

Cambodian Finance Minister vows to abandon 'jungle economy'

PHNOM PENH, Aug 1: Cambodia's new Finance Minister Sam Rainsy vowed yesterday to do away with the country's 'jungle economy' and the corrupt awarding of foreign business contracts and revamp contracts that do not benefit Cambodia, reports AFP.

"Some of the contracts signed by the 93 foreign companies investing in Cambodia, only harm to Cambodia," Rainsy said at a UN-sponsored foreign investment seminar held attended by businessmen, economists and investment experts.

Instead, foreign investment should have the long-term benefits of Cambodia in mind, as well as long-term profits for the investors.

"I want to clarify, a market economy is not a jungle economy. The difference is the existence of a legal framework," he said, adding that he was in the process of making new investment regulations.

He did not specify which contracts needed to be cancelled, nor say in which sectors they are working.

But indiscriminate logging in

which hardwoods are sold at artificially low prices across the border to Thailand, Laos and Vietnam has been in the past a major source of environmental damage to Cambodia, resulting in the silting of rivers and the country's central great lake, the Tonle Sap.

"We will not revise systematically all contracts," Rainsy said. "Some will need some change since the operating conditions in Cambodia may have changed since the signing of those contracts."

"There is a need to make those contracts more balanced... for the host country," he said. "All contracts and all projects in Cambodia must be done on a mutually beneficial basis."

Rainsy, a member of the Royalist Funcinpec Party, became Finance Minister after the Royalists won the UN-run elections in May and formed a coalition with the former communist government.

Investment so far in Cambodia has focused on the restaurant, hotel, import/export, banking and oil industries,

said Rajeev Pillay, Deputy Director of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Cambodia.

"The Cambodian leadership needs to determine what its priorities are and match them with the needs of the investors," he said, adding that the country should court investors with a long-term development approach rather than those looking for quick returns.

Foreign investment in Cambodia is the lowest in the region, according to Asian Development Bank (ADB) statistics presented at the seminar.

As a proportion of gross domestic product, gross domestic investment in Cambodia was only 9.8 per cent last year, compared with 36.7 in Thailand, 12.0 in Vietnam and 35.2 in Malaysia. Even Laos had 14.5 per cent, according to the ADB.

In order to attract foreign investors, Cambodia needs to "avoid all arbitrary measures of decisions we have seen in the past," Rainsy said, referring to the previous practice of bribing high officials of the former Phnom Penh government in order

to obtain contracts.

"With this new legal framework, foreign investors will be more confident to come and invest in Cambodia," he said.

Rainsy has implemented a number of new taxes on foreign investors and businessmen, but he said investors would rather pay "legal and regular" taxes to the state than line corrupt officials' pockets.

"So from now on, the new government of Cambodia will make sure of transparency, and that all that is asked of foreign investors will go to the state," he said.

Clear practices will have the country money in the long run, Rainsy predicted.

"Corruption is incompatible with free and fair competition," he said. "I think the best companies should win."

The three-day seminar continues until Wednesday, and is due to be addressed by foreign businessmen from the Banque Indosuez and shell oil co who will discuss what obstacles they faced in doing business in Cambodia.

Hyundai suspends decision to close Ulsan shipyard

SEOUL, Aug 1: South Korea's giant Hyundai business group suspended Saturday an earlier decision to shut down its shipyard, the world's largest, after workers eased their demands, report AP.

The decision defused tensions around the Hyundai Heavy Industries Co shipyard in the southern city of Ulsan. Thousands of riot police posted outside the shipyard were ordered to stay back.

On Friday, the company decided to lock 15,000 workers out with a warning that police would be allowed in if workers stage illegal protests.

But workers, bowing to the company's tough stance, dropped a demand that the company rehire 15 dismissed union leaders and offered to

open new negotiations.

Hyundai said negotiations resumed early Saturday, producing what they called "considerable progress." Talks will be held again next week.

