

Water Development Board takes up Tk 203.51cr projects

RAJSHAHI, Oct 20: The government has sanctioned Taka over fifty-two crore ninety-three lakh including Taka twenty-eight crore fifty-five lakh provided by IDA, ADB, Dutch-Swedish and CIDA for completion of twenty ongoing development projects under taken by Bangladesh Water Development Board in Rajshahi and Bogra during the current fiscal year.

An official source told BSS that the Water Development Board undertakes 'Barna river project' in 1986 covering Pabna, Durgapur and Bagmara

in Rajshahi and Natore sadar thana. The work on the project will be completed by June next at a total cost of Taka ninety crore fifty eight lakh. Over eighty per cent work of the project has already been completed.

Water Development Board will construct fifty-four km long embankment, fourteen drainage regulators, eighty eight km long road for development. Eighteen water control structures, forty three flushing sluice gates and excavation and reexcavation of two hundred thirty-five km long

canal. The work on the project is progressing fast.

When completed, forty-eight thousand three hundred hectares in project area will be benefited from water logging and flood waters, the source added.

UNB from Noakhali adds Water Development Board has taken up three ambitious projects during the current fiscal year to project vast areas of coastal belt of the district from flood and other natural calamities.

The projects at a cost of

Taka 60 crore include construction of embankments, sluice gates and tree planting by the sides of the embankments in Hatiya, Companiganj and Sadar thanas.

Official sources said Taka 4.13 crore will be spent in Sadar thana, Taka 27.72 crore in Hatiya and Taka 23.61 crore in Companiganj.

About one and a half lakh acres of land and a large number of people will be saved from flood after completion of the projects.

Pak traders greet Benazir

KARACHI, Oct 21: Pakistan businessmen welcomed on Wednesday the election of Benazir Bhutto as Prime Minister as a sign of an end to political uncertainty, but said she must quickly address economic and infrastructure problems, reports Reuter.

"Bhutto's election has ended political uncertainty," said Arif Habib, president of the Karachi Stock Exchange (KSE).

Foreign investors had kept to the sidelines this year through-out much of the political chaos that paralysed the economy, eroded confidence and help up foreign investment. They returned in force this week as it became clear that Bhutto would become prime minister, although with only with a slim majority.

"Bhutto's election will give stability and attract foreign investment," said analyst Javed Hasan, of credit Lyonnais securities.

He said he hoped her installation as a prime minister after more than eight months of political turmoil would provide the stability the economy — and the stock exchange — need.

The Karachi Stock Exchange jumped to its highest level this year, closing up 28.35 points at 1,478.78.

One broker said a US fund had purchased three million dollar worth of Pakistani stocks in one day this week, because the market was regarded as undervalued after months in the doldrums.

Dhaka Stock Prices

At the close of trading on October 21, 1993

Index rises

A significant rise in the index marked the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) on Thursday, the closing day of the week, while both the turnovers fell.

The DSE All Share Price Index made a gain of 1.916 points increasing to 429.1515 from 427.234.

The turnover in volume term declined to 13959 from 27404 showing a fall of 49.062 per cent while the turnover in value lost by 45 per cent decreasing to Tk 875726.00 from Tk 1620379.50.

The number of issues transacted also fell to 29 as against Wednesday's 51. But the gainers heavily dominated the floor. The outnumbered losers by 16 to only four while nine others traded at previous rates.

There were no remarkable gains or losses in stock prices. But the number of traded shares of the Beximco Ltd. reached 6600 holding 47.281 per cent of the total volume of the day.

