

## Prices of essentials shot up

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Prices of consumer food items and essential commodities have registered a sharp rise over the past few months making lives of the low-income group of the country more difficult.

Prices of rice, fish, edible oil, spices and powder milk, which jumped during the month of Ramadan, have showed no sign of letting up even after three months.

Consumer prices traditionally go up on grounds of 'extra profit' by a section of unscrupulous traders ahead of the Ramadan and the Eid-ul-Fitr — one of the biggest two festivals of the Muslims.

Despite the 'Ramadan skyrocketing' prices of fish, chicken, and specially mustard and soybean oil have again shot up this month due to shortage of supply and bad weather, according to the latest market reports.

Prices of eggs, leafy vegetables, wheat and pulses, have,

however, nosedived.

Mustard and soybean oil prices have soared in four days by an average of Tk 20 for every kilogram because of the price hike in the international market.

Wholesalers said that the international price hike of soybean has temporarily suspended imports. This situation might continue for another two or three weeks.

Soybean oil is being sold at an average of Tk 60 to Tk 65 per kg in different city markets.

Price of rice, both coarse and fine qualities, have increased by an average of Tk 0.50 to Tk one per kilogram.

A report of the daily price monitoring by the Agricultural Marketing Division said fine quality of aman rice is being sold between Tk 14.50 and Tk 15 per kg.

Pajam is being sold at between Tk 13.50 and Tk 14, it said.

A small-size rui fish is being sold at Tk 90 to Tk 95 each kilogram on Saturday, according to the report. A day back, the fish price was between Tk 85 and Tk 90.

Price of hilsa fish has also soared by an average of Tk five per kg, mainly due to non-availability.

A medium size hilsa now sells at Tk 100 to Tk 120 per kilo. On Thursday, the price was between Tk 90 and Tk 100.

Green chilli has also shown a rising trend in price with an average of Tk four being added to its price tag everyday.

The current retail price of green chilli is between Tk 15 to Tk 19.

So is ginger which now sells at Tk 38 to Tk 40 in the city market. The price of spice ginger went up since Ramadan.

Prices of meat — both beef and mutton barring chicken — vegetable pulse, onion and gar-

lic remained more or less static.

Fruits, sugar and salt decreased a little.

Powder milk price have, steadily but slowly, increased everyday by Tk one or two per kg.

According to a market study by the Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad, each 2 kg can of Dano milk powder now sells at Tk 381 to Tk 382 in both the New Market and Kawran Bazar markets.

During March, the price of the brand milk was Tk 378 which was a little less than the price in the previous month.

Chickens are now perched high above the buying capacity of the general consumers.

Retailers at Fakirerpool Bazar explained that a good number of chicken now die on the way to Dhaka due to the sweltering heat and the suppliers promptly increase the price of the living birds to offset the loss.

## Vietnam's lone oil producing firm exceeds target

HANOI, May 4: Vietnam's only firm producing oil in commercial quantities is well placed to meet its annual production target of 6.9 million tons based on a successful first quarter, an official report said Wednesday, reports AP.

VietSovPetro, a project operated by Vietnam and Russia, achieved an output one per cent higher than planned during the first three months of the year, the state-run Vietnam News reported. The paper did not specify the amount of oil produced.

VietSovPetros annual target represents a 10 per cent increase over last year's level. The joint-venture expects to produce 50 million tons of crude oil by the end of the century. It has invested in new drilling ships and tankers and refurbished its oil derricks to meet the goal, the News reported.

The company, established in 1986, operates in the Bach Ho (White Tiger) field, about

150 kms (94 miles) east of the southern port city of Vung Tau.

Mobil Corp of the United States first discovered oil there in 1974 but withdrew after US ally South Vietnam fell to northern Communist forces the following year.

Mobil signed a production sharing contract last month to become the first American oil firm to return to Vietnam since the war.

VietSovPetro has already pumped 14 million tons of oil from Bach Ho, but it suffers from a shortage of capital compared to many other foreign firms now exploring in Vietnamese waters. Vietnam's state-owned oil company PetroVietnam plans at an unspecified future date to offer foreigners a chance to bid for at least two blocks adjacent to the Bach Ho field, the company's chairman Ho Si Thoang said in a recent interview with the Associated Press.

## Dhaka Stock Prices

At the close of trading on May 4, 1994

### Turnovers surge

The turnovers on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) surged on Wednesday while the losers continued to dominate the floor.

