



B. Georges-Picot, Chairman, Banque Indosuez, Luxembourg and Chairman, The Bangladesh Fund, called on M. Saifur Rahman, Minister for Finance Sunday. C K Hyder, Director, The Bangladesh Fund and J P Raynaud, Country Manager, Banque Indosuez, Bangladesh, were also present.

Progress of Japanese projects discussed

A three-member Japanese government delegation led by Grand Aid Division Director Masato Kitera, called on State Minister for Planning Dr A Moeen Khan at his office on Sunday, says BSS.

They discussed in detail different bilateral issues relating to the progress of implementation and future of various projects in Bangladesh funded by the Japanese government.

The State Minister briefed the leader of the delegation on the progress of on-going Japanese-aided projects and expressed his gratitude for Japanese assistance to build physical infrastructures in Bangladesh particularly the uplift of the communication sector, according to a Planning Ministry press release.

Referring to the various development activities undertaken by the present democratic government to bring about positive changes in the lives of common man, Dr Khan

said under the dynamic guidance of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, the government has taken all necessary economic and financial measures and has already been able to stabilise the macro economy of the country.

He said the government has been making all-out efforts to attract foreign investment in this country. A good number of foreign countries have shown their keen interest to invest in Bangladesh, he added.

The minister said the government has adopted a new participatory perspective planning exercise so that future development plans of this country could be formulated for the people, by the people and of the people. The government has given emphasis on education, primary health care, power supply, medicare facilities and sanitation aiming at developing social infrastructure rather than physical infrastructure, he said.



A S F Rahman (L) Chairman, Beximco Group and T Nishizaka, Director, Marubeni Corporation of Japan, seen exchanging documents after signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at Hotel Sargona in the city yesterday.

Marubeni-Beximco joint venture project soon

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Beximco Investment Co. Ltd, a member company of Beximco Group, and Marubeni Corporation of Japan yesterday by A S F Rahman, Chairman, Beximco Group, and T Nishizaka, Director, Marubeni Corporation. This will be the first major joint venture project between one of the largest business corporations of the world and the leading industrial conglomerate of Bangladesh, says a press release of the Beximco Group.

Marubeni and Beximco will sponsor and establish a Joint Venture Project in Bangladesh, BEX-MARU Polyester Ltd., for the manufacture of polyester staple fibre and PET Chips.

Call to participate in development

HATHAZARI (Chittagong). Nov 28: State Minister for Social Welfare Fazlur Rahman called upon all to play active role in continuing the development activities initiated by the present government to build a prosperous Bangladesh for the coming generation, reports UNB.

He was addressing a freshers' reception ceremony organised by Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) at Hathazari Sheikh Mohammad Degree College on Sunday, said an official hand-out.

The state minister said, strike and siege can do nothing excepting jeopardizing the progress of the nation. So everybody should come forward unitedly and work for the politics of welfare of the people, he added.

SIA, Delta Air Lines sign code-share accord

Singapore Airlines (SIA) and Delta Air Lines recently announced the signing of a code-share/blocked space agreement. Under the agreement, Delta will purchase seats on SIA's Singapore-New York-Singapore service via Europe. The service will take effect on April 2 1995, subject to government approval, says a press release.

Speaking at the International Air Transport Association's (IATA) Annual General Meeting in Mexico City, Dr Cheong Chong Kong, SIA's Managing Director, welcomed the accord. "The development of this code-share arrangement will enhance the global travel system for SIA's customers by providing access to delta destination beyond New

York," he said.

Delta Chairman, President and CEO Ronald W Allen, who made the joint announcement along with Dr Cheong, said the new service would help expand and strengthen Delta's Pacific operations, especially throughout the Far East. He added, "This new agreement is another step towards our goal to provide seamless service worldwide for our customers."

In addition to the code-sharing, SIA and Delta will be discussing other ways to promote cooperation between the airlines. The areas being considered include schedules coordination, facilities usage, passenger and cargo handling, and joint marketing programmes.

Prices of coffee, tea fall, sugar, oil rise, gold stable over the week

LONDON, Nov 28: Coffee prices remained on a downward trend this week, while non-ferrous metals marked time and oil was among the few commodities to gain ground as Brent broke back up through the 17-dollar-a-barrel mark, reports AFP.

Coffee prices continued to retreat from the highs reached during the summer, even easing on Wednesday to their June levels. The reason was that Brazilian stocks seem more substantial than had been expected, while African producers decided to expand their plantings.

Coffee prices have now shed more than 40 per cent in just two months, also depressed by lack of enthusiastic buying among retailers, which had built up excessively big stocks of the commodity.