DAY'S TRADING AT A GLANCE

DSE Share Price Index	429.1515
Market Capitalisation Tk	16738900213.86
Turnover in Volume	13959
Turnover in Value Tk	875726.00

Company's name	Previous price Tk	Closing price Tk	Change (absolute)	Change (% over share price)	Number of shares traded
Gains (16)					
Shares:					
IDLC	211.00	212.00	1.00	0.473	20
5th ICB M Fund	93.00	93.50	0.50	0.537	50
6th ICB M Fund	67.00	67.21	0.21	0.313	140
Aziz Pipe	231.00	232.00	1.00	0.432	10
BD Oxygen	86.61	88.11	1.50	1.731	425
Talhu Spinning	89.06	90.00	0.94	1.055	110
Beximco Infusion	265.00	272.31	7.31	2.756	160
Beximco Pharma	550.00	556.43	6.43	1.169	70
TBL	70.00	70.07	0.07	0.100	140
Apex Footwear	193.20	200.70	7.50	3.881	1480
Apex Tannery	385.42	390.00	4.58	1.188	10
Bata Shoe	48.76	50.24	1.48	3.035	500
Beximco	20.97	21.36	0.39	1.859	6600
Momo Ceramic	300.00	311.20	11.20	3.733	50
Usmania Glass	290.32	300.00	9.68	3.334	320
Islam Jute	78.55	80.00	1.45	1.846	34
Losses (04)					
Shares:					
National Bank	91.00	90.00	-1.00	-1.098	50
Green Delta	206.00	205.00	-1.00	-0.485	10
Quasem Drycells	10.11	10.00	-0.11	-1.088	2300
Bengal Food	114.39	114.00	-0.39	-0.340	70

Traded at previous rates (09):
2nd ICB M Fund (96), Atlas Bangladesh (50), National Tea Company (84), Ashraf Textile (800), Dulama Cotton (90), Wata Chemical (100), GG Ball Pen (150), Savar Refractories (30), BGIC (10).

DSE SHARES AND DEBENTURES

Company	FV/ML (Taka)	Closing Rate (Taka)	Share Price (Taka)	Debitures
BANKS (12)				
Al Baraka Bank	1000/1	900.00		
A.B. Bank	100/5	176.00		
City Bank	100/5	303.00		
Eastern Bank	100/20	105.00		
IDLC Ltd	100/20	212.00		
IFIC	100/5	154.00		
Islami Bank	1000/1	1393.00		
National Bank	100/5	90.00		
Pubali Bank	100/5	100.00		
Rupali Bank	100/10	69.00		
U.C.B.L	100/5	120.00		
Uttara Bank	100/5	93.00		
INSURANCE (04)				
BGIC	100/10	182.00		
Green Delta	100/10	205.00		
Peoples	100/10	283.00		
United	100/10	194.00		
ENGINEERING (19)				
Aftab Automobiles	100/5	182.00		
Atlas Bangladesh	10/50	45.00		
Aziz Pipes	100/5	232.00		
Bangladesh Autocars	100/5	46.75		
Bangladesh Lamps	100/5	300.00		
B. Thai Aluminium	100/10	82.00		
Bengal Carbide	100/5	265.00		
Eastern Cables	100/5	67.00		
Howader PVC	100/10	109.50		
Karim Pipe	100/5	58.00		
Metalex Corp.	100/5	29.00		
Monno Stafflers	100/5	200.00		
Monno Jute	100/5	350.00		
National Tubes	100/10	60.00		
Panther Steel	10/50	8.00		
Quasem Drycells	10/50	10.00		
Renwick Jagneswar	100/5	83.00		
Singer Bangladesh	100/5	897.73		
FOOD & ALLIED (28)				
A.B. Biscuit	100/5	200.00		
Alpha Tobacco	10/50	50.00		
Amex Sea Food	100/5	15.00		
Apex Food	100/5	675.00		
Aroma Tea	100/5	60.00		
Bargue	100/5	145.00		
B.D. Plantation	100/5	500.00		
Bengal Food	100/5	114.00		
B.L.T.C.	100/5	800.00		
B.T.C.	10/50	74.00		
Ctg. Vegetable	100/10	69.00		
Dhaka Vegetables	100/5	68.00		
E.L. Carnella	100/5	1040.00		
Frogging Export	10/50	2.00		
Gemini Sea Food	100/5	35.00		
Hill Plantation	100/5	550.00		
Modern Industries	100/5	330.00		
N.T.C.	100/52	225.00		
Rabeya Flour	10/100	NT		
Rupali Oil	10/100	4.00		
Tulip Dairy	100/10	60.00		
Yousaf Flour	10/50	NT		
Zeal Bangladesh Sugar	10/50	6.40		
PHARMACEUTICALS & CHEMICALS (19)				
Amber Pharma	100/5	59.00		
BGL	100/10	285.00		
Beximco Infusion	100/100	272.31		
Beximco Pharma	100/5	556.43		
Glaxo	10/50	125.00		
ACI	100/10	10.00		
N Polymer	100/10	63.50		
Kohinoor Chemical	100/5	63.50		
Petro Synthetic	10/50	10.00		
Pfizer	100/5	450.00		
Pharma Aids	100/5	171.00		
Pharmaco	100/5	51.00		
Progressive Plastic	100/5	22.00		
Reckitt & Colman	10/50	95.00		
Rahman Chemicals	100/10	35.00		
Therapeutics	100/5	73.07		
The Ibsina	100/10	101.00		
Wata Chemical	100/20	132.00		
PAPER & PRINTING (06)				
Eagle Box	10/50	21.00		
Monospool Paper	100/5	20.00		
Paper Converting	100/5	67.00		
Paper Processing	100/10	16.00		
Padma Printers	10/50	50.00		
Small Paper	10/50	52.00		
SERVICE (02)				
Bangladesh Hotel	10/50	12.00		
Bd. Service	10/50	NT		
MISCELLANEOUS (18)				
Apex Footwear	100/20	200.70		
Apex Tannery	100/5	390.00		
Arant	10/50	30.00		
Bata Shoe	10/100	50.24		
Beximco	10/100	21.36		
B.S.C.	100/5	70.00		
Chittagong Cement	100/5	179.00		
C. G. Ball Pen	10/50	77.00		
High Speed	100/5	90.00		
Hilmardi Ltd.	10/100	6.00		
Milon Tannery	100/5	9.00		
Monno Ceramic	100/5	311.20		
New Dhaka Refic	100/20	82.00		
Phospha Leather	100/5	115.00		
Savar Refractories	100/5	70.00		
The Engineers	100/5	100.00		
Textile Ind	100/10	100.00		
Usmania Glass	100/5	300.00		
DEBENTURES (04)				
Beximco	1740.00			
17% 1998	1999/1			
Beximco Infusion	1500/2	1770.00		
(17% 1998)				
Beximco Pharma	1428/1	1160.00		
(17% 1998)				
Quasem Silk	1500/1	1250.00		
(17% 1994)				



