

Bangladesh trade fair in Yangon draws huge visitors

The first Bangladesh single country week-long trade exhibition in Yangon drew a large number of visitors on the first day of its opening yesterday despite it being a holiday, according to a message received here today, reports BSS.

Visitors showed keen interest in the products of Bangladesh put on display at the exhibition.

Meanwhile, members of the visiting Bangladesh trade delegation headed by Commerce and Information Minister Shamsul Islam visited Bago division, about 50 miles from Yangon and spent the morning in sight-seeing.

They attended a dinner hosted by Bangladesh Ambassador Brig (Retd) Khondhury Khalequzzaman in honour of the minister.

The dinner was also attended by Minister for Trade Lt General Tun Kyi, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ohn Gyaw and Deputy Minister for Trade U Aung Thuang and senior government officials of Myanmar.

Training course on small business management at IUB opens

A nine-week training course on Small Business Management for apparel industry was inaugurated at Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB), on Tuesday, reports UNB.

The training course has been designed to cover the whole gamut of garment industry such as process of setting up of an apparel unit, marketing, procurement of order, commercial management, production management, aspects of productivity of labour and application of computer skills in apparel industry.

The inaugural session was also addressed by IUB President Dr A Majeed Khan, Ambassador CM Morshed, Chairman SMP and Country Director of International Executive Volunteer Corps.

It was attended by sponsors, resource personnel and elite of the city, says a press release.

Myanmar daily suggests increasing border trade with Dhaka

The Myanmar English daily "The New Light of Myanmar" yesterday editorially suggested promotion of bilateral ties between Dhaka and Yangon, according to a message received here, reports BSS.

The daily recalled Myanmar government's policy to increase border trade with neighbouring countries especially with the immediate neighbours.

"It said, 'now our country is taking firm steps towards improving trade with another neighbour, the People's Republic of Bangladesh. The

two countries are eager to work for the furtherance of existing friendly relations and bilateral trade which may benefit both."

The border trade of Myanmar with China and Thailand are also developing rapidly and steps are being taken to extend the volume of Myanmar-India trade, the daily said.

Narrating the background of the promotion of trade ties with neighbours, the daily said, "Myanmar has been encouraging all round trade with its neighbours as it may help

promote prevalence of peace and stability in border areas, eradication of drug trafficking and exchange of culture, mutual understanding, enhancing existing friendship and bilateral cooperation."

The daily recalled the signing of border trade agreement between Bangladesh and Myanmar in 1994 and a banking arrangement between Myanmar Investment and Commercial Bank and Sonali Bank of Bangladesh enabling the formal opening of border trade soon.

It said Bangladesh could be-

come a food market for Myanmar while on the other hand Bangladesh could export chemical fertilizers and farm equipment to Myanmar which was rapidly emerging as a food producing country, having exported one million tons of rice this year due to bumper harvest.

The daily in its concluding comment expressed the hope that the first Bangladeshi single country exhibition would pave the way for promotion of bilateral ties between the two traditionally friendly countries to their mutual benefit.



A S Mahmud, Managing Director of Mediaworld Ltd, K Ali Arshad, Managing Director, Organon (Bangladesh) Ltd, Shamsur Rahman, Director, Transcom Electronics Ltd, and Mrs Arshad are seen at a reception held at a local hotel recently to bid farewell to F G Mahler, Managing Director of Nestle Bangladesh Ltd.

Call money rate

Money rates at the call money market during the week ended on Wednesday ranged from 1.50 to 5.50 per cent, reports UNB.

During the same week, interest rates offered by the bank on Certificate of Deposits varied from 3 to 8 per cent.

The bank rate, however, remained unchanged at 5.50 per cent, says a Bangladesh Bank press release.

Good demand marked for all teas in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Mar 16: The weekly tea sale held here on Wednesday was marked by offering of higher prices for all grades of teas as buyers competed strongly, market sources said, reports BSS.

The quantity of teas offered for sale was smaller in comparison with the last sale.

Internal buyers operated strongly resulting in much higher prices for practically all grades. A limited quantity of clean good liquoring types were very strong.

There was some export interest for broken grades.

Large and bold broken were a dearer market and generally moved up by Tk 1/- to Tk 2/- per kg. All other broken were also dearer by Tk 3/- to Tk 5/- with the few cleaner types advancing even further in value. The few popular types were a strong feature selling between Tk 50/- and Tk 52/40 per kg.

