

Annan urges rich nations to end trade barriers to poor

REUTERS, United Nations

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan urged rich nations Tuesday to end all their trade barriers on goods and services exported by poor nations as one of dozens of novel ways to pay for global development.

Annan, in a 64-page report recommending 87 different measures to better meet the developing world's financing needs, also said poor countries should have the power to regulate short-term capital flows in times of crisis, a recommendation certain to stir controversy among champions of free markets.

Activists at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland and elsewhere have seized on a global tax on short-term investment flows and similar mechanisms as ways to discourage financial crises such as those suffered recently in Argentina, Turkey, Russia and Asia.

While Annan backed controls on short-term capital flight in times of crisis, he added that restraints "cannot be used as a substitute for sound and appropriate macroeconomic policies."

The report was part of a drive by the UN official to push governments, corporations and international organisations to do more to help the world's poorest nations and their citizens share in the benefits of globalisation.

The campaign will culminate in a UN conference on financing for development in early 2002.

To date, the wealthiest nations have benefited far more than their poorer cousins from an era of faster growth, more jobs and rising

living standards driven by a thriving global financial marketplace.

Annan reported that in one promising step, the European Commission has proposed fully opening the markets of the European Union's 15 member nations to all goods except arms exported by the world's poorest countries.

That plan would provide the 48 least developed countries with a duty-free, quota-free marketplace in much of Europe, a model for the rest of the world, he said.

The developing nations must increasingly look to private investment and trade growth to finance their needs because foreign aid is shrinking.

Countries offering foreign aid on average dedicated just 0.24 per cent of their gross national product (GNP) to such aid in 1999

compared to 0.33 per cent in 1992, the report said.

While donor countries have widely agreed that foreign aid should equal 0.7 per cent of their GNP, only a handful of countries - including Denmark, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden - have consistently met that target in recent years.

"The trends in official development assistance during the 1990s were particularly troublesome" as aid levels fell off even though the economy was booming in the industrialised world and many developing countries adopted major economic reforms.

As foreign aid declined, private and domestic investment have become increasingly important, the report said, setting out a raft of ideas on how to promote investment.



PHOTO: GrameenPhone

An agreement was signed on January 17 authorising Mobile Net as the 153rd authorized GrameenPhone outlet agent to sale post-paid and pre-paid packages and Scratch cards at Bhangura in Pabna. In a modest ceremony, Rezaul Hossain, DM Dealer & Outlet Section of Grameen-Phone, and Sofiqul Alam, Proprietor of Mobile Net, signed the agreement. Mahboob Hossain, DGM-Distribution, Emon Kalyan Dutta, Officer, and Johir Raihan, Officer-Dealer & Outlet Section of GP, were also present.



PHOTO: NBL

Picture shows Habibullah, Chairman, and Rafiqul Islam Khan, Managing Director of National Bank Ltd, as special guests at the inaugural ceremony of the third branch of Al Ahalia Money Exchange Bureau in Dubai. Hadeef Saed Houfan Al Mansouri, Chairman of the company, and V S Thampi, Chief Manager of the branch, are also seen in the picture.

Abdur Rauf new chairman of Ashraf Textile

Abdur Rauf has been re-elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of Ashraf Textile Mills, says a press release.

He has been re-elected for the third time.

Rauf, an eminent industrialist and businessman, has a vast knowledge in trade and industry and has travelled many countries to Europe, America and Asia.

Correction

On this page of yesterday's issue of The Daily Star, a photograph of a DCCI programme was mistakenly published in place of a photograph supplied by NBL. The NBL photograph is, however, published today. We regret the error.

WTO confirms Qatar ministerial meet host

AP, Geneva

The World Organisation on Tuesday formally confirmed the Gulf state of Qatar as host of its ministerial meeting later this year, despite fears by non-governmental organisations that demonstrations will be banned and criticism stifled.

A meeting of the WTO's general council unanimously backed Qatar's capital, Doha, as the European Union launched an initiative to overcome problems which caused the last meeting in Seattle to collapse.

WTO officials said about 30 speakers - from the United States, European Union, Israel and many developing nations - hailed the choice of Qatar.

In fact the WTO had no alternative.

After the December 1999 riots

Many groups - ranging from respected bodies like Human Rights Watch to anti-globalisation activists who vandalised the WTO headquarters at the weekend - fear that Qatar is unlikely to tolerate even peaceful demonstrations and will make it impossible for grass roots organisations to voice their concerns.

in Seattle, which led to 600 arrests and US\$ 3 million in damage, offers to host the next meeting were few and far between. Apart from Qatar, only Chile expressed interest.