A M Zahiruddin Khan, Minister for Industries inaugurated the 'Sharat mela' (Autumn festival) organised recently by Dhaka Sheraton in observance of the nationwide tourism programme. State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan and John L. Eaton, General Manager of Sheraton were also seen in the picture.

Dhaka may export 70,000 mt raw jute to Bangkok, Jakarta

Bangladesh expects to export 70,000 metric tons of raw jute to Thailand and Indonesia shortly, Jute Minister A S M Hannan Shah said here Thursday.

Talking to BSS at his secretariat chamber on return from a tour of four countries — Australia, Indonesia, China and Thailand, Hannan Shah said he had received firm commitment from Thai trade minister of importing 20,000 metric tons of quality jute.

The Thai authorities, have given him the impression that import permission to that effect would be issued within a week, he said.

The minister, who left here on October 5 on jute promotional trip, returned Wednesday night.

During his meeting with Indonesian authorities, the minister was told that Jakarta was going to raise its quantum of raw jute purchase from Bangladesh by more than double. The jute minister said Indonesia had decided to buy 50,000 metric tons of low grade jute this year compared to 24,000 metric tons purchased

last year. President Soeharto of Indonesia told the minister that the phenomenal increase was a gesture of goodwill to Bangladesh.

Hannan Shah said the Australian authorities have agreed to lower tax on jute goods, facilitating increased entry of this traditional item to far-away market. The lowering of tax is expected to raise the value of Bangladesh jute goods to Australia to 20 million US dollar compared to last year's figure of 15 million dollar.