All fannings were a much stronger market selling at dearer levels. Cleaner types advanced by Tk 5/- to Tk 7/- while the plainer types appreciated up to Tk 5.

A total of 2,246 chests of dust on offer continued to meet with a strong demand at dearer rates. Clean good liquoring types were once again keenly competed for an advanced substantially over last sale. Internal buyers lent strong support.

There were 9,000 chests of teas on offer.

Spanish trawler freed

OTTAWA, Mar 16: Canada on Wednesday released a Spanish trawler it had seized last week for fishing in disputed waters off Newfoundland, defusing a diplomatic standoff with Europe over fishing rights in the North Atlantic, reports AP.

Fisheries Minister Brian Tobin said negotiations could begin between Ottawa and the European Union now that the owners of the Estai have posted a 500,000 dollars bond and other Spanish vessels have withdrawn from the area off the Grand Banks.

"I think we have the appropriate conditions now in place to allow a dialogue," Tobin said.

Spain welcomed the release while saying it still considered the ship's seizure to have been illegal. A Foreign Ministry spokeswoman in Madrid said the government was not involved in posting the bond.

A Spanish government spokesman in the port city of St. John's, Newfoundland, said the trawler would leave Wednesday night. Its owners and crew have denied accusations of illegal fishing.

The trawler's captain, Enrique Davila Gonzalez, posted bail Tuesday on charges that included unlawful fishing and was expected to leave with the ship. He faces an April 20 hearing in St. John's.

The Estai's net was plucked from waters on the edge of the Grand Banks Wednesday and was being brought back to St. John's.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার  
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সদর দপ্তর  
বাড়ি নং-২, সড়ক নং ১৬ (নূতন)  
ধানমন্ডি আ/এ, ঢাকা-১২০৯

"পরিবেশ সংরক্ষণ আইন, ১৯৯৪" এর  
আওতায় বিধি প্রণয়নের জন্য স্বল্প  
মেয়াদী বিশেষজ্ঞ নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-  
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এশীয় উন্নয়ন ব্যাংকের সাহায্যপূর্ণ পরিবেশ অধিদপ্তর, পরিবেশগত অবকাঠামো উন্নয়ন প্রকল্পের টি এ অংশের উন্নত অর্থ হতে "পরিবেশ সংরক্ষণ আইন, ১৯৯৪" এর আওতায় বিধি প্রণয়নের জন্য স্বল্প মেয়াদী বিশেষজ্ঞ নিয়োগের নিমিত্তে পরিবেশ বিষয়ক আইনে অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন ব্যক্তির নিকট হতে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। অক্ষরভাষায় ১০০ (একশত) টাকার বিনিময়ে এতদসংক্রান্ত শর্তাবলী সম্বলিত সিডিউল নিম্নাঙ্ককারী অফিস হতে সকল কার্যদিবসে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে মধো কোম্পানির নিকট হতে আগামী ২২/৩/৯৫ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত ক্রয় করা যাবে। সিডিউল সম্বলিত আবেদন আগামী ২০/৩/৯৫ইং তারিখ দুপুর ১২.০০ টা পর্যন্ত নিম্নাঙ্ককারী দপ্তরে রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাজে জমা দিতে হবে এবং এ দিনই বেলা ১২.০০ মিনিটে দরদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন। খোলা হবে। দরপত্র খোলার দিন কোন সিডিউল বিক্রয় করা হবে না।

কোন প্রকার করণ প্রদর্শন ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন বা সকল আবেদন বাতিল অথবা গ্রহণের ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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মহিউদ্দিন খান  
পরিচালক (প্রশাসন)

গণপূর্ত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি  
(২য় আহ্বান)  
নং ৬/১৯৯৪-৯৫ইং

সীলমোহরিত দরপত্র বাংলাদেশ ফরম নং ২১১১-এর মাধ্যমে গণপূর্ত অধিদপ্তরের অধীন অনুমোদিত ও তালিকাভুক্ত সেনিটরী এবং প্রাচীর তিকাদার/টিকাদারী সংস্থা যারার ৬" ডায়া পলী নলকূপ বসানোর অভিজ্ঞতা রয়েছে তাহাদের নিকট হতে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে। দরপত্র নিম্নাঙ্ককারীর দফতরসহ গণপূর্ত সার্কেল, রংপুরের অধীন সকল নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর দফতর কর্তৃক ১৯-০৩-৯৫ইং তারিখ বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত গৃহীত হইবে এবং এদিন বেলা ১২.১৫ ঘটিকা উপস্থিত দরদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন। দরপত্র খোলা হইবে।

