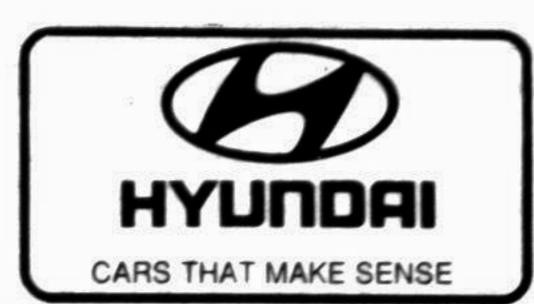


DHAKA WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13.



financing agriculture ends

A 15-day training course on

the course was marked by distribution of certificates among the participants by the Director General of BIBM. A H M Nurul

Officers from different banks and financial institu-

Speaking on the occasion. Choudhuri said that the knowledge and skills gained from this course would help the participant bankers in extending proper financing of agriculture and rural development projects.

BIBM faculty members Liakat Hossain Moral and Abu Bakar, jointly coordinated the Noor Uddin tells JS

Govt has no plan to raise fuel prices

The government has no immediate plan to raise the price of diesel and petrol. Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Noor Uddin Khan said in Parliament yesterday, reports

He was answering a written question from Delwar Hossain Saidee (Jamaat-Piropur).

The minister told another questioner. Harunar Rashid Khan Monno (BNP-Manikganj). that the average system loss of Power Development Board stood at 21.60 per cent as per the calculation of fiscal 1995-96.

Of the system loss, 5.59 per cent accounted for using electricity during power generation. 3.99 per cent as transmission

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পথকা সক্ষতার দেনে ক্রেপ পেপারে (৩৬- পারকে) পি, এছ।

ক্যালেভার মুদ্রণ ও সরবরাহের জন্য নিম্নবর্ণিত বিবরণ ও নিয়মাবলী

অনুযায়ী এ কাজে অভিজ্ঞ ও খ্যাতনামা মুদ্রাকরদের নিকট হতে

ও সরবরাহের দরপত্র

সীলমোহরকত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

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টাকা কার্যাদেশ প্রাপ্ত প্রতিষ্ঠান বহন করবে।

উল্লেখিত টান্সপারেন্সীর চার্জ এবং ইনকাম

ট্যাক্স, চূড়ান্ত বিল হতে বাদ দিয়ে অবশিষ্ট বিল

মাউন্টের নীচে পারফোরেশন থাকবে।

পরিশোধ করা হবে।

দরপত্রদাতাকে উপরে উল্লেখিত বিবরণ মোতাবেক টেভারের সাথে

কাগজের নমুনা, খাম, তভেচ্ছা পাতাসহ (অফেরৎযোগ্য) ড্যামী দাখিল

প্রতি ক্যালেন্ডারের ১০০ গ্রাম আর্ট পেপার ও ৮৫ গ্রাম অফসেট

কাগজের মূল্য এবং ভভেছা খামের মূল্য পৃথক পৃথক ভাবে দরপত্তে

প্রয়োজনে ক্যালেভারের সংখ্যা বাড়ানো বা কমানো যেতে পারে। মূল্য

সংযোজন কর (ভ্যাট) দরপত্রে আলাদাভাবে উল্লেখ করতে হবে।

দরপত্রে উল্লেখ করা সমুদয় মৃল্যের ২.৫% হারে আর্নেষ্টমানি

(ফেরতযোগ্য) উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক, জনসংযোগ বিভাগ, সোনালী

ব্যাংক, প্রধান কার্যালয় বরাবরে লিখিত পে-অর্ডার আকারে অবশ্যই

দরপত্রের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে। আর্নেষ্টমানি হিসাবে কোন চেক

গ্রহণযোগ্য নয়। দরপত্রের সাথে প্রয়োজনীয় আর্নেষ্টমানি ব্যতীত দরপত্র

সরাসরি বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে। অকৃতকার্য দরপত্রদাতাদের আর্নেষ্টমানি

উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক, জনসংযোগ বিভাগ, সোনালী ব্যাংক, প্রধান

কার্যালয়, মতিঝিল বা/এ, ঢাকা এর বরাবরে লিখা সীলমোহরকত

দরপত্র অত্র বিভাগে রক্ষিত বাক্সে আগামী ১৯/১১/৯৬ তারিখে রোজ

মঙ্গলবার দুপুর ১ (এক) টার মধ্যে দাখিল করতে হবে। দরপত্র খামের

উপরে স্পষ্টাক্ষরে "১৯৯৭ সালের দেয়াল ক্যালেন্ডারের মুদ্রণ ও

সরবরাহের দরপত্র" লিখতে হবে। দরপত্র ঐ দিনই বিকেল ৩-০০

(তিন) টায় দরপত্রদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ থাকেন) খোলা

হবে। নির্ধারিত তারিখ এবং সময়ের পর কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবে

দরপত্রদাতাদের অবশ্যই সব ধরনের আধুনিক সুবিধাসহ নিজস্ব

ক্যালেন্ডার মুদ্রণ ও সরবরাহের পূর্ব অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র দরপত্রের

কার্যাদেশ পাওয়ার ২ (দুই) সপ্তাহের মধ্যে সোনালী ব্যাংক, প্রধান

কার্যালয় ভবনের নির্ধারিত কক্ষে নিম্নসাক্ষরকারী অথবা নিয়োজিত

প্রতিনিধির নিকট নিজ খরচে ক্যালেন্ডারের সরবরাহ তরু করতে হবে

এবং ৪ (চার) সপ্তাহের মধ্যে সমুদয় ক্যালেন্ডারের সরবরাহ শেষ

করতে হবে। সময়মত ক্যালেভার সরবরাহ করতে ব্যর্থ হলে

এ কাজের জন্য কোন অগ্রিম দেয়া হবে না। সম্পূর্ণ ক্যালেন্ডার

সরবরাহের পর ব্যাংকের মান নিয়ন্ত্রণ কমিটির সনদপত্র প্রাপ্তি এবং

অনুমোদন করিয়ে নিতে হবে। ক্যালেন্ডার মুদ্রণের পর সরবরাহকৃত

উল্লেখিত বিষয়ে প্রয়োজনীয় যে কোন তথ্যাবলী এবং অতিরিক্ত বিবরণ

জানার প্রয়োজন হলে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর অফিস হতে যে কোন কার্য

শর্ত সাপেক্ষ বা সর্বনিম্ন দরপত্রদাতাকে কাজ দিতে ব্যাংক কর্তৃপক্ষ বাধ্য

থাকবে না। কোন কারণ দর্শানো ছাড়া যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা

সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা ব্যাংক কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করে।

দাপ্তরিক আনুষ্ঠানিকতা শেষে বিল পরিশোধ করা হবে।

দিবসে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ের মধ্যে জানা যাবে

(ঞ) ক্যালেভার মুদ্রণের পূর্বে চূড়ান্ত প্রুফ নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীকে দিয়ে অবশ্যই

টাব্রপারেন্সী ও লে-আউট ডিজাইন অবশ্যই ফেরৎ দিতে হবে।

২(দুই)টি ডবল ডিমাই বাই-কালার প্রিন্টিং প্ল্যান্ট থাকতে হবে।

কার্যাদেশ অনুযায়ী ইউনিট ভিত্তিতে মূল্য নির্ধারিত থাকবে

ার । ১৩,০৬০ (দশ হাজার) থাম। ব্যাংকের

" মনোগ্ৰামসহ "উইথ দি কম্প্ৰিমেন্টস অব

The minister also informed that the system loss in the country's gas system was 340.10 million cubic feet during the

Replying to Dipankar Talukder (Rangamati), Khan said the government has taken a number of measures to reduce the system loss in the power

