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South Africa keen to invest in Bangladesh

By Staff Correspondent

Entrepreneurs of South Africa are keen to invest in

Bangladesh Sources in the Export Promotion Bure au said, a company named Formosa Knitting and Dyeing iridustry has already signed as agreement with Bangladesh Export Processing Zone Authority (BEPZA) to establish factories in the export processing zones

of the country. Sources said, the company will invest about 4.16 million US dollars to setup dyed knit fabric factories. This will be the first investment of any South African company in Bangladesh, sources said.

In 1992-93 fiscal year, South Africa imported handicrafts, raw jute, readymade garments, leather, ceramics, tableware, jute yarn and twine worth 11.80,000 US dollars

from Bangladesh.

They said, Formosa Knitting and dyeing industry, a private limited company, will produce 2 million kg fabrics per year after completion of the pro-

Bangladesh has the cheapest labour force in the world and many foreign companies based in South Africa are trying to shift their factories to South Asian countries," an official of the Export Promotion Bureau said. He hoped, more companies from South Africa would come to invest in Bangladesh in near future.

An EPB official also informed that to increase our export to South Africa. Bangladesh will Participate in the South Africa international trade fair in Johannesburg which will be held from November 1 to 4, this year

Int'l trade fair begins in Malaysia

Bangladesh products figure prominently

Various products from Bangladesh including garments, leather goods, handicraft and stone and ceramic wares became popular items of interest at the seventh Malaysian international fair which began in Kuala Lumpur yesterday, reports BSS.

The Malaysian Deputy Minister for International Trade and Industry, Datu Chua Jui Meng, who inaugurated the five-day fair at Putra World Trade Centre, visited the Bangladesh stalls and praised the quality of the goods on display. The other visitors also praised the products from

Bangladesh.

According a message received from Kuala Lumpur, a total of 12 Bangladeshi manufacturing companies are taking part in the fair under the umbrella of the Bangladesh Export Promotion Bureau.

The Bangladeshi companies participating in the fair include Monno Ceramic Industry, Arong, Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation, BRB Cables Ananna Apparels, Bengal Fine Ceramics, Saleh Carpet Limited, Sharif Melamine, Mousumi Industries, MNR Enterprise, Mighty International and General Apparels.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

প্রাথমিক শিক্ষা অধিদপ্তর মিরপুর-২ ঢাকা -১২১৬।

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্রা পত্রিকায় বিজ্ঞাপন প্রকাশের দিন থেকে এক মাসের মধ্যে অত্র অধিদন্তরে

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হামিদা খাতুন উপ-পরিচালক (পাঠ্যক্রম ও গবেষণা) প্রাথমিক শিক্ষা অধিদপ্তর মিরপুর-২, ঢাকা-১২১৬।

জনস্বাস্থ্য প্রকৌশল অধিদপ্তরের দরপত্র আহ্বানের বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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ক্যাটাগরীর ১ম শ্রেণীর ঠিকাদার।

বাংলা তারিখ বিকেল ৫-০০ ঘটিকা।

প্রতি নলকুপ ২ দিন

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অধিদপ্তরের দারের যোগ্যত বৎসরের নবায়নকত/তালিকাভ্ৰক

निर्वारी প্रकৌननी, जन्मान्य नज्गी দলিল বিক্রয় হইবে ও রাজশাহী বিভাগ। निर्वाशी প্रकৌननी, कश्याक्ष्यः नजगौ, যে সকল দপ্তরে দরপত্র

গৃহীত হাঁইবে রাজশাহী ও নাটোর বিভাগ। ১७-১०-४८३९/२४-७-४८०১ দরপত্র গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়

বাংলা তারিখ বেলা-১.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত। দরপত্র দলিল বিক্রয়ের >2-50-882029-6-5805 শেষ তারিখ ও সময়

Weekly auction in Ctg

Tea prices continue to fall

By Staff Correspondent

Except for larger brokens. most tea prices continued to decline at this week's auction sale held in Chittagong cast Tuesday.

According to a Unity Brokers market report; prices for plainer types eased while that for larger brokens remained fully firm.