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১।	১৯৯৪-৯৫ইং অর্থ বৎসরে লালমনিরহাট গণপূর্ত বিভাগের অধীন লালমনিরহাট জেলার পাটখাম থানার দরহাম আন্ডারপোতা ছিটমহলে ১০ (দশ) শয্যাবিহীন হাসপাতালের ৭৫ এমএম ব্যাসের পলী নলকূপ বসানো ও ডিভিউটন লাইন-এর কাজ।	টাকা ৪,১৯,৯৪৫/-	টাকা ৮,৩৯,৮৯০/-	১৫ (পনের) দিন	গণপূর্ত অধিদপ্তরের অধীন সকল তালিকাভুক্ত ও অনুমোদিত সেনিটরী ও প্রাচীর তিকাদার/টিকাদারী সংস্থা। তাহাদের দরপত্র দাখিলের আর্থিক যোগ্যতা অনুযায়ী।

দরপত্রের যাবতীয় শর্তাবলী, সিডিউল, বাংলাদেশ ফরম নং ২১১১ ইত্যাদিতে নিম্নাঙ্ককারীর দফতরসহ গণপূর্ত সার্কেল, রংপুরের অধীন সকল নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর দফতর কর্তৃক ১৯-০৩-৯৫ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে দেখিতে ও ক্রয় করিতে পরিবেশ।

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নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী  
গণপূর্ত বিভাগ, লালমনিরহাট

New management structure for Barings

LONDON, Mar 16: ING Group of the Netherlands said Wednesday that the holding company and two key divisions of Barings investment bank will be placed totally under Dutch management - at least until regulators finish investigating the bank's spectacular failure, reports AP.

ING Group, a banking and insurance concern that bought Barings by assuming its liabilities, has said no heads will roll at Barings for the time being, but the changes announced Wednesday suggested that some heads may be safer than others.

ING said that all of Barings operations will be put into a new group, Baring Holding Co. Ltd., run by three ING executives.

US dollar rises in Euro trading

LONDON, Mar 16: The US dollar rose against other major currencies in European trading Thursday morning. Gold prices were lower, reports AP.

Dollar rates compared with late Wednesday: 1.3920 German marks, up from 1.3855, -89.85 Japanese yen, up from 89.35, -1.1535 Swiss francs, up from 1.1480, -4.9525 French francs, up from 4.9360, -1.5619 Dutch guilders, up from 1.5576, -1.69050 Italian lire, up from 1.6886.00, -1.4150 Canadian dollars, down from 1.4155.

The British pound was quoted at 1.5964, dollars down from 1.8040 dollars late Wednesday.

Silver traded in London at 4.73 dollars a troy ounce, down from 4.76 dollars a troy ounce Wednesday.

Unemployment in Britain falls

LONDON, Mar 16: The number of people unemployed in Britain fell by 27,400 in February from the figure in January to 2.36 million, or 8.4 per cent of the workforce from 8.5 per cent, the employment ministry said yesterday, reports AP.

CITIC chief resigns

BEIJING, Mar 16: The chairman of the conglomerate instrumental in helping open China to the outside world has resigned, a company spokesman said Thursday, confirming rumors that had circulated since last week. Wei Mingyi, Chairman of China International Trust and Investment Corp. (CITIC), has submitted his resignation to the State Council, or China's cabinet, and the CITIC board of directors, reports AP.

Exchange Rates

Following are the Sonali Bank's dealing rates to public for some selected foreign currencies effective on March 16 and 17.

