

Saifur seeks completion of ADB projects soon

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman yesterday instructed the executing agencies to complete their projects at one

go, reports UNB. The executing agencies under ADP, if necessary, should take up a fewer number of projects for a particular year and complete them, instead of undertaking a larger number of projects and leave them half done for the following years.

he said. The Finance Minister was presiding over a meeting of the Executive Committee of National Economic Council (ECNEC) here.

Half done projects are sheer waste of public money because the portion of the proiect completed earlier becomes useless by the time the project work is completed in next few years, he said referring to some road construc-

The ECNEC in its meeting

approved a non-government secondary school development project at cost of Tk 350 crore and sanctioned an additional Tk 100 crore under ADP for the next financial year for

the project. A total of 3,220 non-government high schools and madrashas of the country, six high schools and one madrasha from each thana, will be developed within next three years under the project.

The Finance Minister called for meeting all expenditure of the project from the development budget rather than from the revenue budget.

He said the government had decided to create a separate and independent facilities directorate for the education

Necessary manpower and engineers will be posted under this directorate to facilitate the development works of the sector, he added.

Rahman said a total of Tk 3.600 crore, including a development budget of Tk 1,175 crore, will be allocated in the education sector in the next year's budget.

He directed the facilities department officials to maintain schedule of work for each school development project and place it before the local supervisory committee.

The Finance Minister also directed them to create an inspection directorate to inspect and audit the individual pro-

Referring to the allegations of corruption and malpractices against the facilities department, Rahman said it is necessary to bring about credibility. transparency and accountability in this department.

The ECNEC meeting also approved an ADB-assisted flood rehabilitation project to be undertaken by the LGRD ministry at a cost of Tk 353 crore.

The project aimed at rehabilitation of roads and appurtenant structure in rural and urban areas damaged by 1987 and 1988 floods that hit 14 coastal districts and offshore islands of the country. The project is scheduled to be completed within the next three years.

A rural infrastructural development project at cost of Tk 155 crore was also approved by the ECNEC meeting. The project aimed at improving communication system in rural areas through development of rural infrastructure.

An amount of Tk 50 crore will be released next year for the project which is also scheduled to be completed in three years.

The meeting decided to undertake one project in each district of the country next year on priority basis.

Export problems discussed with Bangladeshi businessmen in UK,

The Commerce Minister Shamsul Islam held a meeting with London-based Bangladeshi businessmen during his brief stay in London on Friday, according to a message received here Thursday, reports BSS.

During the meeting the minister discussed with them the problems facing the exports to Britain from Bangladesh, which include mostly perishables like vegetables and frozen fish.

Problems, raised by the business community, like air freight, packaging, and tariff were discussed at length.

A Bangladeshi importer of fish and frozen food, Iqbal Ahmed, who set up a modern computerised fish processing plant for re-export to the European continent from Manchester, based on Bangladeshi imports, apprised the minister the problems facing the froze food sector in Bangladesh.

Airfreight and shipment schedules, he said, were the most important areas which require urgent attention.

Ahmed, who had imported about 200 tonnes of fine rice from Bangladesh for sale in Europe also drew the attention of the minister to competition with rice of Indian-origin and tariffs on processed and semiprocessed rice.

To expedite export of rice from Bangladesh, the minister assured total support and said quality and timely shipments would also be areas of stress.

Abdur Rahim, President, Bangladesh Caterers Association in the UK and a ! .ng importer of jute ca pets. garments and sports shoes from Bangladesh to UK briefed the minister on different problems related to these products and also Biman's space problem for the fish and frozen food and vegetables.

Inter-ministerial meeting on industry held

An inter-ministerial meeting was held yesterday with the Industries Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan in the chair to revive the overall industrial development of the country. reports BSS.

The meeting was attended by the Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman, Commerce Minister M Shamsul Islam, Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, State Minister for Planning Dr Abdul Moin Khan, State Minister for Industries Lutfur Rahman Khan, A H M Abdul Hye Secretary, Ministry of Industries, high officials of Board of Investment and a directorgeneral of prime minister's

Confidence was expressed in the meeting that the industrial growth did accelerate further considering the achievements of past three years.

NFEP — a model for promoting fish output

For the poor people of the country's northwest region a fisheries project has proved to be a successful strategy to overcome a hostile environment and reduce their poverty, reports UNB.