However, the decision boded badly for the WTO's efforts to build a bridge with critics of globalisation who accuse the trade body being secretive and undemocratic and taking far-reaching decisions with scant regard for the concerns of the public.

CURRENCY

Following are yesterday's forex trading statement by Standard Chartered Bank Central bank buying and selling band of USD: BDT 53.85/BDT 54.15

Selling		Currency	Buying		
TT/OD	BC		TT Clean	OD Sight	OD Transfer
54.2500	54.2800	USD	53.8150	53.6464	53.5779
50.6828	50.7695	EUR	49.4713	49.2879	49.2113
79.7706	79.8126	GBP	78.3143	78.0478	77.9932
30.0915	30.1161	AUD	29.0314	28.9389	28.8988
0.4710	0.4712	JPY	0.4590	0.4588	0.4578
33.1281	33.1526	CHF	32.5709	32.4764	32.3919
5.7179	5.7231	SEK	5.6193	5.6017	5.5857
36.2250	36.2495	CAD	35.6473	35.5537	35.4706
6.9603	6.9616	HKD	6.8993	6.8806	6.8632
31.190	31.2111	SGD	30.7646	30.7108	30.5961
14.8919	14.9095	AED	14.5023	14.5242	14.4838
14.5811	14.5995	SAR	14.2410	14.2043	14.1861

Usance export bills		Exchange rates of some Asian currencies against US dollar			
TT Doc	30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	120 Days	180 Days
53.7041	53.3727	52.9304	52.4217	51.8688	50.6303

US dollar		LBOR				
Buying	Selling	1	3	6	9	12
53.6150	54.2800	USD	5.62500%	5.52500%	5.36250%	5.28250%
53.5650	54.2600	GBP	5.90125%	5.80375%	5.70328%	5.64141%

SHIPPING

Chittagong Port

Berth Position and Performance of Vessels as on 30.1.2001.

Berth No	Name of Vessels	Cargo	L Port	Local Call	Date of Arrival	Leaving
J/1	Southern Queen GI (Copro)	Sing Aeka	Sing	Prog	28/11	-
J/2	Cec Pride (72)	P Mat	Sing	Prog	27/1	6/2
J/3	Pacific Emerald GI(Copro)	P Kel Allseas	Sing	Prog	21/1	7/2
J/4	Enos GI(Y Ma)	Yang SMSL	Sing	Prog	11/1	1/2
J/5	Topaz GI(Maize)	Yang Prog	Sing	Prog	22/1	5/2
J/6	Chop-2	C Clink	Sing	Prog	24/1	3/2
J/7	Eltanin	Wheat (P)	Sing	Prog	11/1	3/2
J/8	Joy World	GI (St.C)	Sing	Prog	29/1	31/1
J/9	Si Crixo	GI (Peas)	Sing	Prog	11/1	1/2
J/10	QC Pintail	Cont	Sing	Prog	27/1	2/2
J/11	Kuo Hstung	Cont	Sing	Prog	19/1	2/2
J/12	Banga Birol	Cont	Sing	Prog	27/1	4/2
CCT/1	Buxmoon	Cont	Sing	Prog	27/1	4/2
CCT/2	Acturia	Cont	Sing	Prog	24/1	31/1
CCT/3	Banga Biraj	Cont	Sing	Prog	28/1	2/2
RM/14	Banglarkallol	Idle	Sing	Prog	27/1	8/2
G/SJ	Wrestler-1	Wheat(G)	Sing	Prog	27/1	3/2
TSP	Iran Borhan	R Phos	Sing	Prog	22/1	4/2
RM/3	Sky ace	CPO	Sing	Prog	30/1	1/2
RM/5	Harting	Sko/JP-1	Sing	Prog	29/1	3/2
RM/6	Olympic Pride	L Oil/Idle	Sing	Prog	23/1	1/2
DD	Banglar Shourabh	Repair	Sing	Prog	R/A	8/2
RM/8	Al Muztuba	Repair	Sing	Prog	16/1	31/1
RM/9	Pavonis	Idle	Sing	Prog	28/1	2/2