Continued support for the larger brokens from Russia. Poland and Jordan led these prices to be firm. Well made good liquoring smaller brokens and fannings were well sought after by the internal buyers at firm rates. Prices for all other eased. Buyers for Pakistan were selective at the sale and there were some export interest for the dust grades.

Total withdrawals at the auction sale stood at 32 per cent of the offering against last week's 35 per cent.

In the leaf category, 32,324 packages were offered at the sale. Of which, the export buyers accounted for 51 per cent of the sale while the local traders brought 19 per cent and the rest 30 per cent was withdrawn.

In the dust category, 5,391 packages were offered at the sale. Of which, the internal traders purchased 44 per cent while the export buyers accounted for 16 per cent of the sale and the remaining 40 per cent was withdrawn.

Following is the categorywise market performance report of the auction sale as prepared by unity brokers:

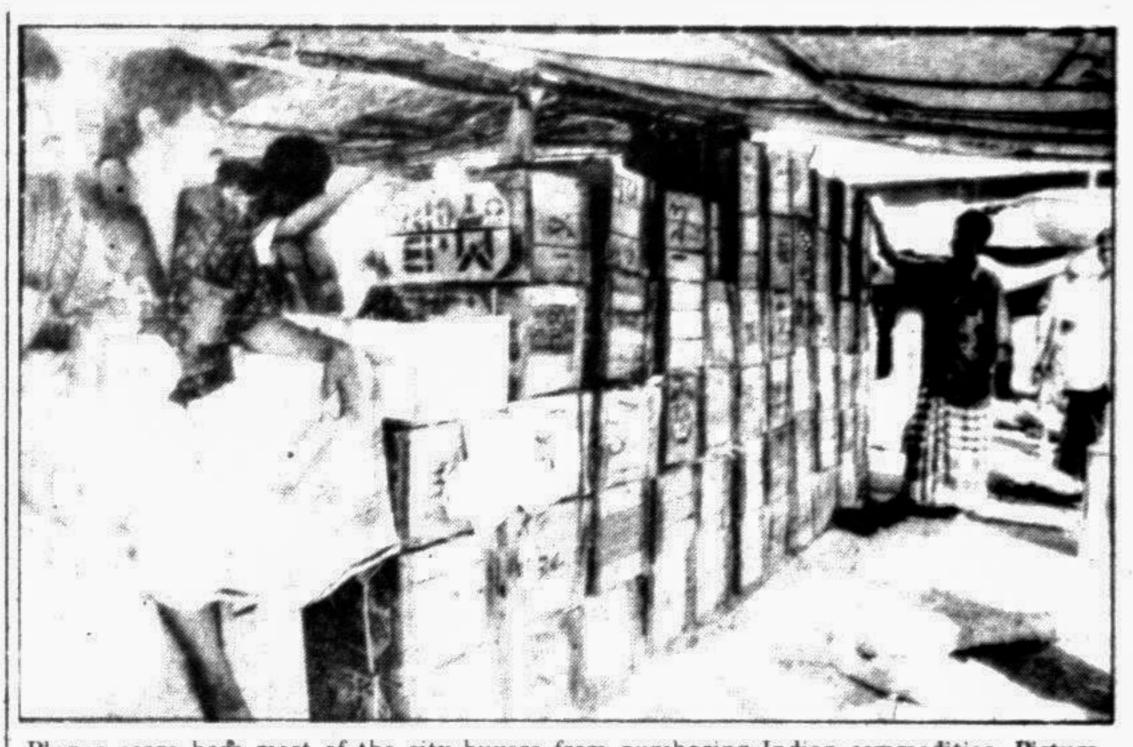
CTC: Larger brokens sold between Taka 38.00 - Taka 40.00 and were a firm market. Small grainy brokens sold at around last rates. Medium and Taka 41. 50 — Taka 44.00

Well made grainy, good liquoring fannings were about steady. Lower sorts were easier by Taka 1/2. Few popular lines sold between Taka, 43.00 -Taka 47.40.

GREEN TEA: 440 packages were on offer. FYH and Hysons sold in the region of Taka 73.00 - Taka 74.50 whilst the Hysons initially sold at Taka 80.00 — Taka 85.00 but prices moved up to Taka 91.70 later in the sale.