After six years of tireless efforts, the British-aided project in Parbatipur has proved its worth as a model for promoting fish production in the region comprising the districts of Panchagarh, Thakurgaon, Dinajpur. Nilphamari and Rangpur.

The Northwest Fisheries Extension Project (NFEP) began in 1988 in the area with 7.5 million population. Sandy soils of low fertility and extremes of climate with a six month dry season had restricted the development of traditional crop pattern and fish culture.

The NFEP promotes fish culture in rice fields, cage culture by landless women. culture of tilapia and Thai shorputi fish in seasonal ponds and fry traders as extension

It has achieved over 300 per cent increases in fish production in two years. A farmer can now produce an average nine kg of fish in a pond of one decimal in just six months by investing only Tk 90 per dec-

The bilateral aid project has developed a long-term poverty focussed training programme in the five districts in collaboration with the Department of Fisheries, Bangladesh Rural Development Board and 15

NGOs working in the region. The Tk 149.3 million project has a component of 87 per cent (Tk 129.6 million) from the Overseas Development Administration (ODA) of the UK and 13 per cent (Tk 19.7 million) from the government of Bangladesh.

The project started in 1988 as "Dinajpur Fish Culture Development Project" aiming to boost the income of poor farmers by enabling them to produce large numbers of fry and fingerlings.

with a good market and mostly

sold up to a drop of Tk one per

kg with the good liquoring

types attracting more support

selling often at firm to slightly

dearer levels. Plainer varieties

were a lower market declining

between Tk two and Tk three

per kg, popular types were

well supported and sold be-

tween Tk 54/- and Tk 55/80

But booming private sector hatcheries in Bogra and Jessore increased fry supply to the region which pushed the project to shift its emphasis to training and technology development. It was renamed as the Northwest Fisheries Extension

Project. In 1991, only 20 nursery farmers were given assistance while in the following year a full-scale extension and training programme was started and targeted at both nursers and growout farmers.

Farmers were selected by a poverty ranking method with an average income for farmers entering the project of about Tk 7,300 annually or Tk 20 daily, enough to buy just 2 kg of rice, for an average household of six members.

The NFEP complex now comprises a renovated old farm hatchery and modern 16.19 hectare farm and hatchery. It has a total water area of 9.79 hectares with 42 ponds, 12 mini-ponds, three borrow pits and two drainage canals and a 0.7 hectare rice/fish trial plot facility.

The complex includes an administrative building, training room and library, short course dormitory, staff accommodation and fry traders' temporary accommodation.

The extension message is offered to farmers through classroom and pond-side training and by using ponds as centre for rallies. The project provided credit in the form of inputs in the past while the banks and NGOs will provide this credit from the next year.

A second project phase of Department and Fisheries and ODA collaboration has been proposed to develop the NFEP complex and staff as sustainable regional aquaculture support service centre.

The centre will design and provide training for aquaculture development projects, the Department of Fisheries, Department of Agriculture Extension, NGOs and bank staff in the region.

Weekly tea sale dull in Chittagong CHITTAGONG, May 11: The and Tk/- 54/80 per kg. All primary fanting met