Vessels due at outer anchorage

Name of Vessels	Date of Arrival	L Port	Local Call	Cargo	Loading Port
Daina	1/2	-	Seacom	C Clink	-
Marblue	31/1	Karavi	PSAL	C Clink	-
Xiang Jiang (Liner)	31/1	-	BDSHIP	GI	-
Beluga	31/1	Yeman	OTBL	-	-
Osg Alpha (Cont) 21/1	1/2	-	RSL	Cont	Sing
Kota Bintang (Cont) 23/1	31/1	Sing	Pil (BD)	Cont	Sing
Banglar Robi (Cont) 21/1	31/1	Sing	BSC	Cont	Sing
Cont Glory (Roro/24) 30/1	31/1	Kochin	MMI	Vehi	-
Irene	1/2	-	H&S Scraping	-	-
Andhika Adikarya (72) 28/1	3/2	Hald	ASA GI (St.C)	-	-
Shun An (48) 21/1	2/2	Mong	RMLST C+P Mat	-	-
Century	1/2	-	Rainbow GI (WT Cement)	-	-
Agios Fanourios	1/2	Karavi	BSL Gypsum	-	-
Sunkist	1/2	CEBU	SSTL Cement	-	-
Feng Kang Shan (Liner)	1/2	Prc	BDSHIP	GI	-
Banglar Shikha (Cont) 15/1	3/2	Sing	BSC	Cont	Sing
Banga Lanka (Cont) 22/1	2/2	COL	Baridhi	Cont	Col
Yong Kong	2/2	Sing	UMTL	Ballast	-
Kota Berjaya (Cont) 23/1	2/2	Sing	Pil (BD)	Cont	Sing
City of Houston	3/2	Yang	OWSL GI (YM)	-	-
Ocean Pride	3/2	-	PSALGI (Maizee)	-	-
Wei Shan	1/2	Sing	APEXUREA (BCIC)	-	-
Shun Yi	3/2	Koshi	PSAL Wheat (P)	-	-
Samm Frontier	3/2	Koshi	ANCLC Clink (yundai)	-	-
Bao Yun Shan (72) 25/1	3/2	Yang	RML GI (St.C)	-	-
Orient Independence (Cont) 23/12/2	2/2	-	BDSHIP	Cont	Sing
Andhika Rainbow (72) 25/1	3/2	Kaoh	ASA GI (St.C)	-	-
Mary Nour	3/2	Lang	BSL Cement	-	-
Shun Chent	3/2	-	Seaglor GI (S Ash+P Wax)	-	-
Leona (Liner)	4/2	Sing	Prog	GI	-
QC Teal (Cont) 18/1	5/2	-	QCSL	Cont	Sing
Jurong Balsam (Cont) 25/1	4/2	Sing	Nol	Cont	Sing
Millennium Falcon	4/2	Yand	Everett GI (HR.Coil)	-	-
A.A. Venture	6/2	Kara	CLARICE (P)+GI	-	-
Banglar Moni (Cont) 21/1	6/2	Sing	BSC	Cont	Sing
Emma Oldendorf	8/2	Russ	RSAGI (ST.ST)	-	-
Arabella (Cont) 28/1	6/2	-	QCSL	Cont	Sing
Tiger River (Cont) 28/10	6/2	-	Nol	Cont	Sing
Kota Sing (Cont) 28/1	7/2	Sing	USL	-	-
Banglar Bijoy (Cont) 30/1	8/2	Sing	USL	-	-
Ganga Nagra	9/2	Sing	USL	Y Pe	-
Danau Toba (72) 28/1	11/2	-	Everett	GI (St.C)	-

Tanker Due

Name of Vessels	Cargo	L Port	Local Call	Date of Arrival
Healthy	31/1	Mala	MITCL	CPO
Theresa	31/1	-	Seacom	CPO
Haustrum	2/2	Mina	ECSL	HSD
Kithira	8/2	-	Rainbow	CDSO

Vessels at outer Anchorage

Ready on				
Xpress Resolve (Cont)	Cont	P Kel	RSL	25/1
Xpress Nuptset (Cont)	Cont	Sing	RSL	26/1
Xpress Renown (Cont)	Cont	Col	Everbest	26/1
Da Fa (Cont)	Cont	Sing	RSL	24/1
Kota Cahaya (Cont)	Cont	Sing	Pil (BD)	28/1
Kota Naga (Cont)	Cont	Sing	Pil (BD)	30/1
TIA Estela	Wheat (H)	Kdia	Lams	R/A (29/1)
Piran	R Phos	Sing	Seacoast	29/1
Jaya Mars (Cont)	Cont	Col	Everbest	30/1
Jaladoot	Hsd	Juba	ECSL	29/1

Movement of Vessels for 1.02.2001

Outgoing	Incoming	Shifting
J/4 Inos	CCT/2 Xpress Resolve	J/10 QC Pintail
J/9 St Crixo	NB Xpress Nuptse	
CCT/2 Acturia	J/8 Xiangjiang	
RM/3 Sky Ace	J/4 Feng Keng Shan	
RM/6 O Pride	CCJ Daina	
RM/8 H Falcon	RM/3 Teresa	
RM/9 Pavonis	J/9 Jemine	

