

China, India to jointly make commercial aircraft

NEW DELHI, Jan 12: China and India propose to pool their technological and other resources to jointly manufacture commercial aircraft, Chinese Ambassador to India Cheng Ruisheng said here in an interview with Press Trust of India (PTI) yesterday, reports Xinhua.

Feasibility studies to manufacture planes with upto 100 seats were being done now, Cheng said.

With both China and India carrying out economic reforms, they would be able to acquire better technology for items or goods to be exchanged, Cheng added.

Both India and China had good military planes. "We should diversify to the civilian side. The technology available with both sides could be used to make such planes", the Ambassador said.

Delhi hikes price of cooking gas to cut budget deficit

NEW DELHI, Jan 12: The Indian government has hiked the price of heavily subsidised cooking gas in a pre-budget move aimed at cutting the deficit, reports AFP.

The government simultaneously slashed the import tariff on liquefied petroleum gas from 85 percent to 25 percent, according to an official announcement late Tuesday.

A 14-kilo (30.8 pound) cylinder of cooking gas will cost about 15 rupees (50 cents) extra at about 95 rupees (3.10 dollar) with immediate effect. Kerosene, the poor man's kitchen fuel, was however spared.

The price hike, the first since September 1992, would slash the government's subsidy burden, which amounts to a hefty 71 rupee on every cylinder of gas, and raise revenue to bridge the deficit on the oil account.

The subsidy in the fiscal year to March 31 had been expected to cost the government about 450 million dollar. The government is expected to save a modest 20 million dollar in the two months remaining in the fiscal year as a result of the price hike.

Clinton urges Japan, EC to open markets further

BRUSSELS, Jan 12: US President Bill Clinton called on Japan and the European Community here yesterday to open their markets further to the outside world, reports AFP.

He was speaking after a meeting with the President of the EC's Executive European Commission, Jacques Delors and Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu, whose country holds the six-month revolving presidency of the community until June.

Clinton said Japan was prominent among countries which needed to "do more to lower trade barriers following last month's GATT world trade deal."

He also urged the EC to seek more ways of opening up

its markets to eastern Europe, to the mutual benefit of both sides.

The US president made a strong appeal for environmental safeguards, labour protection and competition rules to be built into a new generation of post-GATT trade agreements.

But his clearest message was directed at Japan. "The US and the EC cannot alone create the open markets the world needs. We think it is clearly time for the other great economic power, Japan, to join us in this effort to open markets," he said.

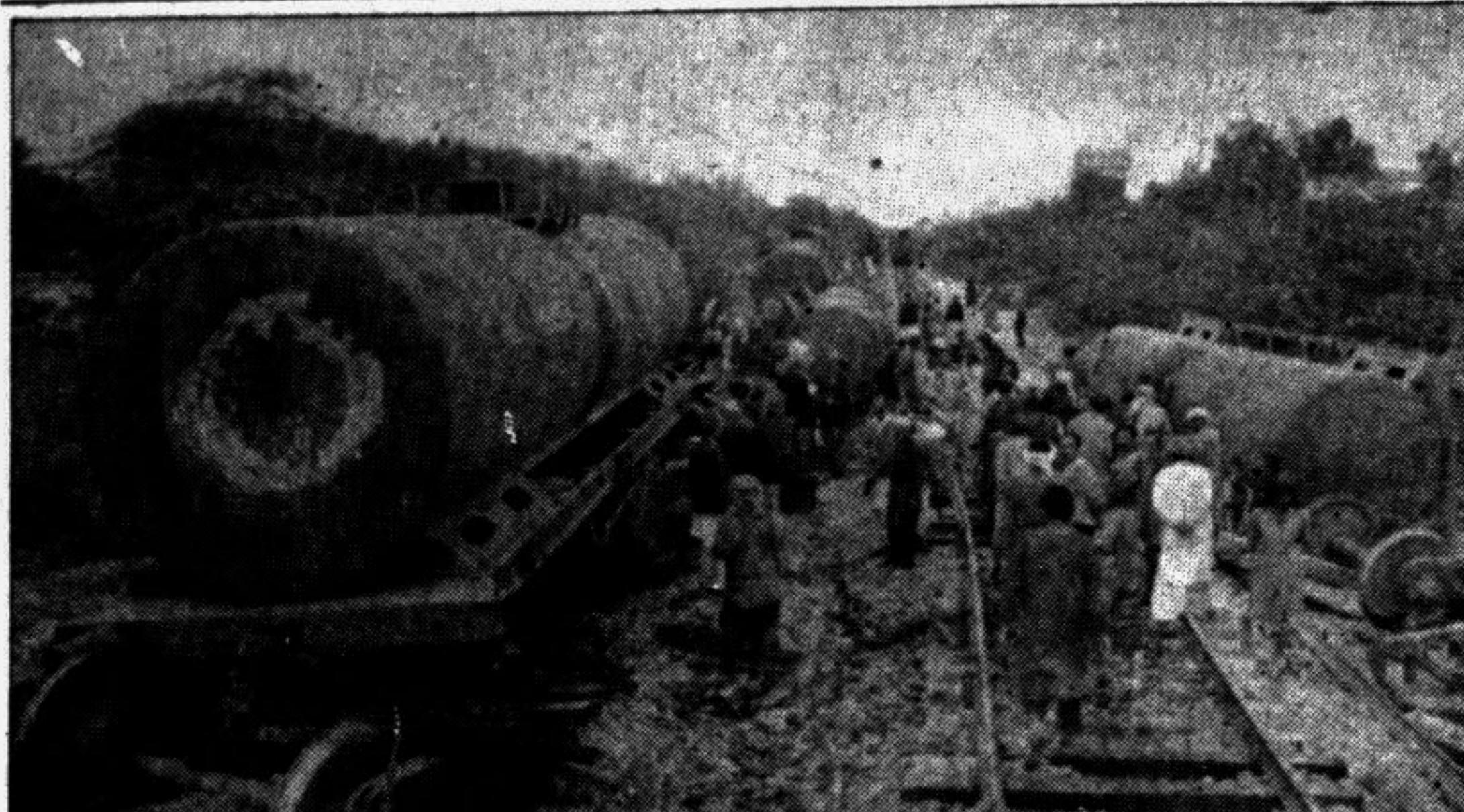
Clinton expressed his "strong desire" to sweep away the last remaining obstacles in the Uruguay Round of the