Hyundai claims to have lost 125 million dollar in sales because of four weeks of work stoppages that began July 2 at the shipyard over a union-proposed 20 per cent wage increase.

The company has insisted on a 4.7 per cent hike, a limit set by the government to curb inflation.

About 12,000 riot police have been stationed in Ulsan since last Friday, when workers voted to end a 36-day-old dispute at Hyundai Motor Co, the nation's largest auto plant, also in the same city.

Shipping Intelligence

CHITTAGONG PORT

Berth position and performance of vessels as on 01.08.1993

| Berth No | Name of vessels | Cargo | L Port | Local Agent | Date of Arrival | Leaving |
|----------|----------------------|------------|--------|-------------|-----------------|---------|
| J/2 | Banglar Maya (Ebb) | GL | Male | BSC | 12/7 | 04/8 |
| J/3 | Chipsam (Ebb) | Cement | Tizit | Ustic | 14/4 | 05/8 |
| J/4 | Vishva Nandini (Ebb) | Salt (TCB) | Tutti | Umal | 22/7 | 01/8 |
| J/7 | Steinkirchen | P Equip | Prog | 29/7 | 02/8 | |
| J/9 | Samudra Rani | GL | Mong | SSL | 31/7 | 03/8 |
| J/10 | Banglar Sampad (Ebb) | Repair | | BSC | R/A | 05/8 |
| J/11 | Agna | Urea | | BSL | R/A | 05/8 |
| MPB/1 | Banglar Robi | Cont | Mong | BSC | 31/7 | 03/8 |
| CCJ | Banglar Kiron | Repair | | BSC | R/A | 07/8 |
| TSP | Al Mubaraq | R Phos | Aqaba | SSST | 29/7 | 06/8 |
| RM/3 | Arasnyev | CPO | SANDA | TSL | 31/7 | 01/8 |
| RM/6 | Sandgate | HSD | Sing | MSP/L | 26/7 | 02/8 |
| DD | Banglar Kallol | Repair | | BSC | R/A | 07/8 |
| DDJ/2 | Banglar Asha (Ebb) | Repair | | BSC | R/A | 10/8 |
| CUFJ | Ronjay Choomie | Urea | Sing | Seacom | 02/6 | 01/8 |

VESSEL DUE AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

| Name of Vessels | Date of Arrival | Last Port | Local Call | Cargo | Loading Port |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Robert-E-Lee | 01/8 | Call | Karna | GI (Lash) | - |
| Nand Sristi | 01/8 | Sing | MSA/Pulses-wheat | - | - |
| Lily | 02/8 | Mong | Seacom | Urea | - |
| Danching Sister | 02/8 | Kand | Oswal | Sugar | - |
| Sea Nymph | 02/8 | Sing | Ustic | Cement | - |
| Boris Lavrenyov | 15/8 | Pena | USTC | GI | - |
| Pecan | 04/8 | Mong | Oswal | GL | D E Salam |
| Fong Yun | 04/8 | Sing | BDShip | Cont | Sing |
| NGS Express | 04/8 | Sing | BDShip | Cont | Sing |
| Ingenuity | 04/8 | Col | BLTA | Cont | Col |
| Imke Wehr | 04/8 | Sing | Usta | Cont | USA FE |
| Kamaleveretti | 04/8 | - | Eblpi | GI | Japa FE |
| VILA Moosum | 04/8 | - | B Bay | TI | - |
| Golden Star | 05/8 | Bang | BML/Sugar | GI & GI | - |
| Weng Kiat | 06/8 | - | AML | Cont | Sing |
| MT Tong AH (Barge: SMIT FLORES) | 05/8 | - | Anchor P | Equipment | - |
| Rafiah | 05/8 | Sing | NikoDynamic | M Seeds | - |
| Ahlers Breeze | 05/8 | Sing | RSL | Cont | Hard |
| Banglar Doot | 06/8 | SFAF | SSST | TSP | - |
| Optima | 06/8 | - | RSL | Cont | Sing |
| Jiang Cheng | 06/8 | S Hai | BDShip | GI | C Ports |
| Banglar Moni | 07/8 | Sing | BSC | Cont | Sing |
| Kota Buana | 09/8 | Sing | RSL | Cont | Sing |
| Chrysanth | 15/8 | - | USTC | Copra | - |