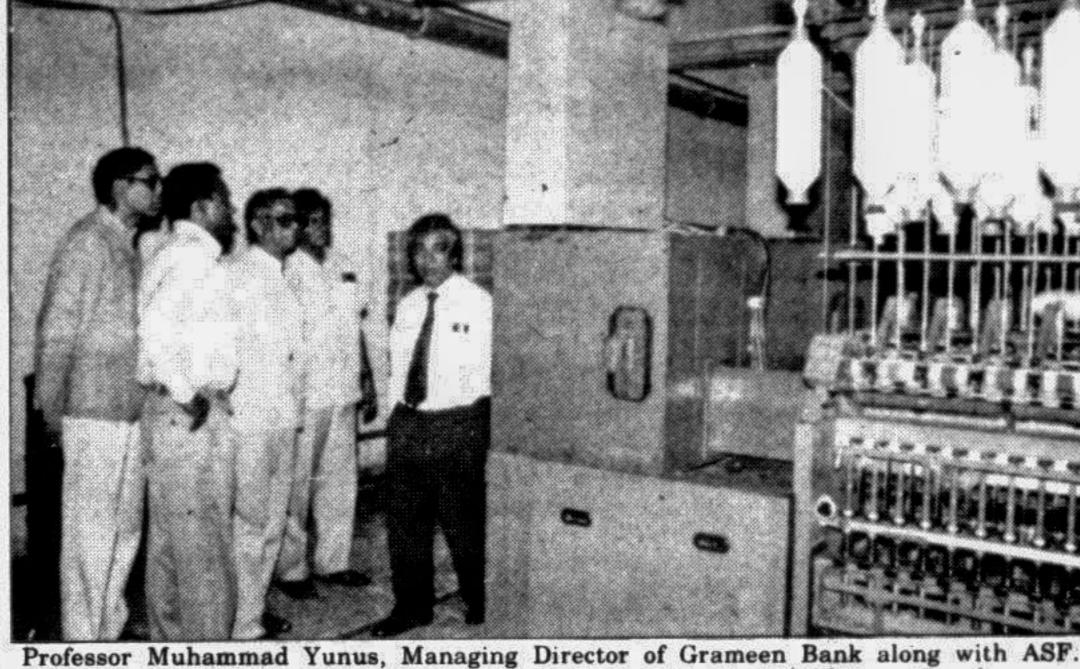
per kg.

weekly tea sale held here on Tuesday was marked by dullness and limited sale as Russia and Poland were absent and Pakistan operating for a small quantity of fannings and brokens, market sources said, reports BSS. Absence of Russia and

Poland caused withdrawal of large and bold brokens. Internal market absorbed the bulk of the offerings. Once again bold and large

brokens remained unsold following lack of enquiry. There was, however, a fairly good demand for small and medium brokens which generally sold at a drop of Tk one to Tk two per kg few lines of popular types attracted keen competition and sold between Tk 53/-

2,467 chests and 19 paper sacks of dust on offer met with a fairly good demand at easier Only the internal buyers operated in this section of the catalogue. There were 13,025 chests and 52 paper sacks on



Rahman (R), Chairman, Beximco Group, visited Padma Textile Mills Ltd. on Tuesday.

World Bank opens office in Hanoi

HANOI, May 11: The World Bank has opened an office in Hanoi to improve communication channels with the Vietnamese government, Director Bradley Babson said Tuesday. reports AFP. The main function of the of-

fice, opened May 2, is to agree details with the authorities for implementing World Bank-financed development projects, said Babson. The bank has earmarked

about 350 million US dollars in loans to finance development projects in education, highways and agriculture.

For the 1994-95 financial year, the bank plans to led Vietnam about 400 million US dollars, said Babson.

Inflation may rise in Britain next year

LONDON, May 11: Inflation will be "slightly lower" during the rest of 1994, but "slightly higher" in 1995, ending the year above three per cent, the Bank of England predicted vesterday in its quarterly review, reports AFP.

The bank said the forecast reflected evidence that "labour costs are rising a little faster than expected."

"If these pressures are maintained, this could translate into higher inflation next year," it said, adding that the size of the upward revision in forecasts "should not be exaggerated."

In March, underlying inflation rose 2.4 per cent on the year while headline inflation, which excludes mortgage interest payments, stood at an annual 2.3 per cent.

The government has fixed a growth target of between one and four per cent for inflation.

Need for optimum use of energy underscored The Minister for Energy Industrial Development Or- cement expert and Motomu

Mohammad Shareef, Manager-Bangladesh of Emirates Airlines held a reception at a local

restaurant Monday in honour of the visiting Cargo Revenue optimization Manager of

Emirates Skycargo, Pradeep Kumar. Photo shows (from L) Syed Ali Murad, Director of

ABC Air Ltd. GSA of Emirates, Alexander Lee, Chairman ABC Air Ltd. Pradeep Kumar,

and Mineral Resources. Dr ganisation (UNIDO) and the Ishikawa, a ceramic expert. Khandakar Mosharraf Hossain, vesterday stressed the need for improvement of energy efficiency for ensuring its optimum use to cope with the ever increasing demand of energy in the country, reports BSS.

Mohammad Shareef.

Energy conservation, now a days, is a universal concern, particularly for Bangladesh and efforts in this area should be relentless, he said.