Oil prices gained ground in the wake of the decision made at a recent meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to extend present production quotas for all of next year.

On the London non-ferrous metals market, copper, tin, zinc, aluminium and lead stagnated due to profit-taking in the wake of their rise to record highs the last few weeks. Only nickel among them remained stable.

Gold was insensitive to the downtrend on world stock markets, as the precious metal fluctuated between 383 and 385 dollars on ounce.

GOLD: Stable. Gold prices oscillated between 383 and 385 dollars an ounce during the week. With US markets closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday, prices of the precious metals hardly reacted to the strong downtrend on world stock markets in the first part of the week.

Analysts commented that gold seems to have liked paradoxes the last few weeks. The feebleness of Wall Street and other market should theoretically have brought a strong rise in precious metal prices. But as things turned out, falling stock markets benefited bond markets primarily.

Gold is a barometer of general market uncertainty, and analysts said its stability amidst market upsets probably means that wall street and other stock markets will probably soon make up their losses.

SILVER: Lower. Silver prices fell to 5.15 dollars an ounce against 5.2275 at the end of the previous week. Investors hesitated to take positions in the metal, prefer-

ring to await an end to stock market uncertainty, observers said.

PLATINUM: On a downward trend. Prices slipped to around 410.50 dollars an ounce against 414.25 at the end of the previous week, giving up the gains resulting the previous week on an encouraging report by British mining group Johnson Matthey, which forecast a price rise to 450 dollars an ounce within the next six months.

Palladium prices were down to 153.75 dollars an ounce against 156.25, despite a slight rise on the Japanese market, one of the metal's main customers.

COPPER: Hit by profit-taking. Copper prices the previous week had reached their highest level in more than four years, at 2.855 dollars for three month delivery, but they lost around 30 dollars this week on profit taking.

Stocks on the London Metal Exchange (LME) dipped by 3.150 tonnes to 320.075.

LEAD: Small decline. Like copper, lead came in for a spot of profit-taking, after having reached a four-year high last week of 700 dollars, ending this week at around 691 dollars a tonne.

ZINC: Down a bit. Prices ended the week at around 1.182 dollars a tonne, after having reached 1.212 dollars the previous week, their highest level in two years.

ALUMINIUM: Small decline after a further rise. Aluminium prices the previous week had reached their highest level in four years because of a drop in world stocks. This week they gained another 30 dollars or so to reach 1.999.5 dollars at the close Tuesday evening but were unable to break up through the 2,000-dollar level and eased the latter part of the week to finish at 1,949 dollars.

The dip was blamed in part on aluminium Bahrain's reluctance to say whether it would maintain, next year, the 20,000 tonne production reduction applied this year.

NICKEL: Progress. Nickel prices gained 20 dollars on the week to end at 7,745 dollars a tonne, but did not get back up to the previous week's levels, the highest level since February 1992.

The nickel market was dominated by uncertainties about output of Russian group Norilsk, which normally produces 120,000 tonnes a year, 15 per cent of world output. Its production appears to have been hit by electricity

problems, but the market had no concrete information.

TIN: Lower. Tin followed the general trend, losing 75 dollars a tonne on the week to end at 6,220 dollars.

Billion-ton-metals said a "substantial" shortfall of world production by comparison with consumption would show up next year, bringing higher prices.

COFFEE: Continuing downward trend. After losing around 200 dollars the previous week, coffee prices plummeted by another 294 dollars to end Thursday at 2,989 dollars, higher all the same than the 2,875 dollars noted on Wednesday—the latter level not seen since last June.

This led the association of coffee-producing countries to decide to meet in London on December 2 to discuss a possible export restriction plan to support prices.

SUGAR: Higher. The previous week's uptrend, which took prices to their highest level in four and a half years, continued this week due to rumours that China had bought as much as 250,000 tonnes of sugar. White sugar prices moved above the level of 400 dollars a tonne.

GNI brokers said that Algeria and Tunisia had also apparently bought substantial amounts.

The International sugar organization revised its estimate of the world production deficit for the 1994-95 year to 1.9 million tonnes against the previous 1.3 million, contributing to price gains.

VEGETABLE OILS: Irregular. Palm oil, recently sustained by lower Malaysian output due to floods, came in for some profit-taking before getting back on an upward path. Brokers explained the initial drop by lower Pakistan purchases, since higher prices set in, and by a lack of Chinese and Indian buying.