General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

The seven-year Uruguay Round of trade talks is due to be signed in Marrakesh on April 15, following agreement on most outstanding disputes in Geneva on December 15.

Clinton continued a theme which he developed during a two-day summit of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) which ended on Tuesday — that the EC remained a valuable partner for Washington.

"The European Union remains America's most valued partner in trade and investment. A strong relationship between US is good for America," he said, particularly in creating jobs.



Railway workers clear the track after a domestic freight train overturned in Karachi on Tuesday. The train was carrying furnace oil and some 120 tonnes of oil was spilled out due to the derailment of the six tank-wagons. — AFP photo

EMI starts rocky journey to creation of central bank

FRANKFURT, Jan 12: The European Monetary Institute held its first meeting Tuesday afternoon in Frankfurt on what is expected to be a rocky journey to creation of a European central bank, with an initial team of 30 banking pioneers, reports AFP.

At a news conference after

the meeting, institute President Alexandre Lamfalussy of Belgium emphasized the breadth of the task awaiting his small team. And he said that the EMI status, resulting from the European community's Maastricht Treaty, does not facilitate the new agency's task, as it is too ambiguous.

Community on monetary policy, exchange policy and associated matters.

The institute is expected to tighten cooperation among EC central banks and coordinate monetary policies. But it has no monetary powers, and in December, German Secretary of State for Finance Gerd Haller said that the German government would not tolerate any action which exceeded the institute's powers.

Responsibility for monetary policy remains in the member states' hands during the second phase of EMU, as Bundesbank chief Hans Tietmeyer has emphasized many times, and he has also said that "entering the third phase is unlikely at the end of 1996."

Last week the French government gave the Bank of France independence in setting monetary policy but stressed that the government remained responsible for exchange rate policy and the franc's exchange rate, and that the central bank has to take account of overall economic policy.

The main difficulty lies in the fact that control of monetary policies remains in the national central banks' hands, he commented. But over time, the institute is to work out the technical procedures for putting the EC's planned single currency into effect and prepare for installation of the future European central bank, he noted.

One of the key tasks given to the institute under the Maastricht Treaty for European Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) is preparation of bank notes denominated in ECUs.

The institute also has authority to make recommendations, but not give instructions, to members of the European



The Ambassador of Nepal in Bangladesh, Lok Bahadur Shrestha (R) held a discussion with A T M Wazirullah, President, Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) at the chamber office yesterday.

Hosokawa plans to cut \$ 71.2b income, residential taxes

TOKYO, Jan 12: Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa will propose making cuts of more than eight trillion yen (71.2 billion dollar) in income and residential taxes as part of efforts to buoy the flagging economy, a Tokyo daily said today, reports AFP.

The Tokyo Shimbun report is the latest in a series of media predicting about the scope of the cuts.