TANKER DUE:

| Name of Vessels | Date of Arrival | Bomb | Last Port | Local Call | Lube Oil |
|-----------------|-----------------|------|-----------|------------|----------|
| Amala-2 | 04/8 | - | - | - | - |

VESSLS READY:

| | | | | |
|--------------------|------|------|-----|-----|
| Eponyma | Cont | Sing | RSL | 31/ |
| 1 Yamburenko | Cont | Sing | CT | 01/ |
| Tom: Best (Attach) | | | | |

VESSLS AWAITING INSTRUCTION

| | | | | |
|------------------|---|---|-----|------------|
| Marine Three | - | - | BML | R/A (5/7) |
| Banglar Jyoti | - | - | BSC | R/A (25/7) |
| Banglar Shourabh | - | - | BSC | R/A (29/7) |

VESSLS NOT ENTERING

| | | | | |
|----------------------|----------|------|-------|------------|
| Cherry Blossom | Scraping | Sing | ARI | 05/8 |
| Apple Blossom | Scraping | Sing | LTL | 09/7 |
| Vladimir (Ex Orshai) | Scraping | Mong | LTL | 17/7 |
| Trans Asia | Scraping | - | USTC | R/A (26/7) |
| Dolores | Scraping | - | Cross | R/A (7/7) |

MOVEMENT OF VESSELS FOR 02.08.93

| Outgoing | Incoming | Shifting |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------|
| J/7 Steinkirchen (GI) | J/3 Tony Best | - |
| RM-6 Sandgate (HSD) | DDJ Banglar Shourabh | - |

The above were the Sunday'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 Aug 1.

| Currency | Selling B.C. | T.T. (C) | Buying OD Transfers |
|--------------------|--------------|----------|---------------------|
| US Dollar | 39.9826 | 39.7587 | 39.5054 |
| Poundsterling | 59.2224 | 58.9224 | 58.5669 |
| DM | 22.9587 | 22.8170 | 22.6717 |
| FF | 6.6956 | 6.6525 | 6.6101 |
| S Riyal | 10.6874 | 10.6275 | 10.5598 |
| D Guilders | 20.3785 | 20.2437 | 20.1148 |
| S Kroner | 4.8517 | 4.8216 | 4.7908 |
| Singapore Dollar | 24.7847 | 24.6260 | 24.4691 |
| UAE Dirham | 10.9153 | 10.8541 | 10.7850 |
| Kuwait Dinar | 133.2309 | 132.4848 | 131.6408 |
| Indian Rupee (AMU) | 1.2705 | 1.2648 | 1.2585 |
| Pak Rupee (AMU) | 1.3318 | 1.3259 | 1.3193 |

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 August 1, 1993

Mixed trend continues

Trading on the floor of Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) continued mixed trend on Sunday. Both the turnovers increased. Volume reached 16227 issues from 7764 showing a surge of 109.003 per cent. Value increased to Taka 710028.00 from Taka 623779.75, a rise of 13.826 per cent.

The DSE All Share Price Index also gained slightly. It reached 418.8312 from 418.8074.

A total of 33 stocks were traded on the day. Of these, 10 gained, 12 lost while 17 others traded at previous rates.