The turnover in volume rose by 771.07 per cent and the turnover in value showed a sharp increase of 541.91 per cent.

A total of 1,57,829 shares changed hands at Taka 2,12,53,868.50 as against Tuesday's 18,119 shares valued at Taka 45,57,302.50.

The DSE All Share Price Index also rose by 3.20 points. It advanced to 686.52943 from 683.33127.

Tamjuddin Textile led 31 losers in terms of volume. The company's 140000 shares were traded.

Among the losers, Zeal Bangla Sugar (1000), Rupon Oil (1500), Ambee Pharma (2900) and BGIC (2450) were also the major volume leaders.

In terms of value, Stylecraft topped the losers' list with a fall of Taka 125.00 per share.

Beximco, Synthetic led seven gainers in terms of volume. Its 1750 shares were traded.

**Trading at a glance**

DSE All Price Index	686.52943
Market Capitalisation	3,123,22,02,842.90
Turnover Volume	Tk 1,57,829
Turnover in Value	Tk 2,12,53,868.50
Company's Change Number	
name	(per share) of shares traded

**Losers (31)**

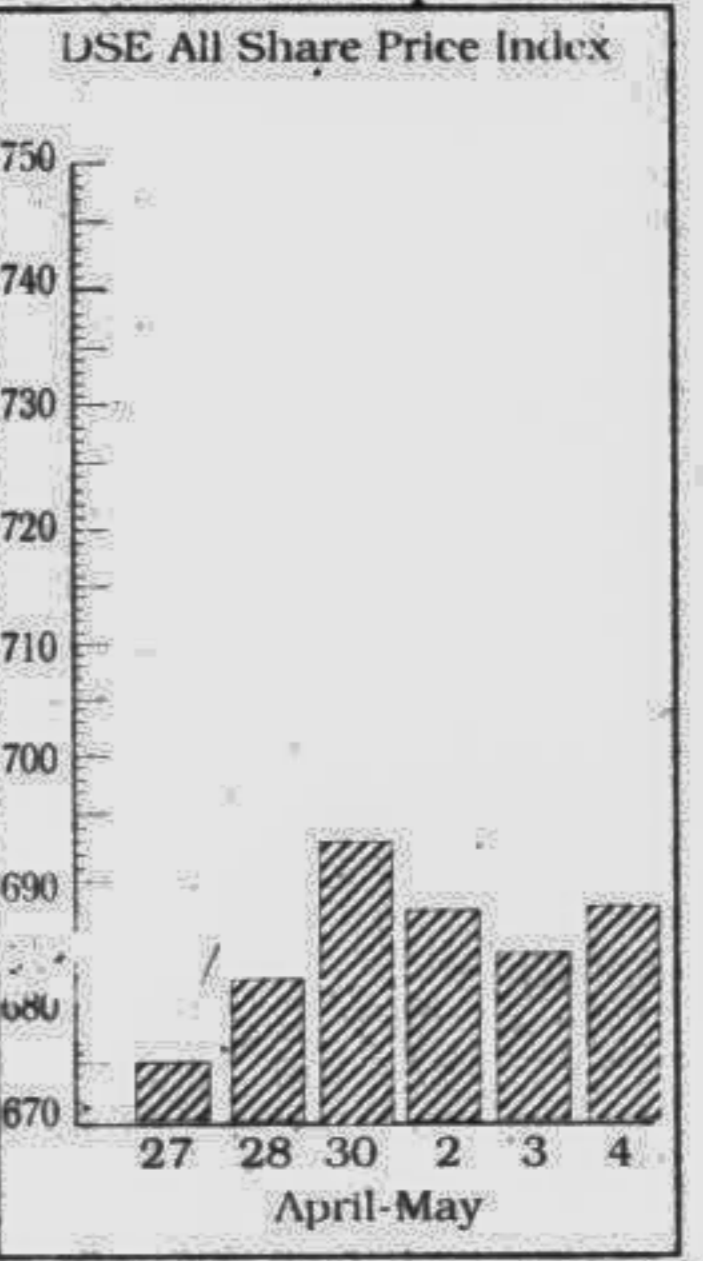
3rd ICB M Fund	6.64	80
4th ICB M Fund	5.00	40
Eastern Cables	2.98	840
Singer BD	19.27	354
BD Autocars	2.18	55
Quasem Drycells	2.44	750
Renwick Jajneswar	2.00	15
BD Thal Aluminium	2.34	190
Dhaka Vegetable	1.86	100
Zcal Bangla Sugar	0.30	1000
Rupon Oil	0.13	1500
BD Oxygen	5.30	326
Ashraf Textile	0.28	900
Stylecraft	125.00	10
Eagle Star Textile	1.36	400
Dulama Cotton	0.50	30
Talu Spinning	1.18	220
Tamjuddin	18.00	140000
Textile	4.73	400
Padma Textile	0.87	2900
Ambee Pharma	4.00	5
Therapeutics	4.00	35
Kobinoor Chemical	3.00	100
Wata Chemical	1.00	300
Paper Processing	1.26	930
CG Ball Pen	9.40	30
Monno Ceramic	1.11	300
Bedmco Ltd	14.00	170
Apex Footwear	0.13	2450
EGIC	0.13	2450
Eastern Insurance	7.50	300