Currency	Selling			Buying		
	T.T & O.D	B.C	Clean	T.T	O.D	O.D.
US Dollar	1=Tk 40.2575	40.2975	39.9350	39.8017	39.7080	
GBP	1=Tk 64.5722	64.6364	63.0712	62.8607	62.7127	
DM	1=Tk 29.1679	29.1969	28.3410	28.2464	28.1799	
FF Franc	1=Tk 8.2125	8.2206	7.9805	7.9539	7.9352	
C Doll	1=Tk 28.7554	28.7839	27.9404	27.8471	27.7816	
S Franc	1=Tk 35.1883	35.2233	34.1856	34.0715	33.9913	
Jap Yen	1=Tk 0.4550	0.4555	0.4378	0.4363	0.4353	
IRS	1=Tk 1.2697	1.2792	1.2484	1.2297	-	
Pak Rupee	1=Tk 1.3063	1.3161	1.2843	1.2650	-	
Iranian Riyal	1=Tk 0.0231	0.0233	0.0226	0.0223	-	

A) T. T. (DOC) US Dollar Spot Buying Tk 39.8683

B) Usance Rate  
30 Days 10/50 179.97  
60 Days 10/50 14.00  
90 Days 39.3033 39.0204  
120 Days 38.7375 38.1718  
180 Days

C) US Dollar sight export bill 3 months forward purchase. To be deducted Tk. 0.20 from OD sight export Bill buying rate.

D) US Dollar 3 months forward sale: Add cushion of Tk 0.20 with BC Selling.

Currency	Selling		Buying	
	T.T & O.D	B.C	O.D	Transfer
S Riyal	Tk 10.7348		Tk 10.5877	
UAE Dirham	Tk 10.9610		Tk 10.8105	
Kuwaiti Dinar	Tk 136.2352		Tk 134.2847	
D Guilders	Tk 25.3990		Tk 25.0413	
S Krona	Tk 5.5832		Tk 5.5013	
Malaysian Ringgit	Tk 15.7767		Tk 15.5583	
Singapore Dollar	Tk 28.4908		Tk 28.0820	

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Pakistan gets US eavesdropping device

ISLAMABAD, Mar 16: The US telecom giant Motorola has brought monitoring equipment to Pakistan to enable authorities to eavesdrop on cellular telephone calls, a company executive said yesterday. "We have started setting up the monitoring equipment which should be ready for testing in five days," James Beneda, President of Pakistan Mobile Telecommunications (Pvt) Ltd (PMCL) known as Mobilink, told Reuters by telephone.

\$ 51.9m Pak credit to Kazakhstan

ISLAMABAD, Mar 16: Pakistan will extend a credit of 51.9 million dollars for a cement plant in the Central Asian Republic of Kazakhstan, officials here said yesterday. A loan agreement was signed by Kazakhstan's Minister for Construction and Housing, Annalbek Kozymbakhov, and Pakistani Minister of State for Finance, Makhidoom Shahabuddin, reports AFP.

Israel to take part in Cairo fair

CAIRO, Mar 16: Thirty Israeli companies will take part in the Cairo International Fair, to be held from March 18 to 31, the Israeli ambassador to Egypt said here Wednesday. Israel will be attending the fair for the first time for nine years. Ambassador David Sultan told reporters the Israeli pavilion would have stands representing 30 companies involved in agriculture, advanced electronics, petrochemicals and tourism, reports AFP.

World meat output to expand in '95

GENEVA, Mar 16: The World Trade Organization (WTO) today predicted increased demand and strengthened prices for meat and expanded meat production in 1995 as a result of the Uruguay Round free trade talks. A WTO annual report on the world market for meat, which was published today, forecast a further expansion of meat production in 1995, in response to increased demand connecting with the continuing economic recovery, reports Xinhua.

BWDB training course begins

A six-week training course of newly appointed assistant directors and section officers of Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) commenced on March 11 at Kaptai Engineering Academy, says a press release.

Twenty four officers are participating in the course. Abdur Rouf Chowdhury, Member Finance of the board, formally inaugurated the course. Syed Moazzem Ali, Director General of Training and Staff Development of the board, also spoke on the occasion.

DSE All Share Price Index



Dhaka Stock Prices

At the close of trading on March 16, 1995

Index up, turnovers down

The Dhaka Stock Exchange All Share Price Index rose slightly on Thursday while the turnovers on the DSE fell.

The index advanced to 824.65335 from Wednesday's 824.36909, indicating an increase of 0.034 per cent.

The turnover in volume fell by 1.609 per cent and the turnover in value showed a decline of 32.318 per cent.

A total of 121961 shares worth Taka 1761531.00 changed hands as against 123956 shares valued at Taka 2602623.00.

