

RBI may face tough choice on inflation, interest rates

BOMBAY, Sept 9: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is likely to face a tough choice over how to bring down interest rates while keeping inflation under control, a Bombay-based independent research group said, reports Reuter.

"The RBI faces the unenviable task of easing liquidity or containing inflation," the independent Centre for Monitoring the Indian Economy (CMIE) said in its latest report.

The Indian government, facing elections next year, has committed to keeping inflation under control but faces a dilemma on how to keep its own expenditure in check.

The government has the option of either borrowing from the RBI at cheap rates and increasing money supply or borrowing from commercial banks and pushing up interest rates.

"Bringing both interest rates and inflation down through monetary policies seems improbable," the CMIE said.

Bankers expect the dilemma to determine the direction of the RBI's six-monthly credit policy expected to be announced in the first week of October.

The CMIE said expansion in bank credit to industry and higher government borrowing in the second half of 1995-96 (April/March) is expected to push up M3 money supply growth.

India's M3 money supply growth has been a cause of concern to the central bank as the government wants to keep inflation below 7.0 per cent. Inflation has been hovering at around 8-9 per cent for the past few months.

The year-on-year M3 money supply growth in August was 16.89 per cent, compared with the previous

fortnight's 16.09 per cent and 18.05 per cent in the year-ago period.

"If the RBI continues to finance government it may ease the pressure on interest rates but it will fuel inflation through expansion of money supply," the CMIE said.

The government has an access to funds from the RBI through the issue of short-term and hoc treasury bills at 4.65 per cent.

But under an agreement it signed with the RBI last year, the government has agreed to keep its concessional borrowings to less than 90 billion rupees.

Whenever the limit is breached the government has to convert these bills into bonds and thereby increases its cost of funds.

The government last week said it will sell on top 10-year bonds at 14 per cent from September 11.



Khorshed Alam, Governor, Bangladesh Bank, inaugurating the three-day workshop on 'Developing Islamic financial instruments' at the Bangladesh Bank conference room yesterday.

3-day workshop on Islamic financial instruments opens

Governor of Bangladesh Bank Khorshed Alam yesterday stressed the need for developing and introducing more financial instruments based on shariah principles for broadening the scope for Islamic banks and also for accessing the globally available surplus funds of the member countries of the Islamic ummah, reports BSS.

He was addressing as the chief guest the inaugural function of a 3-day workshop on 'Developing Islamic financial instruments' jointly sponsored by Bangladesh Bank and Islamic Research and Training Institute, Islamic Development Bank (IDB) in the Bangladesh Bank conference room.

The inaugural function was presided over by Mahbubur Rahman Khan, Deputy Governor of Bangladesh Bank. It was also addressed by Dr Muhammed Anas-el-Zarqa, Professor, Centre for Research in Islamic Economics of the King Abdul Aziz University of Saudi Arabia, Abdur Raquib, Executive Director of Bangladesh Bank.

2.4b barrels of oil, gas found in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 9: Over the past 10 years, foreign oil prospectors have found the equivalent of 2.4 billion barrels of oil and natural gas in Malaysia, more than one fifth of the country's remaining recoverable petroleum reserves, reports Reuter.

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Officials said privately the subject was a sensitive one.

A Petronas official who did not want to be identified said part of the problem was that finds are not located near existing pipeline and export-processing facilities.

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BEIJING, Sept 9: China lashed out today at Japan's decision to limit grant aid to Beijing because of its nuclear testing programme, accusing Tokyo of acting with an ulterior motive and hinting at possible trade retaliation, reports AFP.

A strongly worded commentary in the official People's Daily, entitled "An unintelligent move," said that while the amount of aid involved was relatively minor, Tokyo's decision had "seriously injured" Chinese sentiments and could only have a negative effect on bilateral ties.

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Canadian police uncover 120m fake dollars

MONTREAL Sept 9: Police uncovered 120 million dollars in counterfeit money after a pre-dawn raid at a warehouse on Friday in what they said was one of the largest such seizures ever made in North America, reports Reuter.

USDA okays new type of toxin for crops

WASHINGTON, Sept 9: The US Department of Agriculture has approved the commercial growing of a new type of insecticide-producing corn, harmless to humans and cattle, reports AFP.

World food production confce in Beijing

BEIJING, Sept 9: The world food production conference will be held in Beijing at the China World Hotel, Monday to Thursday, and about 250 leading agricultural, scientific and international business experts from nearly 35 countries will participate in the event, reports Xinhua.

According to China Daily Today, the experts are meeting here to discuss and find practical answers to the global problems of hunger and malnutrition.

