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Getting ready for an IT boom

By Govinda Shil

Bangladesh is readying itself for a boom in information technology business. Sale of computers increased three times since the government allowed duty-free import of computers and its accessories from this fiscal year, market sources said.

Prices of a cloned computer have come down to Tk 22,000 against its pre-budget price of Tk 38,000-39,000. A similar quality 'brand machine' is selling at Tk 40,000, down by Tk 25,000.

Many international firms are showing a keen interest in joint ventures in both software and hardware.

Local computer firms are now busy responding to huge orders for the data processors. "We are expecting to sell more than 120,000 computers this fiscal year, against only 40,000 in the previous fiscal," said Mohammad Sabur Khan, joint secretary of Bangladesh Computer Society.

BCS is organising a five-day computer trade show this December with the organisers hoping a record sale. A total of 250 firms are expected to participate in the fair with provisions for more than 340 stalls at Islamic Development Bank Bhaban in Agargaon, instead of the usual venue Sheraton hotel.

The venue was shifted due to an increased demand for space, said BCS president Aftab ul Islam. "On the first day of announcement, 80 per cent stalls have been booked," he said. He told The Daily Star that many multinational companies, including Intel USA, Quantum of Japan, 2000 USA

and Apple Macintosh are coming here to join the fair. "The multinational companies want Bangladesh to emerge as a major computer hub in Asia," Islam said.

The local entrepreneurs are also going for joint venture computer schools. Only a few programming training centres are in operation now.

India's renowned programming institute CMC Limited has planned for a joint venture school styled Institute of Information Technology (IIT) with International Office Equipment in Dhaka to create programmers.

Only 200 to 250 programmers are graduating a year in Bangladesh. The number is quite small to satisfy local and global market demand.

Condition of Sharfuddin critical

The condition of noted science writer Abdullah Al Muti Sharfuddin, now undergoing treatment at a United States hospital, has turned critical, family sources said in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

Dr Sharfuddin, also an educationist, went to the United States some 15 days ago when doctors here said he has been suffering from the stomach cancer.

The sources said the doctors at Cleveland Cancer Hospital said the ailing scientist's disease is at its advanced stage.

Dr Sharfuddin urged the countrymen to seek eternal blessings for him, they said.

Low over Bay

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tially in north-westerly direction. Maritime ports of Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and Mongla have been advised to hoist distant warning signal number two (2).

Maximum sustained wind within 44-km of the depression centre is about 40 kph rising to 50 kph in gust/squalls. Sea will remain moderate, said a special weather bulletin at 9:30 am yesterday.

All fishing boats and trawlers over north Bay and deep sea have been advised to come close to the coast and proceed with caution so as to take shelter at a short notice.

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submit trade licence, VAT or income registration certificates as required by the tender criteria.

The other proposals were from Bangladesh News Service, Bangladesh Sky Network Ltd, Independent Media services, Beximco Media Ltd, Prochar Biggaponi Sangstha, Multi-mode Transport Consultant Ltd.

The proposals found non-viable by the ministry were those of Global Suppliers Ltd, Akter Darshan, United News of Bangladesh, City General Insurance Company Ltd, Liberation Television Channel of Bangladesh Ltd, Nationwide Communication Ltd, Bangladesh Television Network and Bangladesh Independent Television Ltd.

A view from the gully

work in a week. Some of us are not that fortunate. We don't mind the grind because we enjoy creative pursuits.

Today is another big day. Two of the most powerful teams, Australia and India, will lock horns for a place in the semis. The two former world champions meet on a neutral ground in a real test of strength. You lose it and you are out. No room for mercy. No comeback.

Australia will try to efface bad memories of their last tour of India. But the scales, if results are any indication, are still in favour of the kangaroos. The two have met on 53 occasions, of which Indians won 21 and Australians 29; the rest three had no results.

Aussies' experiment with a specialised squad for one-day matches will deprive the crowd of watching their Test skipper Mark Taylor who had just led his team to a historic series win in Pakistan after 39 years and also the world record-holder wicketkeeper Ian Healy. One-day specialists Michael Bevan and Brad Young along with wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist are already in town.

