

India incurs huge financial losses due to religious riots

NEW DELHI, Sept 13: India has incurred huge financial and economic losses because of the religious riots that followed the destruction of the Babri Mosque in Ayodhya on December 6, 1992, economic reports from the Indian capital said, reports IINA.

According to these reports, the production sector lost 12 billion 500 million rupee, the exports sector lost 20 billion rupee, commerce 10 billion, building and construction 40 billion.

OECE of Japan, Dhaka sign five loan accords

The Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECE) of Japan signed five loan agreements with Bangladesh Monday, reports UNB.

The agreement was signed in pursuance of signing of an exchange note earlier on September 1 providing for Taka 880 crore (yen 23.116 billion) Japanese assistance of OECE.

Under the loan agreements, OECE will provide assistance to five important projects designed

for the infrastructural development of the country, says an official handout.

The projects are: 90 mw combined cycle power plant project, Sylhet, Haripur power plant rehabilitation and expansion project, Dhaka, barge mounted power plant rehabilitation project (Chittagong and Khulna), feasibility study of the Chittagong Airport Development Project and Dhaka Inland River Port Development project.

With this loan package, the total amount of OECE assistance to Bangladesh has added up to US dollar 4,368 million (yen 458,626 million).

Additional Secretary, Economic Relations Division of the Ministry of Finance Dr Sadat Hussain representing the Bangladesh side and Senior Vice-President of OECE Chikao Tsukuda, who is on a three-day official visit to Bangladesh, signed the loan agreement.

Tokyo seeking to boost share in UAE oil sector

ABU DHABI, Sept 13: Japan is seeking to boost its share in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) oil industry as part of plans to secure stable crude supplies, the semi-official daily Al-Itihad reported yesterday, says AFP.

A senior official from the Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) discussed oil cooperation and Japanese investment in the UAE during a visit to the Emirates last week, the paper said.

Takao Suzuki, Director General of MITI's department of petroleum, met Oil Minister Yusuf Ibn Omar Ibn Yusuf and officials from the Abu Dhabi

National Oil Company (ADNOC), which runs the energy sector in the Gulf state.

The talks covered increasing oil cooperation between the two countries, which maintain strong relations, Al-Itihad said.

"The Japanese official stressed the importance of developing cooperation and boosting the activities of the Japanese companies in the UAE oil sector."

The paper gave no details but Japan has sought to raise its shareholding in the Gulf oil industry in a bid to secure cheap and stable crude supplies in the long-run.

Dhaka Stock Prices

At the close of trading on September 13, 1993

Gainers dominate floor

The mood of business on the floor of Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) was almost good on Monday.

The number of stocks transacted increased to 42 from Sunday's 37 and gainers heavily dominated the floor. The gainers outnumbered the losers by 25 to only two while 15 others traded at previous rates.

The DSE All Share Price Index also gained. It reached 416.1152 from 415.2650, an increase of 0.850 per cent.

Turnover in value term increased to Taka 752465.50 from Taka 584061.75 showing a rise of 9.64 per cent while turnover in value fell to 9859 issues from 10911, a loss of 28.33 per cent.

DAY'S TRADING AT A GLANCE

DSE Share Price Index	416.1152
Market Capitalisation Tk	16318025063.40
Turnover in Volume	9859
Turnover in Value Tk	752465.50