The Energy Minister was addressing the inaugural function of a seminar on "energy conservation in cement and ceramic industries" organised jointly by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), Japan, United Nations

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

শ্রম ও জনশক্তি মন্ত্রণালয়

ইসলামিক কারিগরী ও বৃত্তিমূলক প্রশিক্ষণ ও গবেষণা কেন্দ্রের

(আইসিটিভিটিআর) ৯৪-৯৫ শিক্ষাবর্ষের বিভিন্ন কোর্সে

ভর্তির জন্য দরখাস্ত আহবানের বিজ্ঞপ্তি

নিম্নবর্ণিত বিভিন্ন কোর্সে ভর্তির জন্য বাংলাদেশী যোগ্য প্রার্থীদের নিকট হইতে নির্ধারিত ফরমে দরখান্ত আহ্বান করা

যাইতেছে। উল্লেখ্য যে, প্রার্থীদেরকে ইংরেজী ভাষায় পারদর্শী হইতে হইবে।

সাইন-ইন-টেকনিক্যাল

১ (এক) বৎসর মেয়াদী কোর্সসমূহ

ডিপ্রোমা-ইন-টেকনিক্যাল এড্কেশন

ডিপ্রোমা-ইন-ভকেশনাল এড্কেশন

সার্টিফিকেট-ইন-ভকেশনাল এডুকেশন

২ (দুই) বৎসর মেয়াদী কোর্স ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং :

অপারেশন শাখা (৩য় তলা) হইতে সংগ্রহ করিতে হইবে।

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ভোগ করিবেন

পেষ্টি গ্রাজুয়েট ডিপ্রোমা-ইন-টেকনিক্যাল :

টংগীস্থ ইসলামিক কারিগরী ও বৃত্তিমূলক প্রশিক্ষণ ও গবেষণা কেন্দ্রে ১৯৯৪-৯৫ শিক্ষাবর্ষে সীমিত সংখ্যক আসনে

ব্যাচেশার

এডুকেশন

৩। চূড়ান্তভাবে নির্বাচিত ছাত্র/প্রশিক্ষার্থীগণ থাকা খাওয়া ফ্রিসহ আইসিটিভিটিআর-কর্তৃক প্রদন্ত প্রচলিত সুযোগ সুবিধা

সকল ইচ্ছুক প্রার্থীদের উক্ত কোর্সে মনোনয়নের জন্য আগামী ০৭-০৬-১৯৯৪ ইং তারিখের মধ্যে নির্ধারিত

আবেদনপত্রে প্রার্থীর নাম, পিতার নাম, স্থায়ী ঠিকানা ও বর্তমান ঠিকানা, জনু তারিখ, জাতীয়তা, শিক্ষাগত

যোগ্যতাসহ (সত্যায়িত সনদপত্র ও মার্কসীটসহ) নিম্ন ঠিকানায় ডাকযোগে/সরাসরি পাঠাইতে অনুরোধ করা হইল।

প্রার্থীদের মধ্যে যাহারা চাকুরীতে তাহারা তাহাদের সংশ্লিষ্ট মন্ত্রণালয়/নিয়োগ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে দরখান্ত করিবেন।

আবেদনপত্রের নির্ধারিত ফরম ও অন্যান্য তথ্যাদি কাকরাইলস্থ জনশক্তি, কর্মসংস্থান ও প্রশিক্ষণ ব্যুরোর প্রশিক্ষণ

যাহারা চাকুরীরত নহেন তাহারা ডাকযোগে/সরাসরি নিম্নসাক্ষরকারীর বরাবরে দরখাস্ত প্রেরণ করিবেন।

শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা

ডিপ্লেমা = ইন-টেকনিক্যাল

ডিপ্লোমা-ইন-ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং/ টেকনোলজী

সার্টিফিকেট-অব-টেড কোর্স পাশ।

এস, এস, সি পাশ অথবা ইহার সমমানের।

Energy Conservation Centre (ECC), Japan in collaboration with the local Energy Monitoring and Conservation Centre (EMCC) under the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources.

Held at Sonargaon Hotel the opening ceremony of the twoday seminar was also addressed by Mohammad Faizur Razzaque, Secretary, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources and Yoshihisa Kuroda, Minister of the Embassy of Japan as special guests, L G Narasimhan, Country Director, UNIDO and Norio Fukushima, team leader of the ECC. Two other members of the ECC team are Hasahi Ikeda, a

Dr Khandakar Mosharraf Hossain said the total energy consumption from all sources in the country was approximately 585 peta jules (equivalent to 20.12 million tons of coal or 13.525 million tons of oil). The quantity of this energy conservation, he said, was also not efficiently managed.

