Hardy Shipper	Qing He Cheng to Optima

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

## Exchange Rates

The following are the Commercial Banks' BC selling and TT (C), OT transfer buying rates for some selected foreign currencies effective on April 21.

(Figures in Taka)

Currency	Selling B. C.	T. T. (C)	Buying OD Transfers
US Dollar	39.1326	38.9087	38.6339
Pound Sterling	60.3094	59.9923	59.5911
DM	24.4931	24.3377	24.1658
FF	7.2515	7.2060	7.1551
S Riyal	10.4602	10.4003	10.3269
D Oulders	21.7948	21.8520	21.4991
S Kroner	5.3001	5.2862	5.2290
Singapore Dollar	24.1336	23.9955	23.8260
UAE Dirham	10.6911	10.6299	10.5548
Kuwait Dinar	130.4837	129.7372	128.8209
Indian Rupee (AMU)	1.2485	1.2429	1.2367
Pak Rupee (AMU)	1.4909	1.4544	1.4472

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 April 20, 1993

### Index slightly recovers

Transactions at Dhaka Stock share market met with a relatively moderate gain in the All Share Composite Price Index following Apr-18's massive fall.

Business in terms of volume showed a slight gain of 32.11 per cent finishing at 10451.25 issues from Monday's 7,911 issues. On the other hand, business in terms of value recorded a small loss of 12.71 per cent ending at Taka 558135.75 from Monday's finish of Taka 639421.00.

Gainers regained control on the floor outnumbering their only rival, losers by a margin of 16 to ten. Trading at previous rates took a large share of 15.

Bangladesh Tobacco Company finished with a relatively larger gain on the day following Apr-18's huge loss from Tk 75.00 to Tk 50.00. It managed to recover 20 per cent of its prices and closed at Tk 60.00.

On the other side, Quasem Silk continued to lose ground. On the third day of its appearance in a short time it further lost 7.08 per cent of its prices and sacrificed for Tk 2.40 per share.

The Composite Index recovered after Sunday's nose dive. It added another 7.63 points to Monday's close of 359.9444 and finished at 367.5774.

### DAY'S TRADING AT A GLANCE

DSE Share Price Index	367.5774
Market Capitalisation (Tk)	10,507,190,328.00
Turnover in Volume	10451.25
Turnover in Value (Tk)	558135.75

Company's name	Previous price Tk	Closing price Tk	Change (absolute)	Change (% over)	Number of shares sold
<b>Gains (16) Shares:</b>					
HTC	80.00	60.00	10.00	20.00	367
Quasem Drycells	8.98	9.36	0.38	4.22	2900
Green Delta	181.00	183.00	2.00	1.10	130
BGC	169.00	170.95	1.95	1.15	360
United Ina	192.00	193.00	1.00	0.52	20
Eastern Cables	73.50	74.00	0.50	0.68	200
Singer Bangladesh	1424.70	1448.18	23.48	1.64	55
Dhaka Veg	83.62	84.45	0.83	0.98	110
Ambee Pharma	12.10	12.20	0.10	0.82	500
Beximo Pharma	445.00	445.50	0.50	0.11	10
Bestimo	19.80	20.05	0.25	1.26	2200
Cig Cement	247.95	253.78	5.83	2.35	205
Monno Ceramic	295.00	296.00	1.00	0.33	10
Umaria Glass	245.00	245.75	0.75	0.30	20
<b>Debtures:</b>					
Beximo Infusion	1588.00	1600.00	18.00	1.13	02
Beximo Pharma	1222.00	1224.00	2.00	0.16	22
<b>Losses (10) Shares:</b>					
AB Bank	180.00	178.00	2.00	1.11	37
B Thai Aluminium	75.00	74.28	0.72	0.96	160
NTC	211.00	205.00	6.00	2.84	05
B Oxygen	70.00	69.57	0.43	0.61	87
Eagle Star	14.20	14.00	0.20	1.40	200
Quasem Silk	2.40	2.23	0.17	7.08	300
Satham Textile	64.14	64.00	0.14	0.21	280
Tallu Spinning	98.33	98.00	0.33	0.33	50
Eagle Box	14.50	14.30	0.20	1.37	200
Bata Shoe	33.42	33.00	0.42	1.25	680
<b>Traded at unchanged rates (15) Shares:</b>					
Shares: National Bank Ltd (20), Rupali Bank (110), 2nd ICB (40), 6th ICB (10), Bengal Food (11), Zeal Bangla (100), Tulip Dairy (25), National Oxygen (10), Ashraf Textile (100), Modern Dyeing (05), Padma Textile (30), Ibn Sina (90), Rahman Chemicals (20), Paper Processing (210), GQ Ball Pen (550).					

### DSE SHARES AND DEBENTURES

Company	FV/ML Tk	Share	Rate
Shamsar Jute	100/5	100.00	
Specialised Jute	10/50	NT	
Shine Pukur Jute	100/5	115.00	
Sornali Aarsh	100/5	99.00	
<b>BANKS (10)</b>			
Al Baraka Bank	1000/1	921.00	
A.B. Bank	100/5	178.00	
City Bank	100/5	280.00	
I.F.I.C	100/5	173.00	
Islami Bank	1000/1	1710.00	
National Bank	100/5	100.00	
Pubali Bank	100/5	100.00	
Rupali Bank	100/10	71.00	
U.C.B.L	100/5	112.00	
Uttrara Bank	100/5	100.00	
<b>TEXTILE (20)</b>			
Alhaj Textile	10/50	NT	
Arbee Textile	100/10	112.00	
Ashraf Textile	10/50	30.00	
Chand Spinning	10/50	NT	
Desh Garments	100/10	50.00	
Dulamia Cotton	100/10	79.00	
Eagle Star Textile	10/50	14.00	
GMG Ind. Corp.	10/50	10.00	
Modern Dyeing	100/5	33.00	
Padma Textile	100/20	175.75	
Quasem Silk	10/100	2.23	
Quasem Textile	10/50	4.00	
Rahim Textile	100/5	9	