Referring to the China-Hong Kong issue Hannan Shah said that he was assured by the Chinese authorities that the reversion of Hong Kong's status after the change over in 1997 would not affect Bangladesh trade relations.

He informed that a show room is being opened in Hong Kong for jute goods under a private initiative and that the government would extend necessary support in the promotional exercise.

When asked whether Bangladesh is going to incorporate new know-how and machinery to government jute

mills, the minister said the jute sector is undergoing restructuring. Unless that is finalised, no new investment is possible, he added.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh has won an international tender beating India in procuring an order to supply 10 million sugar bags to Syria. The bag export would fetch around 2.5 million US dollar, he added.

Jute team leaves for Netherlands

A three-member delegation led by Jute Ministry Secretary M Akhtar Ali will leave for Netherlands today (Friday) to attend an international consultation meeting on Jute and Environment at the Hague to be held during October 26-29, reports UNB.

The other members of the delegation are Khaled Rab Director, Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation and Molla Mansur Ahmed, Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Jute.

The meeting has been sponsored by the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) of the UN with the active financial and logistic support from EC Commission and Rockefeller Foundation of USA.

FAO has invited two other jute experts as resource personnel from Bangladesh to attend and present papers in the seminar.

Two more sugar mills resume production

Two more sugar mills will resume production from today in the second phase of their current crushing season (1993-94), says a press release.

They are Rajshahi and Natore sugar mills.

Their aggregate targets for cane crushing and sugar production are 4 lakh 22 thousand 615 tons and 36 thousand 874 tons respectively.

Share prices in Manila closed higher on strong foreign buying, pushing the key indicator to close at a record high for the second straight day. The Manila composite index of 31 selected issues rose 41.68 points to 2,247.46 following Wednesday's 48-point surge.

In Tokyo, the stock market closed mixed in light trading. The 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average gained 6.00 points, or 0.03 per cent, closing at 20,179.42. On Wednesday, it had climbed 103.51 points, or 0.52 per cent, closing at 20,173.42.

The Tokyo Stock Price Index of all issues listed on the first section was down 2.30 points, or 0.14 per cent, to 1,645.56.

Investors found few incentives, dealers said, and many were waiting for the listing next Tuesday of East Japan Railway Co shares.

Tea prices continue to remain depressed

Tea prices continued to remain depressed despite good demand at this week's auction sale held in Chittagong on Tuesday last.

According to a Unity Brokers market report, the market opened at around the closing prices of the last sale but improved as the sale progressed.

However, there are indications of improvement in demand and prices in the next few weeks. The major buyers at the sale were Russia, Jordan, Pakistan and Poland.

Total withdrawals stood at 24 per cent of the offerings as against last week's 16 per cent.

In the leaf category 21,619 packages were offered, of which the export buyers accounted for 57 per cent of the sale while the local traders purchased 17 per cent and the remaining 26 per cent was withdrawn.

In the dust category only

2,608 packages were offered at the sale, of which, the internal traders brought 62 per cent of the offerings while the export buyers purchased 23 per cent and the remaining 17 per cent was withdrawn.

Following is the category-wise market performance report as prepared by Unity Brokers.

CTC: Bolder brokers were irregularly lower although prices improved with the progress of sale.

GREEN TEA: 470 packages were on offer. FYH's sold between Taka 56.50 and Taka 58.05, YH's between Taka 55.00 and Taka 56.60 whilst the Hysons sold between Taka 55.90 and Taka 58.30 per kg.

DUST: 2,608 packages were on offer. Strong internal demand led prices to incline, often sharply.

