



State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury speaking at a seminar on "Society, Economy and Security of Bangladesh in the New Millennium" organised by Dhaka Reporters' Unit in association with Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies yesterday. The seminar was held at the BIIS auditorium.

Obituary

BSS, Dhaka
Eminent religious scholar, former Khatib of Bangshal Jam-e-Masjid and former editor of the Arafat, Allama Abu Taher Bardwani died at the National Hospital in the city on Wednesday after prolonged illness. He was 80.
He is survived by three sons and four daughters.
Well-known both in Bangladesh and West Bengal, Allama Bardwani was a renowned social worker and author of many books, a press release said.
Dhaka City Corporation Mayor Mohammad Hanif in a statement, condoled the death and expressed his sympathy towards the members of the bereaved family.

Biman to operate flights between March 25 & Oct 27

UNB, Dhaka
Biman Bangladesh Airlines will start operating its flights as per summer schedule effective between March 25 and October 27, 2001.
As per the schedule, Biman will operate 35 flights to Middle East and Gulf, 14 flights to Europe, 3 flights to America and 43 flights to South Asia, South-East Asia and Far-East region of Asia.
The total number of weekly international flights will be 95, said a press release yesterday.

RAOWA celebrates 19th founding anniversary

BSS, Dhaka
The 19th founding anniversary of the Retired Armed Forces Officers Welfare Association (RAOWA) was observed in the city yesterday with enthusiasm and festivity.
The celebration programmes of RAOWA included cultural function, prize distribution among the children of the members of the organisation who won different sports events and a dinner hosted by the organisers.
A colorful cultural function was held at the RAOWA club premises at Mohakhali. Noted singers of the country took part in the cultural function enthralling the audience.
Among others, Army Chief Lt General M Harun-Ar-Rashid, B.P., and members of diplomatic corps were present. Besides, a good number of retired officer of the three services also attended the function.
In a brief speech, RAOWA Chairman Flying Officer Mohammad Gholam Murtuza informed the audiences about the activities of the organisation and its future plans. Past Chairman of the organisation Maj Gen M Khalilur Rahman also spoke on the occasion.
The RAOWA was established in March 1982 with an objective to reunite retired officers of the three services for their welfare.

WEATHER TODAY

Rain forecast

UNB, Dhaka
Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at one or two places over Rajshahi, Dhaka and Khulna divisions and the regions of Sylhet and Comilla in next 12 hours till 6 pm today.
Weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country, Met officials said.
The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 36.3 degree Celsius at Sirimangal and the lowest 15.5 degree Celsius at Chittagong.
The sun sets in the capital today at 6:11 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:59 am.
Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	35.6	24.0	75	43
Chittagong	34.8	15.5	63	76
Rajshahi	35.8	23.0	45	77
Khulna	35.2	22.5	92	49
Barisal	35.4	22.5	83	56
Sylhet	34.4	21.4	55	41
Cox's Bazar	33.5	21.0	71	80



The Retired Armed Forces Officers' Welfare Association (RAOWA) on Wednesday evening celebrated its 19th founding anniversary at RAOWA complex at Mohakhali. Picture shows Major Abdus Sattar Khan (red) receiving an award on the occasion from Begum Wasi Uddin.

Qulqhwani

The *qulqhwani* of Ohidur Rahman, president of Dhamondhi thana Jubo Dal, will be held today after Asr prayers at his residence at 48 Al Amin Road, Kathalbagan, says a press release.

Chehnum

The chehnum of Mussamat Shayesta Khatun will be held at her village home in Deobhog village in Munshiganj after Juma prayers today, says a press release.
Shayesta Khatun is the mother of Mofazzal Hossain, chairman of Square Group.

Rotary News

North West meeting today

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West will be held today instead of tomorrow at 5.00 pm at 278/2, Elephant Road, says a press release.
The meeting will be followed by a *milad ma'fil* to pray for the peace of the departed soul of the club's late president Tawfiq Aziz Khan. Members along with their spouse are requested to attend the meeting in time, the release added.

IP (Mizan-Manju) extended meet today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A two-day extended meeting of the Jatiya Party (Mizan-Manju) Central Working Committee will begin at Hill Town Community Centre at Shamoly in the city today.
The meeting will start at 3 pm and will hold full day session tomorrow, said a press release.

CU proctor resigns

BSS, Ctg
Prof Dr Gazi Saleh Uddin yesterday resigned from the post of proctor of the Chittagong University.
"My resignation is because of personal causes," Prof Saleh Uddin said in the resignation letter, submitted to the registrar of the university.