After consulting with parties in the ruling coalition, Hosokawa will submit a taxation revision bill to the regular 150-day parliament session set to open January 31, the daily said.

Once the bill is enacted, the tax cuts will take effect

retroactively to January 1, it said.

'Yen unlikely to fall sharply'

Another report adds: The yen is unlikely to depreciate sharply to boost the flagging Japanese economy. Federation of bankers' association of Japan Chairman Tadashi Okuda said Tuesday.

"The possibility of the yen's sharp depreciation (in the near future) is slim, and the (economic) situation does not warrant any optimism," Okuda said at a news conference.

Okuda, President of Dai-ichi Kangyo Bank Ltd, said the yen's recent depreciation was good for the Japanese economy.

Exchange Rates

The following are the Sonali Bank's dealing rates to public for some selected foreign currencies effective as on Jan 12. (Figures in Taka)

Currency	Selling		Buying	
	TT & OD	EC	TT Clean	OD Sight Transfer
US Dollar	40.1325	40.1625	39.9175	39.8325
Pound Sterling	59.9379	59.9827	59.1301	59.0041
DM	23.1933	23.2107	22.8264	22.7777
Franc	6.8216	6.8268	6.7154	6.7010
C Dollar	30.5277	30.5505	30.0392	29.9753
S Franc	27.3445	27.3649	26.9092	26.8519
Jap Yen	0.3612	0.3615	0.3519	0.3513
Indian Rupee (AMU)	1.2825	1.2863	1.2722	1.2564
Pak Rupee (AMU)	1.3293	1.3334	1.3186	1.3022
Iranian Rial (AMU)	0.0229	0.0230	0.0227	0.0225

A) T. T. (DOC) US Dollar Spot Buying Tk 39.8750
B) Usance Rates:
30 Days DA 60 Days DA 90 Days DA 120 Days DA 180 Days DA
39.5688 39.2860 39.0033 38.7205 38.1550
C) US Dollar sight export bill 3 months forward purchase: Tk 38.8325
D) US Dollar 3 months forward sale: Tk 40.5625

Currency	Selling		Buying	
	T.T. & O.D.	EC	O.D. Transfer	
S Riyal	10.7035		10.5888	
UAE Dirham	10.9279		10.8116	
Kuwaiti Dinar	134.6360		132.8538	
Singapore Dollar	25.0812		24.8001	
D Guilders	20.6488		20.4248	
9 Kroner	4.9145		4.8565	

Note: AMU—Asian Monetary Union.

Shipping Intelligence

CHITTAGONG PORT

Berth position and performance of vessels as on 12.1.94

Berth	Name of Vessel	Cargo	Last Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival	Leaving
J/1	Flag Leader	Wheat (P)	Sing	Seacom	27/12	12/01
J/2	Dehkhada	GL	Mong	SSL	11/01	14/01
J/6	Sea Nymph	P Iron	V Pat	PSAL	02/01	20/01
J/7	Karabievrett	GL	Sing	EBPL	10/01	14/01
J/8	Samudra	—	—	SSL	R/A	15/01
J/9	Rani	Fert	Sing	EBPL	11/01	14/01
J/10	Dolores	P Mach	Sing	Seacom	26/12	15/01
J/11	Padi	TSP (P)	Sing	EOSL	26/12	15/01
J/13	Fong Yun	Cont	Sing	BDShip	09/01	12/01
CCJ	Pavina-1	C Clinck	Visa	Seabird	03/01	21/01
RM/3	Ararat	CPO	Sing	SSL	11/01	13/01
RM/4	lokast	Cement	Tuti	Litmond	01/01	15/01
DOJ	Banglar	Repair	—	BSC	R/A	12/01
DD	Banglar	Repair	—	BSC	R/A	15/01
RM/9	Banglar Aha	Repair	—	BSC	R/A	15/01
CUFJ	Al Swamru	Urea	Mong	SSL	04/01	13/01