Neither team is stranger to the knowledgeable home crowd. India have been visiting us since 1954 when the first team came under the leadership of one of India's best all-rounders Vinoo Mankad. They played their first three-day match at Chittagong against a mixed bag

Tickets

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n't jump the long queue at the 13 IFIC outlets which sold the tickets, found no other means but to fork out on their love for the game.

In Monday's quarterfinal between Sri Lanka and New Zealand, gallery tickets were sold in front of the stadium for Tk 200 to 300 each.

Those of the pre-quarterfinal between Zimbabwe and New Zealand were in abundance but tours were still active, albeit losing money selling tickets for Tk 80 each.

Meanwhile, BCB supremo Saber Hossain Chowdhury told newsmen yesterday that the tickets of all categories, from gallery to the VIP, for the rest of the matches, had already been sold out.

"There's no tickets for October 28, 29, 30, 31 and for the November 1 final at the bank," said the cricket chief.

Fans, still looking for tickets, have been requested not to go to the bank or the counters at the stadium anymore.

Law and order sub-committee has also beefed up its measures in the wake of the five sell-out matches. It was learnt that the committee would not allow even children without ticket to enter the stadium with their parents.

None of the spectators will also be allowed to get out of the big bowl before the lunch break, said a sub-committee source.

BCB has also urged the fans not to carry crackers, sticks or anything that might pose threat to the security.



The participating teams attended a photo session on the south plaza of the Parliament amid tight security. —Star photo

SEC fines

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dends on December 22 last year but failed to pay their shareholders according to schedule (February 20).

The SEC has imposed a penalty of Tk 10,000 on the companies for each day of default from October 27 until the outstanding dividends are fully paid off, an SEC official said.

The companies have been directed to pay off fully the outstanding declared dividends by November 15, according to a SEC press release.

Olympic Industries declared a 20 per cent dividend, BCIL eight per cent and BD Zipper 11 per cent.

SEC's stricter approach to deal with such defaulters seems paying off.

"From around 30 to 40 per cent in 1995, the default rate has come down to around five per cent now," according to Mansur Alam, head of supervision and monitoring at SEC.

Javagal Srinath will spearhead the Indian bowling battery. The lithe right-arm seamer, who returned to top flight with a bang after a long injury lay-off, will open the Indian attack with a persevering Venkatesh Prasad.

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How important is this tournament for the Australians ahead of the World Cup? "Every one-day tournament is important for us. We have played some excellent cricket over the last six months. Winning this tournament will give us a mental edge ahead of the World Cup," said Waugh.

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India-Australia tie

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to the crucial encounter. "I will treasure this match only if India wins. There is no joy in defeat."

But an Indian victory lap nowadays depends a lot on the performance of little master Sachin Tendulkar. Dubbed the best batsman in the world at the moment, Tendulkar was in the thick of things when India defeated Australia in their last meeting at Sharjah. This time around all eyes will also be fixed on Tendulkar when the prolific right-hander opens the Indian innings with Saurav Ganguly, another icon in the Indian batting line-up.

The tall Indian batting order will be followed by Sachin, vice-captain Ajay Jadeja, Rahul Dravid and Robin Singh, who played a great knock in the nail-biting Independence Cup final against Pakistan on this very ground last January.

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38 Indian officials suspended for relief theft

LUCKNOW, Oct 27: Thirty-eight bureaucrats were suspended today after being accused of siphoning off relief funds meant for millions of people affected by India's worst flooding in decades, a government minister said, reports AP.

The 38 junior and middle-rank officials in the northern Uttar Pradesh state government will be fired if the charges are confirmed, officials said.

BKSAL?

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esh Krishak Sramik Awami League' began a new political campaign - 'Join BKSAL'.

Down the road that leads to Bijoynagar from Paltan crossing, a number of motor mechanic shops are located. Behind two such shops, leaving a hotel-kitchen aside - a narrow alley leads one to a tinshed room - headquartering BKSAL.

Chairman of the party Sharif Md Amrurzaman - a man from Gopalganj - said daughter of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman has shifted from the ideology of one-party system that he father introduced. "We're fighting for that cause and revived BKSAL through a mini-council in September last year."

Amrurzaman, who claimed to be a central member of BKSAL that Abdur Razzak, now a minister in Sheikh Hasina's cabinet, dissolved in 1991, told The Daily Star. "I protested the merging of BKSAL with Awami League in 1991 because we have to establish socialism in the country."