**Gainers (7)**

Afnab Automobiles	2.00	105
Gemini Sea Food	11.00	20
Bedmco Pharma	0.52	155
Beximco Synthetic	0.08	1740
Apex Tannery	2.22	50
United Insurance	0.08	240
B Pharma (Deb)	1.13	10

**Issues (8) unchanged**

City Bank (5), IFIC (5), Islami Bank (5), Shine Pukur Jute (199), Satham Textile (170), Modern Dyeing (10), Pharma Ads (50), Sivar Refractories (35).
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### DSE Shares and Debentures

Company	FV/ML	Closing Rate	Rate
<b>BANKS (12)</b>			
Al-Baraka Bank	100/1	823.16	
A.B. Bank	100/5	180.00	
City Bank	100/5	280.00	
Eastern Bank	100/20	110.00	
IDLC Ltd	100/20	439.88	
L.F.L.C.	100/5	170.00	
Islami Bank	1000/1	1800.00	
National Bank	100/5	125.00	
Pubali Bank	100/5	100.00	
Rupali Bank	100/10	70.00	
U.C.B.L.	100/5	100.00	
Uttara Bank	100/5	85.00	
<b>INVESTMENT (8)</b>			
ICB	100/5	112.00	
1st ICB M. Fund	100/5	795.00	
2nd ICB M. Fund	100/5	285.00	
3rd ICB M. Fund	100/5	266.00	
4th ICB M. Fund	100/10	266.00	
5th ICB M. Fund	100/10	189.00	
6th ICB M. Fund	100/10	137.11	
ICB Unit Cert.			
Sale Price		122.00	
Re-Purchase		117.00	
<b>INSURANCE (8)</b>			
BOIC	100/10	400.00	
Eastern Insurance	100/20	253.33	
Green Delta	100/10	370.21	
Peoples Insurance	100/10	440.00	
United Insurance	100/10	340.08	
<b>ANAB AUTOMOBILES (18)</b>			
Afnab Automobiles	100/5	260.00	
Atlas Bangladesh	10/50	67.39	
Aziz Pipe	100/5	355.00	
Bangladesh Autocars	100/5	50.82	
Bangladesh Lamps	100/5	1401.32	
B. Thal Aluminium	100/10	122.63	
Bengal Carbide	100/5	580.00	
Bengal Steel	10/50	20.00	
Eastern Cables	100/5	131.87	
Howlader PVC	100/10	70.45	
Karim Pipe	100/5	105.00	
Metalex Corp.	100/5	57.00	
Monno Staffers	100/5	370.00	
Monno Jute	100/5	910.00	
National Tubes	100/10	100.00	
Panther Steel	10/50	8.00	
Quasem Drycells	10/50	15.00	
Renwick Jajneswar	100/5	78.00	
Singer Bangladesh	100/5	2820.21	
<b>FOOD &amp; ALLIED (23)</b>			
Alpha Tobacco	10/50	198.00	
Arman Sea Food	100/5	500.00	
Apex Food	100/5	980.00	
Aroma Tea	100/5	57.37	
Bargus	100/5	175.00	
B.D. Plantation	100/5	500.00	
Bengal Food	100/5	272.78	
B.L.T.C.	100/5	800.00	
B.T.C.	10/50	210.00	
Ctg. Vegetables	100/10	110.00	
Dhaka Vegetables	100/5	118.25	
E.L. Camella	100/5	1040.00	
Progress Export	10/50	3.00	
Gemini Sea Food	100/5	55.00	
Hill Plantation	100/5	550.00	
Modern Industries	100/5	600.00	
N.T.C.	100/5	290.00	
Rajpara Flour	100/10	NT	
Rupon Oil	100/10	6.07	
Tulip Dairy	100/10	80.83	
Yousuf Flour	10/50	NT	