The other oils generally lost ground. The oil world information letter, based in Hamburg, said world stocks of oils and greases would gradually rise in the 1994-95 year (October through September) to end at 8.57 million tonnes against 8.02 million at the start of the season—while remaining below the level of 9.29 million tonnes reached in October last year.

Output of the 11 main oils and greases should rise by 4.12 million tonnes to 83.99 million in 1994-95, slightly exceeding consumption (11.23 million tonnes to 83.43 billion), oil world said.

OIL: Firmer. Brent crude oil for January delivery broke up through the 17-dollar-a-barrel mark as against 16.72 dollars at the end of the previous week.

Operators appreciated the decision on Tuesday of the 12 OPEC countries to maintain their current output ceiling of 24.52 million barrels a day until the end of next year, without changing the national quotas.

The market also reacted favourably to a report that Russian Deputy Premier Gleg Davydov had said his country would talk with OPEC about how to contribute to strong oil prices and reach the target level of 21 dollars a barrel.

RUBBER: Bouncing up. Rubber prices gained 20 pounds to 892 pounds a tonne, encouraged by a rise on Asian markets thanks to good demand by world tire makers.

In addition, output is now low in Malaysia because of floods, whereas the harvest should normally peak about now.

CEREALS: Partly higher. Wheat prices remained stable at a little over 105 pounds a tonne, but barley gained 4.5 pounds to stand at 104.75.

Chicago prices were supported by the US agriculture department announcement last Friday of an offer to sell 1.3 million tonnes of subsidized wheat to Egypt under the export aid programme.

Brokers noted reports that China is buying cereals from Canada, and Russia might soon try to get hold of some wheat particularly from France if it can get down.

TEA: Down. Prices continued to decline at the London weekly auctions, even though recently weak demand has improved. Superior grade teas fell to 175 pence per kilo against an average of 185 the previous week, while medium grades were down to 120 pence against 122, and lower grades to 85 pence against 86.

COTTON: Slightly higher. The indicator price of the trade publication cotton outlook gained a cent to 79 cents a pound, in the wake of the US market, which was supported by good export prospects due to a production decline in some other countries—especially Pakistan.

WOOL: Stable. The reference price stayed at 460 pence per kilo in Bradford (Northern England). The European market is rather quiet these days, as order books were well filled the last few months, and consumers are now slowing down.

BCIC Re-Tender Notice

বিসিআইসি'র পণ্য শিল্পায়নে জাতীয় অগ্রগতির প্রতীক

Managing Director, Sylhet Pulp & Paper Mills Ltd, Chhatak, Sunamgonj invites sealed tender in 2(two) envelope system from bonafide manufacturers/suppliers for supply of 800 M tons Unslaked Lime against tender enquiry No. 36 dt 12.11.94. Tender documents will be had at Tk 300/- (three hundred) per set from 1) BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha, Dhaka, 2) BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad, Chittagong and 3) Sylhet Pulp & Paper Mills Ltd, Chhatak, Sunamgonj. Tender with 1% earnest money will be received in the Tender Box kept in Purchase Department of SPPM Ltd, Chhatak up to 3.00 PM on 14.12.94 and Technical Offer will be opened immediately thereafter in presence of the tenderer (if any). No tender documents will be sold on the date of opening.

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Sayedul Haque
Shipping Officer
for Managing Director

Kushtia PWD Division, Kushtia Tender Notice

- Tender Notice No. : 24/1994-95
- Name of Work. : Establishment of an Islamic University in Bangladesh (S.H-Construction of 500 sft. 2(two) Units quarter for class-IV employees over existing 3rd floor)
- Estimated Cost. : Tk.4,46,241/-
- Earnest Money : Tk.8,925/-
- Place of selling and receiving of the tender : All the Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, under PWD circle, Jessore.
- Last date of selling tender : 10-12-94 during the office hours.
- Date of receiving and opening of the tender : Up to 12:00 Noon of 11-12-94 and will be opened on the same day at 12:15 PM.
- Eligibility of Contractor/Firm. : Enlisted & valid special class-I, Class-I Bldg. Contractor/Firm of PWD, Class-II, Bldg. Contractor/Firm of PWD Zone, Khulna, Class-III, Bldg. Contractor/Firm of PWD Circle, Jessore.

Md. Nur Solaiman
Executive Engineer
PWD Division, Kushtia.