DAY'S TRADING AT A GLANCE

| | |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| DSE Share Price Index | 418.8312 |
| Market Capitalisation(Tk) | 15800997361.60 |
| Turnover in Volume | 16227 |
| Turnover in Value (Tk) | 710028.00 |

| Company's name | Previous price Tk | Closing price Tk | Change (absolute) Tk | Change (% over price) | Number of share sold |
|----------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
|----------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|

Gains(10)

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|------|
| Share: | | | | | |
| BD Oxygen | 70.00 | 72.00 | 2.00 | 2.857 | 150 |
| Umanaria Glass | 265.00 | 269.00 | 4.00 | 1.509 | 10 |
| National Bank | 99.16 | 100.00 | 0.84 | 0.847 | 60 |
| Quasem Drycells | 9.60 | 9.68 | 0.08 | 0.833 | 2500 |
| Ashraf Textile | 29.70 | 29.87 | 0.17 | 0.572 | 1200 |
| 3rd ICB M Fund | 159.60 | 160.00 | 0.40 | 0.250 | 10 |
| 6th ICB M Fund | 57.43 | 57.50 | 0.070 | 0.121 | 20 |
| Bengal Food | 117.93 | 118.00 | 0.07 | 0.059 | 100 |
| BGIC | 205.68 | 205.75 | 0.070 | 0.034 | 260 |

Losses(12)

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|-------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|------|
| Share: | | | | | |
| Quasem Silk | 2.70 | 2.60 | 0.10 | 3.703 | 1400 |
| BD Autocars | 59.00 | 57.00 | 2.00 | 3.389 | 35 |
| Thai Aluminium | 83.00 | 81.11 | 2.00 | 2.409 | 90 |
| Bata Shoe | 39.50 | 39.00 | 0.50 | 1.265 | 200 |
| Singer BD | 870.00 | 856.00 | 14.00 | 1.609 | 25 |
| Eagle Star | 14.50 | 14.32 | 0.180 | 1.241 | 2300 |
| Pharmaco | 50.50 | 50.00 | 0.50 | 0.990 | 10 |
| Ctg Cement | 201.50 | 200.00 | 1.50 | 0.744 | 100 |
| Rupam Oil | 4.33 | 4.30 | 0.030 | 0.692 | 900 |
| Kohinoor Chemical | 65.00 | 64.75 | 0.25 | 0.384 | 20 |
| Bextimo Infusion | 247.55 | 247.50 | 0.050 | 0.020 | 60 |
| Apex Footwear | 176.02 | 176.00 | 0.020 | 0.011 | 740 |

Traded at previous rates(17)

Shares: Aftab Automobiles(10), National Tubes(110), Tulip Dairy(10), Zeal Bangla Sugar(3700), Dulamia Cotton(380), Rahim Textile(65), Satham Textile(20), Tallu Spinning(10), Bangla Process(20), Bextimo Pharma(159), Pharma Aids(25), Rahman Chemicals(20), Ibsnial(10), Apex Tannery(10), Bextimo(1100), Padma Textile(340).

Debtenture Bextimo Pharma(4).

DSE SHARES AND DEBENTURES

| Company | FV/ML (Taka) | Closing Rate (Taka) | NT |
|------------------|--------------|---------------------|----|
| Northern Jute | 10/50 | NT | |
| Shimshur Jute | 100/5 | 100.00 | |
| Specialised Jute | 10/50 | NT | |
| Shine Pukur Jute | 100/5 | 110.00 | |
| Sonali Aarab | 100/5 | 105.00 | |

BANKS (12)

| | | | |
|----------------|--------|---------|--|
| Al Baraka Bank | 1000/1 | 825.00 | |
| A.B. Bank | 100/5 | 200.00 | |
| City Bank | 100/5 | 330.00 | |
| Eastern Bank | 100/20 | 110.00 | |
| IDLC Ltd | 100/20 | 222.00 | |
| IFIC | 100/5 | 174.00 | |
| Islami Bank | 1000/1 | 1500.00 | |
| National Bank | 100/5 | 100.00 | |
| Pubali Bank | 100/5 | 100.00 | |
| Rupali Bank | 100/10 | 70.00 | |
| U.C.B.L | 100/5 | 88.00 | |
| Uttara Bank | 100/5 | 93.00 | |