DUST: 5.391 packages were on offer. Cleaner sorts were firm to dearer by over a taka. Other were about steady.

The next tea auction sale would be held in Chittagong on October 11 and the total offering is likely to consist of about 30.000 packages of leaf and another 4,500 packages of



Plague scare bar's most of the city buyers from purchasing Indian commodities. Picture depicts crates of unsold Indian tomatoes piled up in Kawran Bazar godown for long, bulk of which have already been rotten Star photo

Britain calls for debt reduction for developing countries

Britain has called on the rich creditor nations to take immediate steps for debt reductions for poor countries, particularly for those with good track records of economic reforms, according to a British High Commission Press release issued in Dhaka yesterday, reports UNB.

"We must offer these countries some light at the end of the tunnel," said Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of Exchequer of Britain at the Commonwealth Finance Malta on September 28.

Ministers' meeting in Valletta, Clarke put forward new proposals to help resolve the debt problems of the world's

TARASH (Sirajganj), Oct 6:

Energy and Mineral Resources

Minister Dr Khandaker

Mosharraf Hossain said a total

of 2,000 villages will be

brought under rural electrifica-

tion programme through

.7,300 kilometres of distribu-

tion lines in the current fiscal

as chief guest at the electrifi-

cation ceremony of 33/11 KV

Tarash power sub-station here

"A sum of Tk 509 crore in-

cluding 200 crore from the

revenue budget will be utilised

for the purpose," Dr Mosharraf

said adding, "target of rural

electrification for the current

The Minister was speaking

year, reports UNB.

on Wednesday.

poorest countries.

He pledged to continue to press other Paris Club members for immediate stock of debt reductions for countries with a good track record of economic reforms, which include several Commonwealth "We must continue to find

solutions to indebtedness through agreement among all creditors, whether in the Paris Club or in the multilateral institutions," said the Chancellor. The new initiative deals

with debts to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank, and the regional development banks. The Chancellor called on these institutions to consider what more they could do to help. 2,000 more villages to get

electricity facilities in '94-'95

president Ziaur Rahman in

1978 has now been considered

as an integral part in the socio-

economic development of rural

AED takes up

soil fertility

project in

20 districts

Extension Department (AED)

has taken up a massive 'soil

fertility and fertilizer manage-

ment project' in 20 districts,

official sources here said, re-

The project taken up with

BHOLA, Oct 6: Agriculture

Dr Mosharraf said it has

areas, he added.

Clarke called in particular on the IMF to provide loans on easier repayment terms for its poorest and most indebted members which have also shown a sustained commitment to economic reform:

His proposal would be financed by "carefully considered and phased sales" of the IMF's gold reserves, the proceeds of which would be invested. The return on the investment would be used for financing the new subsidy and thus relieving IMF of any extra burden.

The Chancellor .id not, however, call for write off or rescheduling of multilateral

now become a welfare-ori-

ented social movement and

that is why, the government

has started allocation from its

revenue budget from the last

dressed, among others, by

Abdul Mannan Talukder, MP.

Mirza Muraduzzaman, MP.

Ansar Ali Siddiqui, MP, Akbar

Ali, MP and member of the

Rural Electrification Board M A

The Tarash power station

under Sirajganj Pally Riddyut

Samity has been installed at a

cost of Tk 1.50 crore. Under

this sub-station a total of 4.857

consumers of different cate-

gories will be provided with

rural electricity.

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financial vear.

Wadud.

Presided over by the principal of the college. Syeda Halima Rahman, the concluding session was also addressed by vice principal Hosne Ara Akhter and associate prof Rabeva Khanam, head of the Botany Department.

ICTVTR okays \$ 2.2m budget for '95-'96

Dr Shah Mohammad Farid. Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Manpower, and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Governing Board of the ICTVTR presided.

bassy of Saudi Arabia, Turkey and High Commission of Malaysia in Bangladesh and Director General of the Centre, Prof Dr A M Patwari, attended the meeting.

of 2.2 million US dollars for the 1995-96 FY of the centre.