Notice of Tender Military Engineer Services (Army)

- Applications are invited by AHQ, QMG's Br, DW & CE (Army) Dhaka Cantt for issue of tender documents for the following works. Applications to be submitted within 10 days from the date of publication of the advertisement.
 - Instl of existing fuel tanker under ground at Ghatail Cantt
 - Constr of 2 x 12 Mrd JCO's qtr (6 storied) at Dhaka Cantt.
 - Constr of tennis court of ofrs mess 'B' at Dhaka Cantt.
 - Constr of ammo/magazine at Dhaka Cantt.
 - Constr of office bldg (with 4 storied foundation) for GE(Army) Project & GE (Army) Maint South at Dhaka Cantt (1st phase).
 - Constr of 1 x 20 batmen qtr for Engr ofrs mess with 4 x bay garage in ground floor at Dhaka Cantt.
 - Appointment of expert/Consultant for preparation of master plan for future expansion of Dhaka and Postogola Cantt.
 - Constr of 20 x horses stable including track at Dhaka Cantt.
- MES approved contractors may apply quoting their Class & Index Number. Contractors must have VAT registration certificate and VAT will be recovered from the amount received on services rendered. It may be mentioned that application should be submitted by post.

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DW & CE (Army)
Dhaka Cantt

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ministry of Food

Bangladesh Sectt, Dhaka

No. MF (PRO-11)/JAPAN-3/93-643

23 November, 1994

Corrigendum

With reference to Ministry of Food's Bid Invitation letter No MF (PRO-11)/JAPAN-3/93-628 dated 15 November, 1994 for purchase of wheat under KR Grant, the following corrigendum is given for information and necessary action:-

- Validity of offer to be kept : Up to 10.15 hrs BST (0415 hrs GMT) on 6 December, 1994 in place of 7 December, 1994.
- Tender Documents (Sl No 6 "Bid opening date & place") already sold will have to be corrected accordingly.
- All other terms and conditions mentioned in the Tender Notice as well as in the Tender Documents will remain unchanged.

Md Khairul Islam
Sr Asstt Secretary,
Phone: 249260

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ঢাকা ওয়াসা টেন্ডার বিজ্ঞপ্তি

(পানির অপচয় বন্ধ করুন।। ম্যানহোলের ঢাকা চূরি রাখা করুন)

ঢাকা ওয়াসার তালিকাভুক্ত ১ম, ২য় ও ৩য় শ্রেণীর যান্ত্রিক ও বৈদ্যুতিক (এ/বি/সি/বিসি) ক্যাটাগরীর ঠিকাদারদের নিকট হইতে ১,৩০,০০০/- টাকা ব্যয় বরাদ্দে ১০টি ৩০০ আর্দ্রস চেঞ্জ ওভারসুইচ তৈরী করিয়া সরবরাহ কাজের নিমিত্ত টেন্ডার আহবান করা যাইতেছে। দরপত্রসমূহ আগামী ১২-১২-৯৪ইং তারিখ বেলা ১২-০০ টা পর্যন্ত গ্রহণ করা হইবে এবং এদিনই বেলা ২-০০ টার সময় দরপত্রাদা বা তাহাদের প্রতিনিধিদের সম্মুখে (যদি উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হইবে।

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নং-৪০৯/৪০৫/কিউ তারিখঃ ১০ অক্টোবর ১৯৯১, ২৪ নভেম্বর '৯৪।

- সদর দফতর বিডিআর পিলখানা, ঢাকায় অবস্থিত ঢাকা সেক্টরের অধীনস্থ ৪, ১৪ এবং ৩৮ রাইফেল ব্যাটালিয়নসহ, স্ট্যাটিক সিগন্যাল সেক্টর, বিডিআর হাসপাতাল এবং সদর রাইফেল ব্যাটালিয়ন এর সৈনিকদের ৩০ জুন ১৯৯৫ পর্যন্ত পোষাক সেলাইয়ের জন্য কেবলমাত্র অত্র সংস্থায় তালিকাভুক্ত ঠিকাদারদের নিকট হইতে সীলমোহরকৃত পুনঃ দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে। দরপত্রের সিডিউল আগামী ০৬ ডিসেম্বর ৯৪ইং পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সন্তোষের রবিবার, মঙ্গলবার এবং বুধবার নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর অফিসে যোগাযোগ করিতে বলা যাইতেছে। দরপত্র আগামী ০৮ ডিসেম্বর ৯৪ইং তারিখ ১০০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত গ্রহণ করা হইবে এবং একই দিন বেলা ১০৩০ ঘটিকার সময় উপস্থিত দরপত্রাদারদের সম্মুখে খোলা হইবে।
- সংশ্লিষ্ট কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকেই সর্বনিম্ন দরপত্র গ্রহণ না করার এবং যে কোন কিংবা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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