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

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Energy & Mineral Resources Division
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No-Energy/Hydro/01/022/34 Dated: 23 January, 2001/10 Magh, 1407

Tender Notice

Tenders are invited from bonafide manufacturers/suppliers or their approved local agents/dealers in their respective letter head pads for supply/installation of the following equipments:

Group	Description	Quantity/Number	Cost of schedule (in taka)
1	Brand air conditioner (Split type) and electrical work	4 pieces	200.00
2	Desktop brand computer	5 pieces	300.00
3	Photocopier machine	1 piece	200.00
4	Internal partition and false ceiling	(Approximately 1600 square feet area)	100.00

- Earnest money at the rate of 2.5% of the quoted cost in the form of Pay-Order/Bank Draft (refundable) in favour of "Strengthening Hydrocarbon Unit" project will have to be deposited with the tender. A tender without earnest money will be rejected outright.
- The total goods supply/work as mentioned in the tender will have to be completed within 30 (thirty) days of receiving the work order.
- Tender will be evaluated on the basis of group. Any tenderer can submit tenders for one or more groups.
- Tenders will have to be submitted within 20 (twenty) days of publication of the notice. The exact date and time for submitting tender will be mentioned in the schedule.
- Trade licence, income tax/VAT registration certificate, bank solvency certificate will have to be submitted with tender.
- Tender schedule can be procured till the day before submitting tender till 5 pm from the office of the Hydrocarbon unit (1st floor, BTMC Bhaban, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka).
- The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason.

DFP-2258-25/1
6-234 Project Director
Hydrocarbon Unit

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer (R&H)
Ferry Division, Topkhana, Sylhet

Tender Notice

- Tender Notice No : 15 (2000-2001) Date 18-1-2001.
- Name of work : As per group list
- Eligibility of contractors : a) A to C general categories enlisted contractors of (R&H) Department.
b) D general category enlisted contractors of Dhaka Ferry Circle.
c) E general category enlisted contractors of Sylhet Ferry Division.
- Offices in which tenders will be available : a) Executive Engineer (R&H), Ferry Division, Sylhet.
b) Executive Engineer (R&H), Ferry Construction Division, Dhaka.
c) Executive Engineer (R&H), Ferry Maintenance Division, Dhaka.
d) Sub-Divisional Engineer (R&H), Ferry Sub-Division, Sylhet.
- Offices in which tenders will be received : a) Superintending Engineer (R&H), Ferry Circle, Dhaka.
b) Executive Engineer (R&H), Ferry Division, Sylhet.
c) Executive Engineer (R&H), Ferry Construction Division, Dhaka.
d) Executive Engineer (R&H), Ferry Maintenance Division, Dhaka.
- Last date of selling tender schedule : 11-2-2001 till office hours.
- Date and time of receiving tender : 12-2-2001 at 12.00 Noon.
- Date and time of opening tender : 14-2-2001 at 12.30 PM.
- Date & time of lottery if there is more than one lowest tenderer : 18-2-2001 at 12.00 Noon.

Group No	Name of the work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time limit for completion of work	Tender form No
1	Overhauling work of 210 Horse Power capacity Daf Engine No-F 90112 of utility ferry No 009 of Fenchuganj Ferry Ghat under R&H Ferry Division during 2000-2001 fiscal year.	As per schedule	2% of the estimated cost	20 days	2911
2	Necessary repairing and painting work of utility ferry No 011/89 of Sunampur-Chandarpur Ferry Ghat under Sylhet Ferry Division during 2000-2001 fiscal year.	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-
3	Supply of spare parts for 75 Horse Power capacity Ford Engine under Sylhet Ferry Division during 2000-2001 fiscal year.	-do-	-do-	-do-	2908
4	Supply of spare parts for repairing work and overhauling of 150 Horse Power Kamins Engine No 21285483 Model 6 BT, 5.9M under Sylhet Ferry Division during 2000-2001 fiscal year.	-do-	-do-	-do-	2911