Total market capital rose to Taka 42.62 billion from Taka 42.61 billion.

The number of issues traded rose from 89 to 93, in which 58 gained, 24 incurred losses and the share prices of 11 issues remained unchanged.

Monno Jute Staffers enjoyed a gain of Taka 120.00 per share, leading the gainers.

Apex Foods led the losers with a fall of Taka 16.07 per share.

Volume leaders of the day were: Ashraf Textile (21500), Maq Paper (16500), Eagle Star Textile (6400) and Eastern Cables (5315).

Trading at a glance

Company Name	Change	Number of Shares
Abad Jute	100/0	NT
Anowara Jute	100/0	NT
Delta Jute	100/0	8
Gavaria Jute	100/0	NT
Islam Jute	100/0	5
Jute Spinner	100/0	70.00
Mutual Jute	100/0	120.00
Northern Jute	100/0	24.00
Shamser Jute	100/0	100.00
Specialised Jute	100/0	372.00
Shine Fajur Jute	100/0	130.67
Sonali Aarsh	100/0	150.00
Sahel Carpet	100/0	8.50

DSE Shares and Debentures

Company	FV/MI (Taka)	Closing Rate (Taka)	Price	Quantity
BANKS (13)				
Ab Bank	100/5	170.00		
Al Baraka Bank	1000/1	1040.00		
City Bank	100/5	350.00		
Eastern Bank	100/20	100.00		
IDLC Ltd	100/20	592.75		
I.F.I.C.	100/5	160.00		
Islami Bank	1000/1	1954.00		
National Bank	100/5	108.00		
Pubali Bank	100/5	90.00		
Rupali Bank	100/10	75.00		
U.C.B.L.	100/5	90.00		
U.L.C.	100/20	400.00		
Uttra Bank	100/5	100.00		
INVESTMENT (7)				
1st ICB M Fund	100/5	350.00		
2nd ICB M Fund	100/5	970.00		
3rd ICB M Fund	100/5	340.21		
4th ICB M Fund	100/10	310.00		
5th ICB M Fund	100/10	390.00		
6th ICB M Fund	100/10	290.54		
7th ICB M Fund	100/10	203.30		
ENGINEERING (19)				
Atlas Automobiles	100/5	265.00		
Atlas Bangladesh	10/50	75.00		
Aziz Pipes	100/5	1062.70		
Bangladesh Autocars	100/5	118.00		
Bangladesh Lamps	100/5	2002.50		
B Thai Aluminium	100/10	131.86		
Bengal Carbide	100/5	950.00		
Bengal Steel	10/50	20.00		
Eastern Cables	100/5	188.05		
Howlader PVC	100/10	64.00		
Karim Pipe	100/5	123.00		
Metalex Corp	100/5	75.00		
Monno Jute Staffers	100/5	820.00		
Monno Jute	100/5	1900.00		
National Tubes	100/10	124.88		
Panther Steel	10/50	8.00		
Quasem Drycells	100/5	21.95		
Renwick Jajeevar	100/5	75.00		
Singer Bangladesh	100/5	4399.17		
FOOD & ALLIED (26)				
A B Biscuit	100/5	190.00		
Alpha Tobacco	10/50	60.00		
Amann Sea Food	100/5	825.00		
Apex Foods	100/5	1405.49		
Aroma Tea	100/5	55.00		
Bangas	100/5	270.00		
B D Plantation	100/5	550.00		
Bengal Biscuits	100/20	201.39		
Bengal Food	100/5	318.63		
Beximco Fisheries	100/20	241.05		
B L T C	100/5	660.00		
B T C	10/50	469.00		
Cig. Vegetables	100/10	121.83		
Dhaka Vegetables	100/5	160.16		
E. I. Camellia	100/5	2200.00		
Froglegs Export	10/50	3.28		
Gemini Sea Food	100/5	52.00		
Hill Plantation	100/5	550.00		
Meghna Shrimp Culture	100/20	168.05		
Modern Industries	100/5	320.00		
N T C	100/52	310.00		
Rabeya Flour	10/100	NT		
Rupon Oil	10/100	8.00		
Tulip Dairy	100/10	66.00		
Yousaf Flour	10/50	13.00		
Zeal Planting Sugar	10/50	8.01		