

Three-day BARC workshop opens

A three-day planning workshop on Climate Change and Global Agricultural Potential began at Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) here yesterday, reports UNB.

Clinton to set up commission on Asia, Pacific

WASHINGTON, Apr 12: President Bill Clinton is to set up a commission to examine trade relations between the United States and countries in the Asia and Pacific region, the top US trade official said Tuesday, reports AFP.

Pakistan sells 10000 MT basmati rice to Algeria

KARACHI, Apr 12: Pakistan has sold 10,000 tonnes of its high-quality basmati rice to Algeria at 448 dollars per tonne, officials at the state-run Rice Export Corporation (REC) said yesterday, reports AFP.

GCC identifies \$ 296m new projects for private sector

ABU DHABI, Apr 12: Gulf Arab states have identified new projects worth around 296 million dollars to be carried out by the private sector as part of reforms to offset weak oil prices, officials said Tuesday.

The campaign has boosted non-oil industrial exports mostly light products to around 12 billion dollars a year from less than seven billion dollars in 1985.

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Exchange Rates

Following are the Sonali Bank's dealing rates to public for some selected foreign currencies effective on April 12.

Table with columns: Currency, Selling, Buying, T.T. & O.D., B.C., T.T. Clean, O.D. Sight, O.D. Transfer. Includes rates for US Dollar, GBP, DM, F Franc, C Doll, CHF, Jap Yen, IRS, Pak Rupee, Iranian Ryal.

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Shipping Intelligence

Chittagong Port

Table with columns: Birth, Name of vessel, Cargo, Last port, Local agent, Date of arrival, Date of leaving. Lists various vessels and their schedules.

Vessels due at outer anchorage:

Table with columns: Name of vessel, Date of arrival, Last port, Local agent, Cargo, Loading port. Lists vessels arriving at the anchorage.

Tanker due:

Table with columns: Name of vessel, Date of arrival, Local agent. Lists tankers due at the port.

Vessels at Kutubdia:

Table with columns: Name of vessel, Cargo, Last port, Local agent, Date of arrival. Lists vessels at Kutubdia.

Vessels at outer anchorage:

Table with columns: Name of vessel, Cargo, Last port, Local agent, Date of arrival. Lists vessels at the anchorage.

Ready on:

Table with columns: Name of vessel, Cargo, Last port, Local agent, Date of arrival. Lists vessels ready on.

Vessels not ready:

Table with columns: Name of vessel, Cargo, Last port, Local agent, Date of arrival. Lists vessels not ready.

Vessels awaiting instruction:

Table with columns: Name of vessel, Cargo, Last port, Local agent, Date of arrival. Lists vessels awaiting instruction.

Vessels not entering:

Table with columns: Name of vessel, Cargo, Last port, Local agent, Date of arrival. Lists vessels not entering.

Movement of vessels for 13.4.95

Table with columns: Vessel name, Incoming, Shifting. Lists vessel movements for the day.

The above were the shipping position and performance of vessels of Chittagong Port as per berthing sheet of CPA supplied by HRC Group, Dhaka.

Dhaka Stock Prices

At the close of trading on April 12, 1995 Trading improves Star Report

The trading, opened after a three-day unofficial break, on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) improved on Wednesday.

A total of 70293 shares valued at Taka 9872981.00 changed hands as against Saturday's 58192 shares worth Taka 821900.00.

The changes meant 20.79 per cent and 20.15 per cent increases in the turnovers in volume and value respectively.

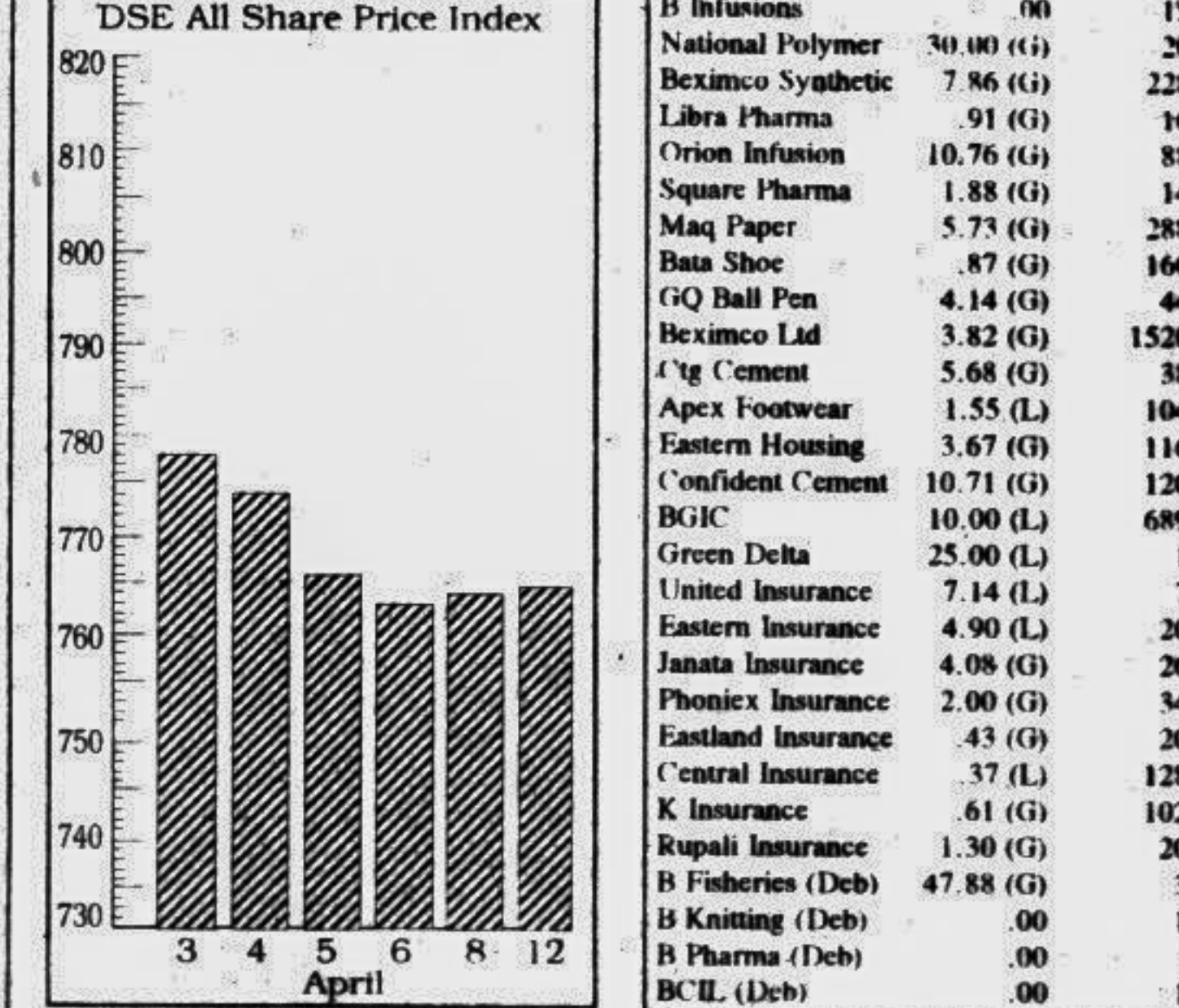
The DSE All Share Price Index maintained its upward trend. It rose to 764.83975 from 763.98789, showing a little increase of 0.11 per cent.