মটরযান ক্রয়ের সংশোধনী দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি
বাংলাদেশ রাইফেলস

বাংলাদেশ রাইফেলস-এর জন্য বৈদ্যুতিক যন্ত্রাণ জীপ জিএস, টাক ৩ টন এক এমসিএস ক্রয়ের নিমিত্ত প্রকৃত ব্যবসায়ী/সরবরাহকারীদের (যেহা সস্তায় তালিকাভুক্ত বা হইলেও চলিবে) নিম্নে উল্লিখিত আবেদনকৃত দরপত্র ২২ অক্টোবর সিডিউল প্রতি তারিখ ১১-১০-৯০ইং হইতে ০৮-১১-৯০ইং-এর পরিবর্তে ১১-১০-৯০ইং হইতে ২২-১১-৯০ইং পর্যন্ত এবং দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও বেলাস তারিখ ০৮-১১-৯০ইং-এর পরিবর্তে ২০-১১-৯০ইং পূর্বে নির্ধারণ করা হইল। এই বিষয়ে অন্যান্য শর্ত/নির্দেশাবলী অপরিবর্তিত থাকিবে।

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Desmond Quiah, Country Manager and Raj Kumar, Technical Advisor, jointly inaugurated laser scanning technology at DHL Country Office in the city recently. Anselm A Quiah, Managing Director, Homebound Packers and Shippers Ltd, Poh EngSeng, Regional Planning Director, Alec Ang, Area Manager, Showket Hossain, Country Sales and Marketing Manager and Ahsan Parvez, Finance Manager were also present on the occasion.

দরপত্র আহবানের বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা নিম্নবর্ণিত কাজের জন্য পূর্ণপূর্ণ অধিদফতরের অনুমোদিত আর্থিক যোগ্যতা অনুসারে ইমারত প্রকৌশলগণের নিম্নে উল্লিখিত ২১১১ নং বাংলাদেশ ফরমে দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে। নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারী/নির্ধারী প্রকৌশলী, পূর্ণপূর্ণ বিভাগ, সিরাজপুর/সরবরাহ/উপবিভাগীয় প্রকৌশলী, পূর্ণপূর্ণ সার্কেল, বগড়া কর্তৃক য য কর্তৃক ২০-১০-৯০ইং তারিখ দুপুর ১২-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত গৃহীত হইবে এবং ঐ দিনই ১২-১০-৯০ইং তারিখ আগামী দরপত্র আহবানের উপস্থিতিতে যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকিতে ইচ্ছা করেন। যোগাযোগ হইবে।

ক্রমিক নং	কাজের নাম	প্রাপ্তিকৃত ব্যয়	আমানতের টাকা	যে বেশীর প্রকৌশল দরপত্র দাখিলের যোগ্য
১	বগড়া জেলা কারাগারে ১০০ জন বন্দীর জন্য তিন (৩) টন ডালা ও সোলতা মাল নির্মাণ কাজ। কর্তৃক ১১১০-৯০ইং	টাকা ২৯,৯৯,০০০/-	৫৯,৯৮৭/-	পূর্ণপূর্ণ অধিদফতরের অনুমোদিত বিধি ১ম সেকশন, ১ম সেকশন এবং ২য় সেকশন ইমারত প্রকৌশল।

দরপত্র আহবানের সিডিউল অতিঃ শর্ত ও নির্দেশাবলী এবং টেন্ডার ফরম ইত্যাদি নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারী/নির্ধারী প্রকৌশলী, পূর্ণপূর্ণ বিভাগ, সিরাজপুর/সরবরাহ/উপবিভাগীয় প্রকৌশলী, পূর্ণপূর্ণ সার্কেল, বগড়া-এর কার্যালয়সমূহে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে সন্ধ্যা ৫:৩০ বাইরে এবং নির্ধারিত মূল্যে (অফিসসময়) ২৬-১০-৯০ইং তারিখ বিকাল ৫:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা যাইবে।

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Emirates bringing more tourists to Dubai in summer

Emirates are bringing more tourists to Dubai in the summer months as efforts to promote the Emirate as a year-round destination are beginning to bear positive results, according to Arabian Adventures, the Destination Management Company (DMC) of UAE's international airline, says a press release.

For the months of June, July, August and September, DMC saw 97 per cent increase in volume of passengers handled over corresponding periods last year, which is 35 per cent above expectations. This increase over the summer months is especially significant for what is regarded as the low season in Dubai.

Exchange Rates

The following are the Sonali Bank's dealing rates (Bangladesh Taka for one unit of foreign currency) to public for some selected foreign currencies effective as on Oct 21 and 22.