The measures include reward and punishment scheme for PDB officials and employees, introduction of 20 magistrate courts to take action against illegal users of electricity, disconnection of illegal connections, and involving private firms in meter reading. billing and collection of power tariff in four towns.

system loss is higher, were the

Besides, a plan to incorporate the gas sector in the Public Demand Recovery (PDR) act. like power and WASA, and eftracy service simultaneously is

Govt incurs rev losses for writ cases against Revenue Deptt

Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria told the Jatiya Sangsad Monday that the government had been incurring revenue losses as a result of increasing number of writ cases against the Revenue Department in the High Court Division of the Supreme Court, reports BSS.

Replying to a call attention notice on a matter of urgent public importance of treasury bench member Professor Rafigul Islam (Jessore), the Finance Minister said 2362 writ cases had been filed against the Revenue Department till the end of October this year.

As a result of the cases, he said Taka two hundred crore to Taka two hundred fifty crore of revenue had remained unre-

The Finance Minister said following exclusion of 12 importable items from the preshipment inspection system. the number of writ cases had increased considerably.

He said tariff of importable items were being reviewed every three months by a committee on the basis of information available from competent international channels. The tariff fixed by the committee were of international standard, he

Kibria said it takes about eight to nine years to settle a case and hence the government was deprived of quite a good amount of revenue. He said discussion was held with the Attorney General to take up the matter with the court.

Central Zone of PDB collects Tk 12.46cr as revenue in Oct

12 crore 46 lakh 85 thousand was collected by the Central Zone of Power Development Board (PDB) during the month of October, says a press release.

1146 electricity connections were snapped for non-payment of outstanding bills amounting to Taka 71.41 lakh in Mymensingh Circle during the same month



Shah A M S Kibria, Minister for Finance inaugurating a three-day exhibition of garments & leather machinery at Hotel Sonargaon yesterday. A K Fayzul Hoq, Minister for Jute & Textile along with A B M Kamaluddin Khan, Managing Director of the Minhaz Group are also in the picture.

War & famine-hit nations need large scale aid: FAO

ROME Nov 12 The global food situation has improved but war and famine have hit some of the world's poorest nations who need large scale assistance. the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) said on Monday, reports Reuter.

Hunger also continued to hit the youngest hard, with one in three children under the age of five in the developing world being classed as underweight. However, fewer people were facing shortages than 20 years ago.

"Fifty-six per cent of all deaths of children under five 18,000 a day — are directly or indirectly caused by malnutrition. Hartwing De Haen. FAO's Assistant Director General for Economic and Social Affairs. told a news conference.

His comments followed released of two new FAO reports drawn up before the crisis in Eastern Zaire, which has left more than a million starving refugees with no access to food or water.

The reports were published to coincide with a world food summit in Rome this week which will set reliable food supplies for all as the interna-

tional community's goal. Its declaration will a ommit leaders to reducing the number of undernourished people in the world to half its present level of

around 840 million by no later than 2015. That figure in itself marked

an improvement from the 918 million people who were undernourished in 1969-71 when

there were 1.5 billion fewer people in the developing coun-FAO hailed a general improvement in food supplies in

1996 but said there was no reason for real optimism. "Even in a year of very good crops we're still worried." James Greenfield, Director of FAO's Commodities and Trade

Division, told a news confer-"If we have a poor crop next vear we will be back to exactly the same situation as in 1995/96, when grain prices climbed to record levels," he

The agency's latest forecast for 1996 global cereal production was an estimated 1.849 billion tones 6.9 per cent higher than the level of 1995. Global wheat output, helped by bumper