INVESTMENT (08)

| | | | |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--|
| ICB | 100/5 | 100.00 | |
| 1st ICB M. Fund | 100/5 | 375.00 | |
| 2nd ICB Fund | 100/5 | 178.00 | |
| 3rd ICB M. Fund | 100/5 | 160.00 | |
| 4th ICB M. Fund | 100/10 | 159.00 | |
| 5th ICB M. Fund | 100/10 | 102.00 | |
| 6th ICB M. Fund | 100/10 | 57.50 | |
| ICB Unit Cert. | - | - | |

INSURANCE (04)

| | | | |
|-------------|--------|--------|--|
| BGIC | 100/10 | 205.75 | |
| Green Delta | 100/10 | 205.76 | |
| Peoples | 100/10 | 295.00 | |
| United | 100/10 | 209.00 | |

ENGINEERING (19)

| | | | |
|---------------------|--------|--------|--|
| Aftab Automobiles | 100/5 | 177.00 | |
| Atlas Bangladesh | 10/50 | 42.00 | |
| Anz Pipes | 100/5 | 250.00 | |
| Bangladesh Autocars | 100/5 | 57.00 | |
| Bangladesh Lamps | 100/5 | 298.00 | |
| B. Thai Aluminium | 100/10 | 81.11 | |
| Bengal Carbide | 100/5 | 251.00 | |
| Bengal Steel | 10/50 | 20.00 | |
| Eastern Cables | 100/5 | 82.32 | |
| Howlader PVC | 100/10 | 107.03 | |
| Karim Pipe | 100/5 | 80.36 | |
| Metalex Corp. | 100/5 | 38.00 | |
| Monro Staffilers | 100/5 | 175.00 | |
| Monro Juice | 100/5 | 315.00 | |
| National Tubes | 100/10 | 60.00 | |
| Panther Steel | 10/50 | 8.00 | |
| Quasem Drycells | 10/50 | 9.88 | |
| Rennick Jagneswar | 100/5 | 85.00 | |
| Singer Bangladesh | 100/5 | 856.00 | |

FOOD & ALLIED (23)

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|-------------------|--------|--------|------------------|--------|-------|
| National Tubes | 100/10 | 60.00 | Eagle Box | 10/50 | 21.50 |
| Panther Steel | 10/50 | 8.00 | Monospool Paper | 100/5 | 38.50 |
| Quamran Dyeacril | 10/50 | 9.88 | Paper Converting | 100/5 | 70.00 |
| Remick-Jagrewall | 100/5 | 85.00 | Paper Processing | 100/10 | 17.25 |
| Singer Bangladesh | 100/5 | 856.00 | Padma Printers | 10/50 | 50.00 |
| | | | Sornali Paper | 10/50 | 52.00 |

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|--------------------|--------|---------|
| FOOD & ALLIED (25) | | |
| A.B Biscuit | 100/5 | 200.00 |
| Alpha Tobacco | 10/50 | 45.00 |
| Amara Sea Food | 100/5 | 850.00 |
| Apex Food | 100/5 | 60.00 |
| Aranya Tea | 100/5 | 120.00 |
| Bangor | 100/5 | 50.00 |
| B.D. Plantation | 100/5 | 118.00 |
| Bengal Food | 100/5 | 800.00 |
| BLTC | 10/50 | 74.00 |
| BTC | 100/10 | 64.00 |
| Ctg. Vegetable | 100/5 | 74.25 |
| Dhaka Vegetables | 100/5 | 1040.00 |
| E.L. Camella | 10/50 | 3.00 |
| Frogleg Export | 100/5 | 60.00 |
| Gemini Sea Food | 100/5 | 350.00 |
| Hill Plantation | 100/5 | 320.00 |
| Modern Industries | 100/82 | 210.00 |
| N.T.C. | 10/100 | NT |

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|------------------|-------|-------|
| SERVICE (80) | | |
| Bangladesh Hotel | 10/50 | 12.00 |
| Banquet House | 10/50 | 12.00 |
| Chittagong Hotel | 10/50 | 12.00 |
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