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Company	FV/ML (Tk./No.)	DSE		CSE		Financial Performance				
		Price	Turnover	Price	Turnover	Last AGM	EPS	DPS	TPS	
BANK										
AB Bank Ltd.	1005	172.00	1.85	175.25	2975	176.00	Not Traded	26.1000	21.6	12.5
IFIC Bank Ltd.	1005	189.00	6.18	178.00	1106	180.00	Not Traded	27.0797	20.2	—
National Bank Ltd.	1005	121.80	0.00	230.00	38	230.00	Not Traded	24.0840	18.1	21.0
Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd.	1005	227.00	1.52	230.50	15240	228.75	Not Traded	18.1110	18.3	20.0
Pubali Bank Ltd.	1005	157.00	2.10	169.00	40	115.00	Not Traded	23.1299	40.6	—
Rajshahi Bank Ltd.	1005	80.25	0.49	81.00	380	75.00	Not Traded	20.0399	0.81	—
UBCL	1005	106.00	1.85	108.00	325	110.00	Not Traded	15.0989	15.6	—
Uttara Bank Ltd.	1005	250.25	0.11	230.00	230	—	Not Listed	24.1198	4.98	—
IDLC Ltd.	1002B	479.75	1.49	487.00	420	452.00	Not Traded	21.0500	37.3	27.5
United Leasing Co. Ltd.	1002B	610.00	0.00	610.00	40	—	Not Listed	18.0610	23.4	15.0
Uttara Finance and Inv.	1005	227.50	2.15	232.50	4900	226.00	Not Traded	20.0630	23.4	15.0
Al Arafa Islami Bank	1005	109.00	1.09	110.00	40	109.50	Not Traded	11.1100	18.1	12.0
Prime Bank Ltd.	1005	326.00	2.76	335.25	2000	400.00	Not Traded	24.0000	79.9	30.0
Southeast Bank Ltd.	1005	229.75	1.92	234.25	15600	228.25	Not Traded	21.0600	28.4	15.0
Dhaka Bank Ltd.	1005	246.50	1.40	250.00	7700	246.00	Not Traded	17.0000	34.3	25.0
NCC Bank Ltd.	1005	166.50	1.31	169.75	22900	167.25	Not Traded	16.7250	21.9	17.0
Social Investment Bank Ltd.	1005	594.00	1.84	606.25	40	—	Not Listed	—	—	—
Dutch Bangla Bank Ltd.	1005	375.25	25.08	380.00	17400	—	Not Listed	—	—	—
INVESTMENT										
ICB Mutual Fund	1001B	241.50	1.43	245.00	30	196.50	Not Traded	02.1100	26.6	21.0
1st ICB Mutual Fund	1001B	146.00	0.28	149.00	30	148.00	Not Traded	02.1100	22.4	15.0
2nd ICB Mutual Fund	1001B	72.50	0.48	73.00	10	71.00	Not Traded	—	—	—
3rd ICB Mutual Fund	1001B	125.00	0.97	126.00	2000	125.00	Not Traded	0.97	1.02	0.98
4th ICB Mutual Fund	1001B	125.00	0.97	126.00	2000	125.00	Not Traded	0.97	1.02	0.98
ENGINEERING										
Abul Kalam-Abul-Lad	1005	206.00	1.08	208.25	110	211.00	Not Traded	14.1200	18.9	16.0
Abul Kalam-Abul-Lad	1005	260.00	2.33	266.75	540	274.00	Not Traded	14.0900	31.1	—
Abul Kalam-Abul-Lad	1005	133.25	0.99	137.50	23600	133.75	Not Traded	13.75	2.19	13.75
Abul Kalam-Abul-Lad	1005	50.25	1.32	51.20	2100	52.00	Not Traded	25.0000	9.1	15.0
Abul Kalam-Abul-Lad	1005	128.00	2.28	131.50	1330	126.25	Not Traded	12.0000	8.15	10.0
Abul Kalam-Abul-Lad	1005	250.00	1.47	260.00	50	—	Not Listed	29.1890	18.2	20.0
Abul Kalam-Abul-Lad	1005	238.00	1.35	255.00	105	240.00	Not Traded	14.1200	18.1	16.0
Abul Kalam-Abul-Lad	1005	128.00	1.54	133.00	50	124.00	Not Traded	27.0500	64.6	50.0
Abul Kalam-Abul-Lad	1005	24.00	1.05	23.75	20	20.00	Not Traded	30.1297	11.6	—
Abul Kalam-Abul-Lad	1005	17.50	0.31	18.10	22000	17.50	Not Traded	32.1299	1.11	10.0
Abul Kalam-Abul-Lad	1005	55.00	0.90	55.00	30	—	Not Listed	27.0400	14.7	35.0
Abul Kalam-Abul-Lad	1005	195.75	2.25	202.25	130	200.00	Not Traded	28.0000	10.2	20.0