Asked whether his recent move to spread the ideology of BKSAL somehow was related to opposition's propaganda of establishing 'Rule of BKSAL' again in the country, the kuradman in his 40s moved his head in disapproval. "Our party has no connection with any other political party and if we go to power, we'll ban all other parties."

When this correspondent talked to him at BKSAL head office yesterday, Amrurzaman was flanked by his general secretary Jajal Abedin and publicity secretary Rafiqul Islam. He did not allow 'comrades' to speak much and said, "other than in Dhaka city and in Khulna, my party has no chapters yet in the country."

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Manzur Murder Case: Witnesses didn't turn up

By Court Correspondent

Trial of the Manzur Murder Case could not be held yesterday as the prosecution witnesses failed to appear before the court for the sixteenth time.

The court of First Additional Sessions Judge, Dhaka, fixed November 17, for producing the witnesses and also issued warrant against them.

During yesterday's proceedings of the case, Additional Public Prosecutor Kamrul Husain filed a petition on behalf of the witnesses praying for more time.

The judge observed that 16 dates were fixed for witnesses since framing of charges against the accused on November 25, 1997 but no witness could be produced by the prosecution.

Yousuf Hussain Humayun, lawyer of the accused, prayed for quick disposal of the case.

All the accused including former President and Jatya Party chief HM Ershad were present in the court during the proceedings yesterday.

DOE drive

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The money would be spent for setting up a laboratory and providing equipment to motor workshops where vehicle owners could get their transports checked and mend the faults so that they could pass emission tests.

Steps will be taken to strengthen the DOE and the Road Transport Authority which is responsible for issuing road worthiness certificates to all motorised vehicles.

He said there are about 175,000 motor vehicles in the city. Sixty-four per cent of the pollution come from three-wheeler auto-rickshaws which use two stroke engine. The government has planned to phase out the three-wheelers in four years, he added.

There are some 40,000 auto-rickshaws plying on the city streets.

Studies carried out by the Atomic Energy Commission earlier said that with an average 463 nanograms of lead found in the air between November and January, Dhaka city ranked one of the most polluted cities in the world.

Lead mostly comes from the auto-rickshaws which use a mixture of leaded petrol and engine oil to run their two-stroke engines.

Trucks and buses using diesel fuel are also responsible for the air pollution.

China is a key defence ally: Foreign Secy

China continues to remain an important partner of Bangladesh in defence, Foreign Secretary Mostafizur Rahman said yesterday, reports APB.

Talking to newsmen on the eve of Dhaka-Beijing official talks scheduled in the capital tomorrow, the Foreign Secretary said, "China is also an important partner of our development, contributing to various sectors including energy and highway building."

He described the existing relations between the two countries as "excellent" having no bilateral disputes.

The Foreign Secretary will hold formal talks with Chinese Assistant Minister for Asian Affairs Wang Li, who will arrive in Dhaka today for a three-day visit. The talks will be held at the State Guest House Padma.

Showcause

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K M Obaidur Rahman, MP and Md Nurul Islam Manzur, Barrister Aminul Haque MP, Barrister Rafiqul Mian MP, Habibul Islam Bhuiyan, president of the Supreme Court Bar Association along with a good number of lawyers and supporters of BNP were present at the court.

Senior Advocate Khandkar Mahub Hossain assisted by Advocate Zaafar Imam appeared for Shah Moshazzam Hossain, former deputy prime minister of Ershad regime.

Opposing the bail petitions Deputy Attorney General A M Faruque on behalf of the government submitted that the accused have been given division in jail with adequate facilities and proper treatment.

Schroeder

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Christian Democrats suffered a crushing defeat after 16 years in power.

Parliament has been rejuvenated: About a quarter of the 669 lawmakers are new and a record number - 207 - are women. Carsten Schneider, a 22-year-old Social Democrat, is parliament's youngest member ever.

Schroeder's government enjoys a 21-seat majority in the lower house.

Schroeder represents a new generation of politicians with little personal memory of World War II that feels at ease moving the seat of power back to Berlin - Despite the city's burden of association with Nazi Germany and the Prussian military state.

On the occasion of the Wills International Cup cricket being held at Dhaka from Oct 24-Nov 1, 1998

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