FAO said end of season cereal carryover stocks were set for their first increase in four

crops in Europe, was 6.4 per

The outlook for global food

supplies in 1996-97 has improved somewhat since the last But the picture remained

bleak for many with some countries such as Sierra Leone relying on aid to survive. The agency said indications

veloping countries, which were forecast to fall to their lowest level since 1991. "In Sub-Saharan Africa food supplies for 1996-97 have improved compared to the previ-

also pointed to a further erosion

of cereal stocks in the de-

ous year," FAO said. "However some 40 per cent of the total population of Sub-Saharan Africa is already chronically undernourished and this

number could rise unless action is taken. Overall there is a pressing need for large-scale national and international intervention to bring about a rapid improvement in the food security situation of the affected coun-

outlook report concluded. However, it warned that global food aid availability in 1996-97 was not expected to improve much from the low 1995-96 level of 7.2 million tonnes.

tries," the FAO's special food

Moreover, most low-income food deficit countries in Africa also face a bleak economic outlook and acute balance of payments difficulties, the FAO report said.

China blasts US ban on textiles export

BEIJING, Nov 12: China to-

Beijing accused Washington of not having produced enough evidence to support textile sanctions and said it opposed trade disputes.

"We are opposed to one side imposing of it on another in trade disputes." foreign Ministry spokemans Cui Tiankai told a regular news briefing.

Iran denies trade with US

TEHRAN, Nov 12: Iranian Commerce Minister Yahya Al-Oshaq vesterday denied any trade between his country and the United States.

In an exclusive interview with Xinhua, the minister said, we have no trade with the United States. There is absolutely no trade with Americans either in terms to exports or

However, none of the US measures against Iran has had the smallest impact on the country." the minister said.

The United States has not fully consulted with China and has not provided clear support-

on whether the dispute would overshadow a visit by Christo-Christopher's last visit to China two years ago ended in

eral meeting." Cui said of Christopher's trip, scheduled for November 19-21. Christopher's visit would

help lay the groundwork for bilateral relations in the 21st century. Cui said, adding there was no reason for China and the United States not to develop a healthy and stable relation-"The state of relations be-

tween the two countries will have major effects on the peace. stability and prosperity of the Asia pacific region and the world as a whole." Cui said. "We will discover that the

than the difference." Cui said.

FAO chief blasts world community over Zaire crisis

ROME. Nov 12: The head of the UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation, Jacques Diouf of Senegal, accused the world on Monday of doing nothing to prevent the crisis in Zaire, saying it had been clear a catastrophe was in the making. reports Reuter.

In a strong critique of past inaction, Diouf said the international community had allowed the problem of refugees from Rwanda and Burundi to "fester" to the point where more than a million are now at risk from the violence in Eastern He said the crisis would fig-

ure on the margins of FAO's World Food Summit, which opens in Rome on Wednesday, but defended the meeting for focusing instead on a global plan to combat hunger. "We believe that this situa-

tion in Zaire is another illustration of an unacceptable world situation," Diouf, the agency's Senegalese Director General, told a news conference to present the summit.

ROME, Nov 12: Women harvest more than half of the world's food crops, thereby playing a primordial role in a efforts to combat hunger in de-

veloping countries, according to studies by the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), reports AFP. At a world food summit

of world food crops

Women reap over half

opening here Wednesday, delegates will be discussing how to ensure food security for everyone and the part taken by women in achieving that goal. The FAO defines food security as a situation in which "all people at all times have access to safe and nutritious food to maintain a healthy, active life.'

In rural regions, women have almost total responsibil-ity for feeding their children. They do the basic job of produc-ing and preparing food for the rest of the family. They provide most of the agricultural work force in rural areas because so many men been forced to head for the towns to find a job. In some parts of Africa, the FAO reports, a woman is head of the

family in 60 per cent of house-

In social and political terms, however, this major contribution to food security is underestimated, the FAO said in a position paper for the summit. The lack of recognition is accentuated by female illiteracy.
Since the 1970s, the com-

bined handicaps have produced a 50 per cent increase in the number of women below the poverty threshold compared with a 30 per cent rise for men. the FAO said. It estimated that 1.3 billion of the world's poor

It said international observers had long been aware of the key role of the woman as mother in providing food and in the domains of health and hygiene. The FAO cited a World Bank cost-benefit study showing that investment in women's education in developing countries was more profitable than other investment.