IMC global Ince of the United States and Sinochem are co-hosting this 44th conference in a series of international meetings. The US corporation has been conducting the meeting since 1965.



A training course for the field officers of Delta Life Insurance Company was inaugurated at BPATC on Friday.

BCIC International Tender Notice

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Khulna Newsprint Mills Ltd, Town Khalishpur, Khulna invites International sealed Tender No. PD (F)-28A/94-95 for Purchase of Carbon Steel Pipes which will be opened on 28-09-95 at 3-00 PM.

Tender documents will be available on payment of Tk 100.00 (one hundred) per set from (1) KNM Ltd, (2) BCIC, 30-31, Dilkusha, Dhaka & (3) BCIC, 6, Agrabad, Chittagong. No tender documents will be sold on the date of opening.

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ASEAN members to expand tariff-reduction schedule

BNDAR SERI BEGAWAN, Sept 9: ASEAN members decided Friday to expand their tariff-reduction schedule to put in place a more liberal trade regime ahead of the 2003 deadline for the creation of a free-trade area, reports AFP.

Members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations will expand the number of items with tariff rates reduced to zero-to-five per cent by 2000, a joint statement issued by ASEAN economic ministers said.

They will also increase the number of items to be reduced to zero-per cent tariff level by 2003 as part of the grouping's programme to establish an ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA).

"This would then pave the way for a more liberal AFTA even before the target date of January 1, 2003," said Brunei's Minister of Industry and Primary Resources Abdul Rahman Taib at the end of an annual two-day meeting.

ASEAN groups Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Socialist Vietnam which joined ASEAN in July, has been given until 2006 to implement the phased tariff reductions leading up to the creation of AFTA.

Member states also decided to usher in a more liberal trade regime in the services sector, including banking and financial services, communications and aviation, with negotiations on specific commitments to be launched next year.

রূপান্তরিত প্রাকৃতিক গ্যাস কোম্পানী লিমিটেড

(পেট্রোবাংলার একটি সাবসিডিয়ারী কোম্পানী)

বিসিআইসি ভবন (৮ম ও ৯ম তলা)

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রূপান্তরিত প্রাকৃতিক গ্যাস কোম্পানী লিমিটেড এর জন্য নিম্নলিখিত মাল্যমাসসমূহ সরবরাহের নিমিত্তে প্রকৃত সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হইতে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে:

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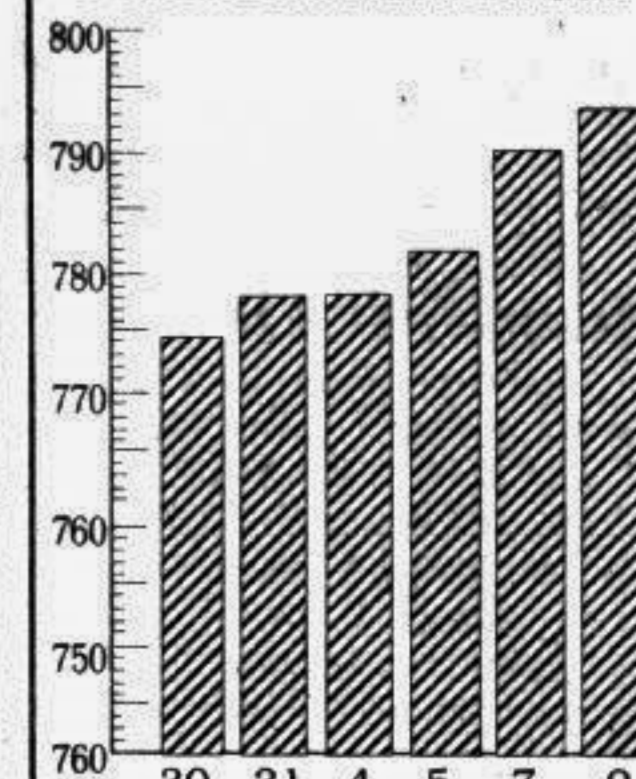
- সরবরাহকারীকে ব-ব প্রতিষ্ঠানের প্যাকে বন্ড মাল্যমাসের বিস্তারিত স্পেসিফিকেশন উল্লেখপূর্বক দরপত্র দাখিল করিতে।
- দরপত্রের সাথে উক্ত মাসের ২.৫% (শতকরা দুইভাগ) হারে অ্যাকাউন্ট (সে কোন সরকারী সিভিলিয়ান ব্যাংক থেকে) করা সোসেসারি অফিসের চে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট দাখিল করিতে হইবে। অ্যাকাউন্ট স্বীকৃত দরপত্র ব্যতীত অন্য কোনো দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হইবে।
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Dhaka Stock Prices

At the close of trading on September 9, 1995
Index continues to leap

Star Report
Dhaka Stock Exchange All Share Price Index reached 793.72 from Thursday's 790.44, posting another sharp rise of 3.29 points.