Abul Kalam-Abul-Lad	1005	145.00	0.68	146.00	150	148.00	Not Traded	28.0900	10.2	20.0
Abul Kalam-Abul-Lad	1005	102.25	0.73	103.00	400	106.00	Not Traded	28.0900	1.61	—
Abul Kalam-Abul-Lad	1005	27.75	0.89	28.00	20	28.50	Not Traded	20.1200	5.9	—
Abul Kalam-Abul-Lad	1005	21.20	1.85	21.60	4050	21.00	Not Traded	06.2100	1.39	15.0
FOOD & ALLIED										
Alpha Tobacco Ltd.	1005	56.10	1.92	57.20	100	62.00	Not Traded	29.0300	5.00	42.5
Alpha Tobacco Ltd.	1005	39.00	2.43	39.25	810	36.00	Not Traded	09.1200	16.0	10.0
Alpha Tobacco Ltd.	1005	52.50	3.67	54.00	1765	53.00	Not Traded	09.1000	25.1	—
Alpha Tobacco Ltd.	1005	102.00	1.21	105.00	1050	105.00	Not Traded	19.0600	5.92	40.0
Alpha Tobacco Ltd.	1005	4.00	9.00	4.40	100	—	Not Listed	14.1200	8.6	10.0
Alpha Tobacco Ltd.	1005	70.25	0.98	72.00	100	70.00	Not Traded	20.0200	0.8	—
Alpha Tobacco Ltd.	1005	70.25	0.98	72.00	100	70.00	Not Traded	20.0200	0.8	—
Alpha Tobacco Ltd.	1005	55.00	1.35	55.75	3260	54.25	Not Traded	25.0600	8.00	5.00
Alpha Tobacco Ltd.	1005	114.25	2.14	116.75	1240	119.00	Not Traded	25.0200	13.9	15.0
Alpha Tobacco Ltd.	1005	12.50	3.85	13.00	5500	12.90	Not Traded	29.1200	0.27	—
Alpha Tobacco Ltd.	1005	182.25	3.65	186.75	1490	184.00	Not Traded	14.1200	4.22	20.0
Alpha Tobacco Ltd.	1005	86.50	0.58	86.00	900	81.50	Not Traded	14.1200	4.28	—
Alpha Tobacco Ltd.	1005	3.00	0.00	3.00	1700	—	Not Listed	16.0900	1.15	—
Alpha Tobacco Ltd.	1005	49.00	2.07	50.50	450	54.00	Not Traded	30.1200	2.4	—
Alpha Tobacco Ltd.	1005	38.25	4.38	40.00	1150	42.50	Not Traded	14.1200	3.11	—
Alpha Tobacco Ltd.	1005	77.00	4.05	82.25	650	76.00	Not Traded	10.1000	—	—
Alpha Tobacco Ltd.	1005	5.00	2.22	5.65	5600	5.60	Not Traded	30.1299	0.87	—
Alpha Tobacco Ltd.	1005	50.25	1.24	51.50	1000	52.50	Not Traded	18.1200	5.8	—
Alpha Tobacco Ltd.	1005	11.20	1.20	11.40	20800	—	Not Listed	17.0000	1.73	10.0
Alpha Tobacco Ltd.	1005	10.00	3.54	11.30	29500	11.00	Not Traded	10.1200	0.39	—
FUEL & POWER										
BOC (BD) Ltd.	1005	104.10	0.86	105.30	350	104.00	Not Traded	17.0200	13.3	40.0
BOC (BD) Ltd.	1005	102.00	1.29	103.00	300	105.00	Not Traded	10.0300	21.5	50.0
BOC (BD) Ltd.	1005	50.00	1.49	50.00	4000	8.60	Not Traded	12.0900	0.05	—
JUTE										
Saha Jute Ltd.	10020	2.10	0.00	2.10	600	—	Not Listed	30.0998	1.13	—
TEXTILE										
Wahid Textile Ltd.	1005	11.30	2.59	11.60	39000	11.40	Not Traded	19.1200	1.6	—
Wahid Textile Ltd.	1005	53.00	3.64	55.00	30	—	Not Listed	04.1000	20.1	25.0
Wahid Textile Ltd.	1005	5.80	4.92	6.10	2300	—	Not Listed	29.0000	0.12	—
Wahid Textile Ltd.	1005	75.50	4.66	76.50	250	75.00	Not Traded	21.1200	14.5	20.0
Wahid Textile Ltd.	1005	5.70	1.72	5.80	3300	5.90	Not Traded	14.1200	2.0	—
Wahid Textile Ltd.	1005	73.50	1.67	74.75	550	—	Not Listed	21.1100	9.23	50.0
Wahid Textile Ltd.	1005	12.50	2.13	12.75	40	—	Not Traded	19.0600	5.43	15.0
Wahid Textile Ltd.	1005	24.00	0.86	23.00	240	23.00	Not Traded	19.0600	5.43	15.0
Wahid Textile Ltd.	1005	138.25	1.95	141.50	600	135.25	Not Traded	22.0600	30.4	10.0
Wahid Textile Ltd.	1005	64.50	4.44	67.50	11940	65.00	Not Traded	10.0799	7.1	—
Wahid Textile Ltd.	1005	95.00	0.00	95.0						