Benefits included lower birth rates and much less infant mortality.

G-10 central bankers' view Global economy improving

BASLE, Switzerland, Nov 12: Central bankers from the world's leading industrial nations gave an upbeat assess-ment of the global economy on Monday, noting with satisfaction that growth was purring along and inflation was under

control, reports Reuter.

charcoal colours.

Oil prices also seemed to be receding from recent peaks and currency exchange markets were mostly calm, said Hans Tietmeyer, President of Germany's powerful Bundesbank and Chairman of the Group of 10 (G-10) committee of central bankers.

"The picture is that there seems to be further economic improvement on a worldwide level, "Tietmeyer told reporters after he and his colleagues held their monthly meeting at the bank for international settlements in Basle

While maintaining a central banker's traditional wariness on inflation, he said the situation seemed to be well in hand.

"Monetary authorities have always to be vigilant, but for the time being it seems to be the case that the inflationary situation all in all is a positive one," Tietmeyer said.

"I am talking about world-

wide," he added, declining to be specific when asked about outlook for inflation in the United

Dolphine Computers Ltd yesterday formally launched the multimedia computer, Aspire from

Acer, at a local hotel. Aspire is designed for home with powerful multimedia features,

comprehensive built-in communication options, easy to use and comes in emerald and

Tietmeyer said Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan briefed the group on economic prospects in the United States, but he gave few details about what was said behind closed doors.

"All in all we see that the current trends are mostly favourable. This is especially the case in the United States... the short-term outlook seems to be favourable," Tietmeyer said. Japan was benefiting from improving consumer confi-

dence and spending supported by an improved labour market. "In Japan, the upward trend is continuing," he said, but added: "of course, much depends on what will be done in the next fiscal year."

There were also signs of real improvement in Europe, Tietmeyer added. "There is the continuation of

growth in the United Kingdom and some upward trend in some continental countries - the Netherlands, Germany, and to some extent in France," he said. Central bankers thought the

outlook for inflation in Italy

had also improved after being briefed by Bank of Italy governor Antonio Fazio.

potential inflationary danger

Tietmeyer played down the

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high oil prices posed, saying the recent price rise had peaked. "The highest level is behind us. There has been some decline, but oil prices are still relatively

high and much depends on the future of the supplier side. which means the Iraqi question, and further demand. he said. He was referring to prospects

that a stalled oil for food deal between Iraq and the United Nations would move ahead. Tietmeyer said central bank

governors saw world currency markets as relatively quiet at the moment and did not come up at the G-10 meeting, which traders watch with interest for clues about policy. "We have not discussed the

currency markets because it seems all in all relatively quiet now," Tietmeyer said. The G-10 actually comprises 11 countries the United States, Germany, Japan, France,

and Canada.

Revenue collected in "import head" during the month of October was Taka 652.50 crore Britain, Italy, the Netherlands, which is 21 per cent higher than that of month of the corre-Belgium, Sweden, Switzerland sponding last fiscal year.

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Total revenue collection upto October in the current fiscal year stood at Tk 3771.62 crore which is 10 per cent higher than that of the corresponding period of the last fiscal year, reports BSS.

The collection reached 98 per cent of the target for this period of the current fiscal year. according to an official source.

Owing to delayed placement of the budget in parliament the overall revenue collection activity could not be fully geared up in the month of July and August last as a result, collection in these two months was comparatively low. This has nearly been offset by higher collection in September and October. Monthly target ex-

ceeded in both these months. During the month of October total revenue collection was Taka 1026.14 crore which is Taka 20 crore higher than that of the target fixed for the month and is 17 per cent higher than that of the corresponding month of the last fiscal year.

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day blasted US penalties against its textiles ahead of a visit next week by US Secretary of State Warren Christopher, but said the two sides had more in common than differences. reports Reuter.

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