Total market capital rose from Taka 42.20 billion to Taka 42.24 billion.

The number of issues traded dropped to 61 from 72, in which 30 gained, 20 incurred losses and the share prices of 11 issues remained unchanged.

Singer Bangladesh posted a gain of Taka 62.45 per share, leading the gainers. On the other hand, Bangladesh Lamps led the losers with a fall of Taka 70.00 per share.

Ashraf Textile was the top volume leader, its 11900 shares were traded. Other volume leaders of the day were, Beximco Ltd (15200), BGIC (6890) and Shine Pukur Holdings (4800).



DSE Shares and Debentures

Large table listing various stocks and debentures with columns for Company, FV/ML (Taka), Closing Rate (Taka), and other financial details.



A woman waves a stick amid burning tires as a general strike, marked by violent street demonstrations against government economic policy, brought the resignation of Lebanese Prime Minister Omar Karame and his cabinet on May 6, 1992 after Syria had given its blessing to the formation of a new government. The Lebanese civil war broke out 20 years ago on April 13, 1975.

Workers encircle govt building claiming unpaid wages in Russia

MOSCOW, Apr 12: Grimly waving red flags and chanting anti-government slogans, about 2,000 workers encircled the Russian government headquarters Wednesday as part of a nationwide labour protest to demand unpaid wages, reports AP.

Thousands of people demonstrated across Russia in Wednesday's 'Day of United Action for the Working People,' organised by the Federation of Independent Trade Unions.

In Moscow, the protesters surrounded the Russian White House for more than four hours, many of them demanding the resignation of President Boris Yeltsin and his government.

They're criminals, stealing from the people," said Leonid Sushko, an electrician and representative of the Moscow Federation of Trade Unions. Sushko called himself and his colleagues the "lucky ones" - it's only been six months since they received paychecks.

The federal budget owes more than 5.6 trillion rubles (1.14 billion dollars) in back wages, and some workers haven't been paid in two years, according to the labour unions. But Labour Minister Gennady Melikyan on Tuesday blamed local administrators for misappropriating funds, saying the federal government had already paid all of last year's debts to state-funded organisations.

Melikyan was particularly concerned about a wave of labour unrest sweeping the Primorsky region in Russia's Far East, where a strike by 11,000 coal miners has crippled local power companies. Local Primorsky officials have been accused of misappropriating 18 billion rubles (3.6 million dollars) in federal funds earmarked for the striking miners.

Women-owned businesses in US expanding rapidly

WASHINGTON, Apr 12: Businesses owned by women are among the most rapidly expanding areas of the US economy, growing by more than 40 per cent in the last three years and now employing 15.5 million people, reports AP.

The National Foundation for Women Business Owners released a study Tuesday showing 7.7 million companies were owned by women in 1994, up from 5.4 million in 1991. Employment growth was 11.6 per cent.

This new data strongly documents that women-owned businesses are an increasingly potent economic force. Laura Henderson, the foundation chairwoman, told reporters in unveiling the study by Dun and Bradstreet Information Services.

"Women-owned businesses are growing more rapidly than is the overall economy and are major contributors to the nation's economic health and competitiveness," she added. The study - "Women-owned Businesses: Breaking the Boundaries" - found that sales by such enterprises now total 1.38 trillion dollars annually, compared with one trillion dollars in 1991. The expansion goes well beyond the traditional retail trade and service companies, although 72.5 per cent of firms owned by women are concentrated in those two industries.

But the number of construction companies owned by women grew 19.2 per cent during the 1991-94 period, compared with a 0.8 per cent decline among US builders as a whole. Manufacturing firms controlled by women grew 14.3 per cent, compared with a two per cent decline for the overall industry.

Founded in late 1992, RCSS is the only centre of its kind in South Asia to bring in regional perspectives through its collaborative research on international affairs and strategic issues.

Advertisement for Bangladesh government services, mentioning 'গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার' and 'সিভিল সার্জনের কার্যালয়, নোয়াখালী'.

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