Company's name	Previous Price Tk	Closing Price Tk	Change (absolute) Tk	Change (% over price)	Number of shares sold
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Gains (25)					
Shares:					
B Lamps	280.00	300.00	20.00	7.1421	20
Phoenix Leather	100.00	105.00	5.00	5.00	10
Satham Textile	73.00	75.54	2.54	3.479	260
IDLC	213.00	217.87	4.87	2.192	60
Cig Vegetables	65.17	66.54	1.370	2.102	650
Peoples Insurance	290.20	295.00	4.80	1.654	60
United Insurance	195.00	197.45	2.45	1.256	110
B Autocars	48.00	48.48	0.48	1.00	145
Bata Shoe	41.10	41.50	0.40	0.973	100
Apex Tannery	337.00	340.00	3.00	0.890	35
Usmania Glass	268.00	269.30	1.30	0.489	50
Quasem Drycells	9.62	9.70	0.08	0.831	200
BGIC	181.00	182.50	1.50	0.828	100
Kohinoor Chemical	63.50	64.00	0.50	0.787	25
3rd ICB M Fund	140.00	141.00	1.00	0.714	05
5th ICB M Fund	86.75	87.25	0.50	0.576	20
Green Delta	208.33	209.50	1.170	0.561	1010
6th ICB M Fund	57.25	57.57	0.320	0.558	480
Talhu Spinning	93.50	94.00	0.50	0.534	10
Cig Cement	184.08	185.00	0.920	0.499	175
Howlader PVC	103.00	103.50	0.50	0.485	30
National Bank	94.14	94.50	0.360	0.382	85
GQ Ball Pen	77.00	77.25	0.250	0.324	200
Singer BD	818.00	820.00	2.00	0.244	05
Morino Ceramic	281.00	281.25	0.25	0.088	40

Losses (02)					
Shares:					
Ashraf Textile	29.36	29.21	0.150	0.510	1100
Bengal Food	113.59	113.29	0.30	0.264	350

Traded at previous rates (15)
Shares: UCBL (78), Metalex Corp (15), National Tubes (60), B Oxygen (331), Dulama Cotton (100), Eagle Star Textile (2300), Padma Textile (240), Ambee Pharma (700), Pharma Aids (10), Rahman Chemicals (140), Apex Footwear (120), Beximco (400), Savar Refractories (15).
Debentures: Beximco (8), Beximco Pharma (7).

DSE SHARES AND DEBENTURES

Company	FV/ML (Taka)	Closing Rate (Taka)	Specialised Jute Shine Pakur Jute Sonali Aashraf	10/50 100/5 100/5	NT 113.00 108.00
BANKS (10)					
Al Baraka Bank	1000/1	815.00	Alhaj Textile	10/50	NT
A.B. Bank	100/5	160.00	Arbee Textile	100/10	112.00
City Bank	100/5	325.00	Ashraf Textile	10/50	29.21
Eastern Bank	100/20	110.00	Chand Textile	10/50	NT
IDLC Ltd	100/20	217.67	Chand Spinning	100/10	50.00
I.F.I.C.	100/5	155.00	Desh Garments	100/10	50.00
Islami Bank	1000/1	1415.00	Dulama Cotton	100/10	78.50
National Bank	100/5	94.50	Eagle Star Textile	10/50	14.20
Punjab Bank	100/5	100.00	GMG Ind. Corp	10/50	10.00
Rupali Bank	100/10	69.00	Modern Dyeing	100/5	29.00
U.C.B.L.	100/5	105.00	Padma Textile	100/20	165.00
Uttara Bank	100/5	90.00	Quasem Silk	10/100	2.50
INVESTMENT (08)					
ICB	100/5	100.00	Quasem Textile	10/50	3.30
1st ICB M. Fund	100/5	350.00	Rahim Textile	100/5	99.00
2nd ICB M. Fund	100/5	160.00	Saham Textiles	100/10	75.54
3rd ICB M. Fund	100/5	141.00	S.T.M. (ORD)	100/5	20.00
4th ICB M. Fund	100/10	140.00	Stylecraft	100/5	130.00
5th ICB M. Fund	100/10	87.25	Swan Textile	100/5	10.00
6th ICB M. Fund	100/10	57.57	Talhu Spinning	100/10	94.00
ICB Unit Cert.	100/5	112.00	Tamjuddin	100/10	155.00
Sales Price	100/5	107.00	PHARMACEUTICALS & CHEMICALS (19)		
Re-purchase	100/5	107.00	Ambee Pharma	10/50	10.50
INSURANCE (04)					
BGIC	100/10	182.50	Bangla Process	100/10	90.00
Green Delta	100/10	209.50	Beximco Infusion	100/100	225.00
Peoples	100/10	295.00	Beximco Pharma	100/5	451.00
United	100/10	197.45	Glaxo	10/50	125.00
ENGINEERING (19)					
Ashraf Automobiles	100/5	180.00	A.C.I.	10/50	10.00
Atlas Bangladesh	100/50	43.43	N Polymer	100/10	10.00
Aziz Pipes	100/5	225.00	Kohinoor Chemical	100/5	64.00
Bangladesh Autocars	100/5	48.48	Petro Synthetic	10/50	10.00
Bangladesh Lamps	100/5	300.00	Phizer	100/5	450.00
B. Thai Aluminium	100/10	79.00	Pharmacoc	100/5	50.00
Bengal Carbide	100/5	271.00	Progressive Plastic	100/5	22.13
Bengal Steel	100/5	20.00	Reckitt & Colman	10/50	95.00
Eastern Cables	100/5	70.11	Rahman Chemicals	100/10	32.00
Howlader PVC	100/10	103.50	Therapeutics	100/5	72.00
Karim Pipe	100/5	65.00	The Ibrosta	100/10	101.00
Monro Staffers	100/5	180.00	Wata Chemical	100/20	121.00
Monro Jute	100/5	350.00	PAPER & PRINTING (06)		
National Tubes	100/10	60.00	Eagle Box	10/50	23.00
Panther Steel	100/50	8.00	Monospool Paper	100/5	25.00