Call money rate

money market during the week ended on October 5 ranged from 1.50 to 6.00 per cent, a Bangladesh Bank press release said yesterday, reports

During the same week in-

Nat'l science &

By Staff Correspondent Young scientists of the country could play a vital role to the technological develop-

tech fair ends

This was stated by noted scientist Prof A K M Nurul Islam at the concluding ceremony of the national science and technological fair '94 which began on October 4, at the Kabi Nazrul Govt College yesterday.

. Addressing as the chief guest he told the youngsters to keep on their innovative works for the shake of country's technological advancement.

Later, he distributed awards and certificates among the participants.

A large number of students of different schools, colleges and science clubs of the Dhaka South region attended the fair.

The twenty-eighth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Governing Board of the Islamic Centre for Technical and Vocational Training and Research (ICTVTR), a sub sidiary organ of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC), was held at a city hotel on Wednesday.

Representatives of the Em-

The committee considered and recommended the budget

Money rates in the call

terest rates offered by the banks on certificate of deposits varied from 3.50 to 8.25 per cent. The Bank rate, however, remained unchanged at 5.50

Tk 10cr poverty alleviation project undertaken The government has underfamilies, the public represen-

taken a project for poverty alleviation for landless poor families in the country's rural areas on trial basis at a cost of Taka ten crore. 40 unions of 20 districts will bring under this project in the first phase. reports BSS. This was stated by State

Minister for Land Kabir Hussain in the 14th meeting of Standing Committee on the Ministry of Land held at Jativa Sangsad Bhaban on Wednesday.

He said the small and marginal farmers will be provided loan without mortgage or bond under this projects for creating self-generating employments. For ensuring loans and detection of landless poor

tative will be involved in this Arrangements have been made under the project for

giving knowledge to the land-

less poor families regarding health, family planning and mass literacy. He said the government has undertaken a massive scheme for poverty alleviation. Side by side the land ministry has also

undertaken many poverty alle-

viation projects. He informed the meeting that the government has already introduced developed technology for land recording system and preservation of important documents in the current fiscal year.

NAM agri ministers' meet begins in Jakarta today

JAKARTA, Oct 6: The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) countries on Friday will launch a five-day meeting of agricultural ministers to discuss improving food production among its members, with particular emphasis on African states, according to a preparatory document, reports AFP.

Indonesian Agricultural Minister Syarifudin Baharsyah has said that the meeting in Bali is expected to yield a declaration aimed at eradicating poverty in NAM's 111 countries, most of whom are developing economies. The preparatory document.

drought and political instability had brought the tally of malnourished Africans to between 140 and 150 million. If the situation was neglected the number could double to some 300 million by the

obtained today, said severe

vear 2010, it said. President Suharto, the present chairman of NAM, was scheduled to open the meeting, Baharsyah said. He said the conference would discuss proposals for the establishment of an agricultural information network and possible

Baharsyah said Indonesia, which ended decades of being the world's largest rice importer when it became selfsufficient in rice production in 1984, would also propose apprenticeship programmes which could include exchanges of farmers and agricultural ex-A total of 30 ministers from

joint venture projects.

Asia. Africa, the Middle East South America have con-firmed their attendance at the

meeting, Bahasyah said.

An official of the UN Food and Agricultural Association said at an FAO regional conference in Manila this week that the Asia-Pacific region faces a severe food crisis by the 21st century if population and agricultural trends are no reversed.

By 2020, the region's demand for rice would increase from the current 520 million tonnes to 800 million, even though irrigable land surfaces are shrinking, the official said.

China to set up \$ 1.5b oil refinery

RIYADH, Oct 6: China, Korea and Saudi Arabia are cooperating on a 1.5 billion dollar oil refinery to be established on the North China coast, diplomats said Wednesday, reports AP.

The refinery, targeted to be established by 1997, will have the capacity to refine up to 300,000 barrels daily of crude oil. Seoul's ambassador. Joongbae Na, told The Associated Press.

181000 MT of wheat to arrive in Oct

Four ships carrying about .81,000 metric tons of wheat will reach Bangladesh in the current month, an official handout said, reports BSS.

First of these ships is expected to reach this week with 39,000 metric tons of wheat.