VESSELS DUE AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

Name of Vessels	Date of Arrival	Last Port	Local Agent	Cargo	Loading	Port
American Heritage	12/01	Aku	BSC	Wheat (G)	Cont	Sing. Col.
Banglar Robi 3/1	12/01	Sing	BSC	Cont	Cont	Sing. Col.
Lanka Mahapola 2/1	13/01	Mong	Baridhi	GL	—	—
Banglar Maya	13/01	Sing	BSC	GL	—	—
Yamburenko 4/1	13/01	Sing	CT	Cont	Cont	Sing.
Vocan	14/01	—	USTC	Cement	—	—
Fong Shin 4/1	14/01	Sing	BDShip	Cont	Cont	Sing.
Eponyma 5/1	15/01	Sing	CTS	Cont	Cont	Sing.
Andrian	15/01	Sing	CT	Cont	Cont	Sing.
Goncharov 4/1	15/01	Sing	BDShip	Cement/CI	—	—
Hang Wan	15/01	Sing	Karna	GL (Lash)	—	—
Sam Houston	15/01	—	Prog	GL	—	—
Dubai Glory	16/01	—	MSA	MOP (P)	—	—
Gold Finch	16/01	—	AML	Cement	—	—
Sea Destiny	16/01	—	AML	Cement	—	—
Sm Yrma	17/01	P Land	Litmond	Wheat	—	—
Banglar Baani	17/01	—	KSL	Cement	—	—
Al Reza	19/01	—	BSC	—	—	—
Imke Wehr 11/1	19/01	Sing	APL(B)	Cont	Cont	Sing.
Tiger Sun	19/01	—	Prog	GL	—	—
Ignatius 8/1	19/01	Col	BTSA	Cont	Cont	Col.
San Pablo (Roro) 22/12	22/01	Sing	JF	Vehicles	—	—
Jiang Cheng	22/01	Sing	BDShip	GL	—	—
Litua	22/01	Sing	USTC	Cement	—	—
Al Salma	22/01	—	ASL	GL	—	—
Kamalevrett	22/01	—	EBPL	GL	Japa. Fe	—
Apj Angad	04/02	—	OWSL	Wheat (G)	—	—

VESSELS AT KUTUBDIA

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival
Kota Buana	Cont	Sing	RSL	11/01
NGS Ranger	Cont	Sing	BDShip	11/01
Traveler	HSD/JP-1	Sing	MSPL	11/01

VESSELS NOT READY

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival
Ronjay Victory	Cement	Viza	USTC	07/01
Vinta	GL	Col	OWSL	11/01

VESSELS AWAITING INSTRUCTION

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival
Banglar Shourabh	—	—	BSC	R/A (1/1)
Loyal Bird	—	Mong	Seacom	15/11
Al Tabith	—	Visa	BSC	01/01
Ouraia	—	Mong	Seabird	09/01
Oriental Way	—	Mong	BSC	12/01
Pearl of Fujairah	—	—	Seacom	R/A (11/01)

VESSELS NOT ENTERING

Name of Vessels	Cargo	Last Port	Local Agent	Date of Arrival
Shota	Scrapping	Sing	Unimarine	11/12
Buarque	Scrapping	—	AML	R/A (29/12)
Vishva Madhuri	—	—	SSL	R/A (29/12)
Marika Stravelakis	Cement	Chin	USTC	10/01
Akademie Semenov	HSD(P)	Sing	GCSL	27/12

MOVEMENT OF VESSELS FOR 13/01/94

OUTGOING	INCOMING	SHIPPING
J/9 Moon Bird	J/11/9 Lanka Mahapola	J/11 Padi to J/2
CUFJ Al Swamru	J/13 Banglar Robi	
RM/3 Ararat	J/5 Banglar Maya	
	J/12 Vinta	
	J/9/4 Yamburenko	
	GSJ Al Tabith	

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

Dhaka Stock Prices

At the close of trading on January 12, 1994

Moderate decline in turnovers

Star Report

The turnovers on the Dhaka Stock Exchange declined moderately on Wednesday while the gains, led by Islami Bank, dominated the floor.