Md Rafiqul Islam
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Ferry Division, Topkhana, Sylhet
DFP-2128-24/1
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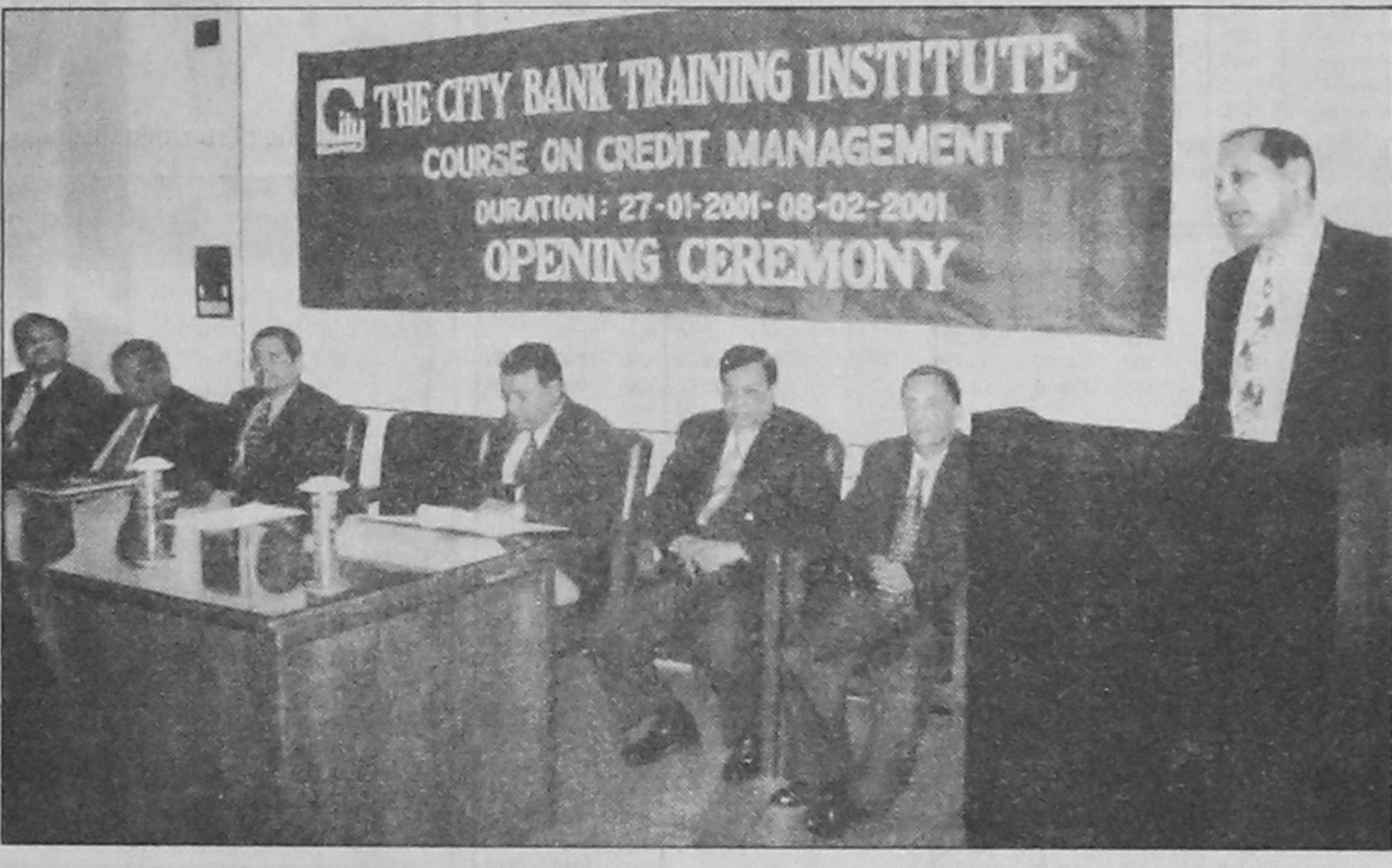


PHOTO: CITY BANK

A 12-day credit management course of The City Bank Limited was inaugurated on Saturday. Picture shows Abbas Uddin Ahmed, Managing Director of the bank, inaugurating the course. Deputy managing directors and executives of Head Office were present on the occasion.

Bakhrabad Gas Systems Limited
(A Company of Petrobangla)
গ্যাসের অপচয় রোধ করুন এবং সময়মত বিল পরিশোধ করুন

Tender Notice

- | Name of work | Estimated cost | Cost of tender schedule (non-refundable) | Time for completion of work |
|--|-----------------|--|-------------------------------|
| a) Upward extension construction work (2nd floor) of the existing two-storied regional distribution office of Bakhrabad Gas Systems Ltd at Chanpapur in Comilla. | Tk 46,67,843.45 | Tk 1,000 per set | 180 (one hundred eighty) days |
| b) Construction of 5 (five) storied 'D' type residential houses at City Gate Station at Fouzdarhat in Chittagong. | Tk 70,75,508.64 | Tk 1,500 per set | 12 (twelve) months |