40 pc of WB allocation earmarked for girls' education

MADRID, Oct 6: In some girls. parts of the world, parents

city on Wednesday.

Families in much of the developing world put little value on educating girls, betting their sons. Now the World Bank is

promoting a radical argument to try to change that view: The education of girls may well count for more in helping families get out of poverty and raise their standards of living. To overcome religious, social and cultural obstacles, the vestment available in the de-

bank has boosted lending for veloping world," Lawrence

education projects targeted at Summers, a US Treasury

The bank spends an average won't send daughters to school of 2 billion dollar annually on because boys will be in the education programmes and class. In others, girls must stay about 40 per cent is earhome to watch younger sib- marked for girls' programme. lings or go to work, reports said Armeane Choksi, vice president of human resources development for the World Bank. In the 1980s, less than 15 per cent of bank projects they'll be better off educating included programmes for teaching girls.

tion may well (produce) the

highest rate of return on in-

M A Kashem, a presidential candidate in the ensuing election of the Federation of Bangladesh

Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FBCCI), seen addressing a meeting of the voters in the

Research shows education for girls leads to lower infant

"It will take time because old habits die hard." Choksi But officials say it's worth making the effort. "Investment in girls' educageneration of better mothers

Undersecretary, said during a break in the annual meeting of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund in

mortality rates and slows population growth, Choksi said. Educated mothers tend to have healthier and better educated children. If they farm, they also tend to ford to buy basic books or produce more food for the family or earn more in other jobs outside the home. "Educated girls make a next

who lead smaller, happier and

healthier families," said

Summers, previously the

bank's chief economist and

credited with helping launch

Still, many obstacles re-In parts of the Middle East, Africa and South Asia, parents

the bank campaign.

don't want their daughters sharing classrooms with boys; they don't want them taught by male teachers, and they don't want them to travel far to get ... to school." Some families cannot af-

clothing needed for school. Others don't want to lose a daughter who may do many of the chores at home or earn extra money by working outside the family. And still other parents simply do not know their daugh-

ters are allowed to enroll in

school.

children in school. the very poorest parents who feel it's better for them to send their children to earn something rather than send them to school", said

grammes to get poor families

to enroll — and keep — their

Muhammad Lutfullahil Majid economic relations secretary in Bangladesh's finance min-Bangladesh last year launched a Food for Education project in 1,000 primary

limit of two children. Bangladesh, with one of the world's lowest literacy rates, Another programme offered a small stipend, roughly 4 to 5 has launched several new pro-

dollars a month, to families whose daughters aged 11 to 16 attend school. It has proven so "There is clearly a group of popular the government intends to expand it, Majid said. In mostly Muslim Pakistan,

all-girls' schools are being set up in poor villages. Parents are allowed to recruit a teacher, a local girl with at least an eighth grade education. In Morocco, female teachers have been added to outly-

ing schools and child care centers been set up for younger siblings of girls students. Free textbooks have been

schools in very poor areas. given to girls in Senegal, and Families got 33 pounds (15 science equipment installed in kgs) of wheat a month if a girls' schools in Kenya. child goes to school, with a

১১। দরপতা খোলার তারিখ ンC-70-98至600-A-7807 বাংলা তারিখ বেলা ১১-০০ ঘটিকা। ও সময় মনজুরুর রহমান নিৰ্বাহী প্ৰকৌশলী DFP-6294-3/10 জঃস্বাঃপ্রঃ বিভাগ, নওগা G-1536 ফোনঃ ২৩৬৭

fiscal year is the highest in ruthe financial assistance from ral electrification network of Sirajganj Pally Biddyut DANIDA includes training to the country." Samity which began its comthe farmers to create aware-The Energy Minister said mercial operation in 1981 has ness among the farmers about present government has laid so far provided electricity to the use of natural fertilizer paramount importance on rucompost, cow dung, and green 25,972 consumers in 859 vilral electrification programme. lages of Unapara. Shahjadpur. manure — to retain soil fertility Rural electrification pro-Roygani, Tarash and Belkuchi and overcome the affect of gramme initiated by the late chemical fertiliser. thanas of the district.

ports UNB.