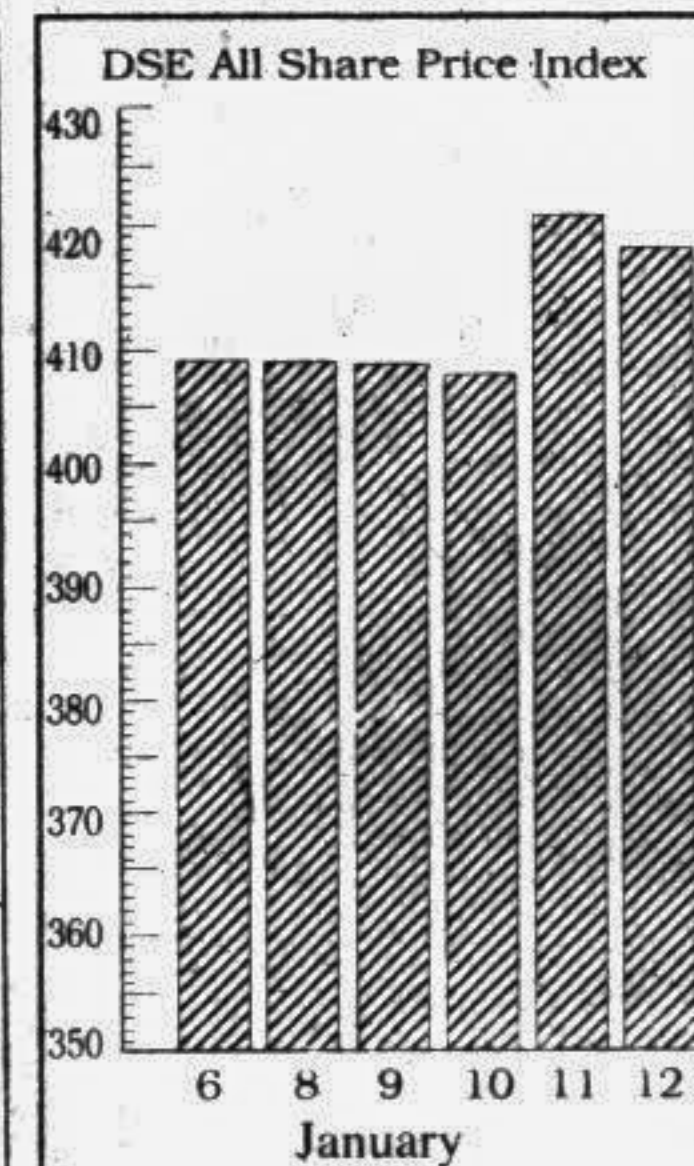
A total of 19141 shares changed hands at Tk 2151691 as against Tuesday's 215191.25 shares valued at Tk 4491881.44. Thus, the total volume and the value incurred losses of 24.017 per cent and 52.098 per cent respectively.

The number of the issues traded was steady at 40, in which 22 gained, 13 lost and five others remained unchanged.

The Islami Bank experienced a gain of Tk 20.00 per share while other major gainers were Ctg Cement and BGIC.

The Usmania Glass incurred a loss of Tk 7.60 per share, leading the losers on the floor. BTC and Beximco Infusion also lost share prices significantly.

The BGIC, with 4050 shares, became the biggest contributor to the total volume of the day.



DSE Shares and Debentures

Company	FV/ML (Taka)	Closing Rate (Taka)
BANKS (12)		
Al-Baraka Bank	1000/1	805.00
A.B. Bank	100/5	170.00
City Bank	100/5	290.00
Eastern Bank	100/20	110.00
IDLC Ltd	100/20	230.00
LEIC	100/5	150.00
Islami Bank	1000/1	1380.00
National Bank	100/5	125.00
Rupali Bank	100/5	100.00
U.C.B.L	100/5	108.00
Uttara Bank	100/5	91.00

Company	FV/ML (Taka)	Closing Rate (Taka)
INVESTMENT (8)		
1st ICB M. Fund	100/5	103.00
2nd ICB M. Fund	100/5	166.50
3rd ICB M. Fund	100/5	145.00
4th ICB M. Fund	100/10	144.20
5th ICB M. Fund	100/10	100.00
6th ICB M. Fund	100/10	73.00
ICB Unit Cert.		
Sales Price		116.00
Re-purchase		111.00

Company	FV/ML (Taka)	Closing Rate (Taka)
INSURANCE (4)		
BGIC	100/10	208.72
Green Delta	100/10	214.00
Peoples Insurance	100/10	310.00
United Insurance	100/10	271.91

Company	FV/ML (Taka)	Closing Rate (Taka)
ENGINEERING (19)		
Aftab Automobiles	100/5	200.00
Atlas Bangladesh	100/50	46.50
Aziz Pipes	100/5	250.00
Bangladesh Autocars	100/5	33.51
Bangladesh Lamps	100/5	500.00
B. Thai Aluminium	100/10	86.00
Bengal Carbide	100/5	271.79
Bengal Steel	100/50	20.00
Eastern Cables	100/5	68.00
Hawladar PVC	100/10	86.00
Karim Pipe	100/5	57.00
Metalex Corp	100/5	25.00
Morco Staffers	100/5	235.00
Morco Jute	100/5	600.00
National Tubes	100/10	58.25
Panther Steel	100/50	8.00
Quasem Drycells	100/50	9.10
Ragwick Jagneshwar	100/5	64.87
Singer Bangladesh	100/5	1455.00

Company	FV/ML (Taka)	Closing Rate (Taka)
FOOD & ALLIED (23)		
A.B. Biscuit	100/50	62.50
Alpha Tobacco	100/5	100.00
Amann Sea Food	100/5	930.00