The total market capital rose to Tk 49.24 billion from Tk 49.04 billion.

The transactions in volume decreased by four per cent, dropping to 247697 from Thursday's 259078, while the value increased by one per cent reaching Tk 33.25 million from Tk 32.78 million.

The leading gainer of the day was Apex Food with a gain of Tk 235.29 per share while IDLC headed the losers with a loss of Tk 41.56 per share.

Trading at a glance

DSE All Price Index	793.72
Market capital Tk	4924339759.67
Transaction in volume	247697
Transaction in value Tk	33268044
Total issues traded	111
Issues gained	64
Issues incurred losses	27
Issues unchanged	20

Company's name	Change (per share)	Number of shares	Number traded
IFIC	00	5	5
Rupali Bank	00	40	40
Utara Bank	00	11	11
IDLC	41.56 (L)	1040	1040
Eastern Bank	00	40	40
United Leasing	21.08 (L)	620	620
4th ICB Mutual Fund	00	10	10
5th ICB Mutual Fund	00	200	200
6th ICB Mutual Fund	1.00 (G)	108	108
Altab Automobiles	54	275	275
Aziz Pipes	1.48 (G)	430	430
Bengal Carbide	40.46 (G)	297	297
Bengal Lamps	1.49 (L)	190	190
Eastern Cables	2.10 (G)	1620	1620
Karim Pipe	2.20 (G)	108	108
Monno Jute	53.48 (G)	5	5
Singer Bangladesh	22.68 (L)	260	260
Atlas Bangladesh	1.05 (G)	2180	2180
Bangladesh Autocars	1.22 (G)	500	500
Quasem Drycells	1.01 (G)	1650	1650
Metalex Corp	3.08 (G)	15	15
Howler PVC	4.4 (G)	150	150
National Tubes	5.00 (G)	190	190
Thai Aluminium	38 (G)	590	590
BD Electricity	71 (L)	50	50
Alpha Tobacco	2.53 (G)	900	900
Amann Sea Food	85.33 (G)	15	15
Apex Foods	235.29 (G)	20	20
Bengal Food	1.00 (L)	1230	1230
Bangladesh Tobacco	00	250	250
Froglegs Export	47 (G)	300	300
Dhaka Vegetable	2.57 (G)	35	35
Jed Bangla Sugar	00	3500	3500
Rupon Oil	11 (G)	380	380
Tulip Dairy	6.58 (G)	260	260
Chittagong Vegetable	00	310	310
Beximco Fisheries	03 (L)	1260	1260
Bengal Biscuits	60 (G)	500	500
Meghna Shrimp	21 (G)	1720	1720
BCB Bangladesh	9.47 (G)	13925	13925
Patna Textile	3.45 (G)	550	550
Northern Jute	00	1400	1400
Shine Pukur	18 (G)	2825	2825
Saleh Carpet	00	1000	1000
Ashraf Textile	1.28 (G)	12550	12550
GMG Industrial	25 (G)	200	200
Swan Textile	2.00 (G)	110	110

Company	Price	Volume
Delta Mills	100/20	107.00
Mithun Corp	100/20	120.00
Modern Dyeing	100/20	63.25
Padma Textile	100/20	370.00
Quasem Silk	100/10	7.80
Quasem Textile	10/50	16.00
Rahim Textile	100/5	105.00
Saham Textile	100/10	108.75
S T M (ORD)	100/5	18.00
Stylecraft	100/5	360.00
Swan Textile	100/5	32.00
Talpu Spinning	100/10	147.00
Tamijuddin	100/10	187.00
Dandy Dyeing	113.08	126.93
Sonargaon Textiles	43 (G)	1824
Beximco Textiles	66 (L)	1587
Ambee Pharma	00	900
Wata Chemical	37 (G)	10890
Dulamia Cotton	74 (G)	600
Talpu Spinning	1.00 (L)	120
Tamijuddin Textile	3.00 (L)	100
Padma Textile	3.47 (G)	40
Apex Spinning	2.33 (G)	240
Beximco Knitting	1.87 (L)	80
Dynamic Textile	02 (L)	620
Mithun	00	560
Mita Textiles	2.00 (L)	460
B. Dyeing	3.86 (G)	620
Oxychem	12 (L)	960
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