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Pak central bank governor blames distortions in trade policies

ISLAMABAD, Sept 13: Pakistan's central bank governor on Sunday issued a stinging attack on what he called the rich privileged classes whose tax dodging and loan defaults were making the poor poorer and shattering the economy, reports Reuters.

"It is rather ironic that a large number of economic policy distortions that exist in the economy... have been retained, and even intensified, at the instance of various interest groups in the private sector itself," State Bank of Pakistan Governor Mohammed Yaqub told the Islamabad Stock Exchange.

He blamed distortions in fiscal, monetary and trade policies for creating an underground economy and income inequalities.

He praised far-reaching economic reforms launched in 1991 to deregulate the financial

system and make the private sector the main engines of growth, but said Pakistan still had far to go.

On fiscal policy, he attacked landlords, the service sector, retailers and small industry for creating pressure groups that to avoid the tax net.

"As a result the tax base of the economy is very narrow."

Only about one million of Pakistan's 120 million people pay taxes and corruption is rampant throughout government, bureaucracy and business, diplomats and economists say.

Yaqub described a privileged class of tax dodgers and corrupt tax collectors co-existing with a fixed income salaried group who pay high taxes, palatial living co-existing with people living in sub-human conditions.

The tax system was interfering in market mechanisms, he

said. The budget deficit soared to 7.5 per cent in 1992/93 (July/June), 1.5 per cent over target.

Distortions in monetary policy, such as segmentation of the credit market, multiplicity of the rate structure and outside interference were making the cost of money exorbitant, said Yaqub, who took over as central bank governor last month.

Government borrowing had been excessive while credit to the private sector was less than adequate, he charged.

"The worst are the defaulters, most of whom are rich and influential, and they are being financed through taxation of the poor in the form of negative return to their savings in real terms."

Power sector to be privatised

Pakistan's four provinces yesterday agreed a formula that

paved the way for the privatisation of parts of the nation's huge power industry.

The Council of Common Interests, representing the four provinces, met the Federal Government and agreed to amend the 1958 Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA) Act that had forbidden the privatisation or sale of WAPDA's assets.

"A consensus has been arrived at for privatisation without any restrictions on who takes part," Minister for Water and Power Khurshid Marker told Reuters.

The first sections of Pakistan's power industry to be sold would be thermal power plants and power distribution sectors, a government announcement said.

The sale of hydroelectric plants and the national grid was not agreed and these would remain part of WAPDA, it said.

Biman devises new marketing strategies

Biman has devised some new marketing strategies to increase the airlines' market share as there is scope for further improvement in both on-ground and inflight passenger services, reports UNB.

The strategies were worked out in the 13th System Marketing Conference that concluded on Thursday. State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan attended the concluding session as chief guest.

The Minister exhorted all field managers who had played a pivotal role in earning a net profit of Taka 60 crore by Biman in the last fiscal year.

The present profit-making trend will continue