Zcal Bangla Sugar	10/50	8.70	
<b>FUEL &amp; POWER (4)</b>			
BD Oxygen	10/50	188.45	
Eastern Lubricant	10/50	14.00	
National Oxygen	100/10	96.00	
Padma Oil Co.	10/50	70.00	
<b>TEXTILE (20)</b>			
Alhaj Textile	10/50	NT	
Arbee Textile	100/10	112.00	
Ashraf Textile	100/50	31.72	
Chand Textile	10/50	NT	
Chand Spinning	10/50	NT	
Desh Garments	100/10	50.00	
Dulama Cotton	100/10	106.00	
Eagle Star Textile	10/50	21.05	
GMG Ind Corp	10/50	10.00	
Modern Dyeing	100/5	35.00	
Padma Textile	100/10	450.00	
Quasem Textile	100/5	97.00	
Satham Textile	100/5	97.00	
Satham Textile	100/10	83.00	
S.T.M. (ORD)	100/5	20.00	
Stylecraft	100/5	425.00	
Swan Textile	100/5	20.00	
Talu Spinning	100/10	115.82	
Tamjuddin	100/10	180.00	
<b>PHARMACEUTICALS &amp; CHEMICALS (20)</b>			
Ambee Pharma	10/50	20.43	
Bangla Process	100/5	65.00	
BCIL	100/10	461.00	
Beximco Infusion	100/5	892.00	
Beximco Pharma	100/5	1600.52	
B. Synthetic	100/20	275.44	
Glaxo	10/50	130.00	
ACI	10/50	115.00	
Kobinoor Chemical	100/5	103.00	
N Polymer	100/10	145.00	
Petro Synthetic	10/50	9.00	
Renata Ltd	100/5	710.00	
Pharma Aids	100/5	285.00	
Pharmaco	100/5	79.00	
Progressive Plastic	100/5	48.00	
Rackitt & Colman	100/10	51.33	
Rahman Chemicals	100/10	51.33	
Therapeutics	100/5	76.00	
The Ibsania	100/10	120.00	
Wata Chemical	100/20	255.00	
<b>PAPER &amp; PRINTING (6)</b>			
Eagle Box	10/50	19.00	
Monospool Paper	100/5	30.00	
Paper Converting	100/5	85.00	
Paper Processing	100/10	17.00	
Padma Printers	10/50	50.00	
Sonali Paper	10/50	40.00	
<b>SERVICE (2)</b>			
Bangladesh Hotel	10/50	12.00	
Bd. Service	10/50	NT	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS (18)</b>			
Apex Footwear	100/20	579.33	
Apex Tannery	100/5	804.00	
Armani	10/50	20.00	
Bata Shoe	10/100	96.00	
Beximco	10/100	65.00	
B.S.C.	100/5	80.00	
Ctg. Cement	100/5	463.82	
G. Q. Ball Pen	10/50	140.11	
High Speed	100/5	50.00	
Himadri Ltd.	10/100	6.00	
Milton Tannery	100/5	10.00	
Monno Ceramic	100/5	660.00	
New Dhaka Refac	100/20	90.00	
Phoenix Leather	100/5	130.00	
Savar Refractories	100/5	60.00	
Bengal Food	100/5	100.00	
Textiplex Ind	100/10	90.00	
Usmania Glass	100/5	410.60	
<b>JUTE (12)</b>			
Ahad Jute	100/10	NT	
Anwar Jute	10/50	NT	
Delta Jute	10/50	8.50	
Gawia Jute	10/50	NT	
Hill Jute	100/5	100.00	
Islam Jute	100/5	126.67	
Jute Spinner	100/5	105.00	
Mutual Jute	100/5	105.00	
Northern Jute	10/50	NT	
Shamsar Jute	10/50	100.00	
Specialised Jute	10/50	NT	
Shaw Pukur Jute			