He said the indigenous natural gas resources presently meet about 65 per cent of the country's fossil fuel demand while about 31 per cent was received from imported petroleum products.

Japan's economic recession enters its fourth year

TOKYO, May 11: Japan's prolonged economic slump appears to have entered its fourth year, making it the country's longest downturn since World War II, the Economic Planning Agency indicated in a monthly report Tuesday, reports AFP.

"The Japanese economy is going through an adjustment phase and sluggishness continues as a whole, although there are some bright movements, said the report, which showed no major changes from its diagnosis, the previous month.

The phase was identified in the April report, which mentioned signs of recovery for the first time in nine months.

The latest report signalled 37 successive months of economic downturn, exceeding the previous record of 36 months between February 1980 and March 1983 when the Japanese economy was reeling from the second oil shock.

The agency, however, was cautious in interpreting the latest report given that many of the conclusions were based on economic data for March.

Prime Minister Tsutomu Hata, nevertheless, gave weight to the growing view that the current downturn is the longest post-war slump.

experienced suffering previously unknown," he said in a policy speech to both houses of parliament.

Yoshio Terasawa, the new director general of the Economic Planning Agency, was more cautious. Asked repeatedly by reporters whether the latest report confirmed that the economy was now in the longest slump since the war, he merely said: "Economic conditions are very austere."

One agency official noted that the judgment on whether the economy has bottomed out or not usually lags at least six months from the time of up-

"We did not mean to say in the report that the recession has continued for 37 months, another agency official said, some economists say the economy bottomed out in October. But as far as the government's judgment goes, we have not made any announce-

Agency has been extremely cautious in interpreting its monthly report ever since a agency chief jumped the gun early last year, announcing signs of recovery which subsequently never materialised.

areas in May.

tension of a stop-gap budget for the new fiscal year. The government of former prime minister Morihiro Hosokawa was forced to draft

Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD Ferry Division, Barisal (RHD), Tender Notice "I don't have a feeling that

Tender Notice No

119 of RHD, Ferry Division, Barisal/1993-94.

Name of work

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(1) Executive Engineer, RHD,

and territorial jurisdiction.

Ferry Divn, Barisal.

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(2) Sub-Divisional Engineer,

and painting of Road Diva, Patuakhali during the year 1993-Tk 3,80,485/-

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> Md Humayun Rashid Khalif Executive Engineer, RHD, Ferry Divn, Barisal

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ডিগ্রী-ইন-ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং/ টেকনোলজী/টেকনিক্যাল

হইতে উচ্চতর ডিপ্লোমা–ইন–ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং অথবা ইহার

সার্টিফিকেট-ইন-ভকেশনাল এডুকেশন অথবা ইহার সমমান।

দশ বৎসর স্থূলিং সম্পন্ন করার পর দুই বৎসর মেয়াদী

এডুকেশন/আইসিটিভিটিআর

শাহ মোহাম্মদ নাছিম সহকারী সচিব কক্ষ নং-৪২২, ভবন নং-৭

Over the past few years, "the Japanese economy has

ment yet." The Economic Planning

In its latest report, the agency said that the bright movements mentioned in April were limited again to certain

in approving the budget for the fiscal year which started last month were "alarming" and "could threaten to interfere with the economic recovery and thereby have a serious impact on people's lives". Earlier Tuesday, govern-

brightness is expanding fur-

ther," an official said. "We need

to assess carefully future

port included an upturn in

personal spending and

progress in inventory reduc-

tion. Corporate sentiment to-

wards the economy also ap-

pears to have stopped worsen-

continuing to drop, resulting

in weak private-sector capital

investment, and industrial

seeing bright signs in some

sectors," Hata said in his

speech to parliament. "It is

important that these im-

steady process of recovery."

provements by connected to a

But he warned that delays

output remains sluggish.

But corporate earnings are

"Fortunately, we are already

ing, the agency said.

Bright signs in the May re-

movements of the economy."

ment and ruling coalition party officials endorsed a 40-day ex-

the 50-day provisional budget due to political turmoil.