



GSL managing director Sohail Sharif and ITC managing director Dr Kazi Saifuddin signing an agreement regarding the formation of a consortium between GSL and ITC. The signing ceremony was held at the Grameen Bank Headquarters in the city on May 5. Founder of the Grameen Bank Dr Mohammad Yunus was also present on the occasion.



Begum Laila Arjumand Nasim handing over a cheque of Tk 10,000 to Begum Nishat, president of Ponak (Bangladesh Police Nari Kalyan Samity) for development of the Shishu-Kishore song and dance academy run by Ponak.



Sumit Roy of Univbrands, India, conducting a workshop on "How to ride the campaign planning motorbike" organised by Expressions Ltd for its staff recently.

GSL-ITC consortium formed

A consortium has been formed between Grameen Software Ltd (GSL) and Information Technology Consultants Ltd (ITC) with the aim to introduce a 'Smart Card' for the common rural people, says a press release.

An agreement in this regard was signed at a function held at the Grameen Bank (GB) headquarters in the city on May 5.

GSL managing director Sohail Sharif and ITC managing director Dr Kazi Saifuddin signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organisations.

The consortium will establish a research and development cell to introduce the product for the first time in the country.

Both Grameen family members and general people will use the card to meet their fiscal utility services.

The agreement signing ceremony was presided over by GB founder Dr Mohammad Yunus. Among others, Envoy Group & ITC chairman and BGMEA president Kutubuddin Ahmed, ITC directors and Shalech MD Dr Toufik M Seraj, S K Bashir Ahmed, GSL director Abdullah Al Mahmud and GSL chief financial officer Mahub Majumder were present on the occasion.

Foundation of bridge laid in Nilphamari

BSS, Nilphamari

State Minister for Communication Anisul Haque laid the foundation stone of Boragary bridge over Deonari river on Domar-Dimla road under Domar upazila on Monday.

Roads and Highways sources said, the 85.92 meter long and 6.10 meter wide bridge will be constructed at a cost of Taka one crore and 86 lakh.

A distance of at least 30 kilometer will be reduced between Panchagarh-Domar and Rangpur-Dhaka route after the completion of the bridge, the sources said.

The State Minister later addressed a public meeting near the bridge site.

Justice Rouf stresses on holding free, fair polls

BSS, Dhaka

Former chief election commissioner Justice Mohammad Abdul Rouf yesterday stressed the need for holding free, fair and peaceful election to give democracy an institutional shape in the country.

Speaking at a press conference organised by Bureau of Human Rights Bangladesh (BHRB) at the National Press Club, Justice Rouf said caretaker government will have to take adequate measures to keep elections free from the influence of black money and terrorism.

"We have to keep elections free from all bad influence of three 'M's' - Money, Muscle and Machine - and ensure maximum turnout in the polling centres with a view to forming a credible government," said Justice Rouf, a former judge of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.

Referring to the model elections in Dapunia and Tongi, he said local people have to be involved in the electioneering process so that they can play a vital role in holding peaceful elections.

"Some responsibilities have to be given to them and I think they would be able to do their job properly if they are empowered in this regard," he added.

Justice Rouf, who is the Presi-

dent of BHRB's Advisory Committee, also suggested setting up more polling centres across the country so that people can cast their votes without facing any problem in terms of time and communication.

Later, a series of recommendations of the BHRB were placed at the press conference.

The BHRB recommendations include making law enforcing agency, administration and print and electronic media neutral, stopping indirect involvement of NGOs in the election process, freeing the Election Commission from the influence of political parties and ensuring financial independence of the commission.

The BHRB also recommended giving at least three-month time to caretaker government for holding peaceful elections, setting up election tribunal and creating mass awareness among the people to encourage them to cast their votes.

Members of BHRB's Advisory Committee Prof Dr M A Majed, Dr S M A Faiz, Justice Md Abdul Wahab, Dr M Enamul Huque, Dr Hasanuzzaman Chowdhury, Prof Dr A B Razia Akhter Banu, Khandakar Ruhul Amin and Justice Al-Hajj S M A Hossain were present at the press conference.



Professor Yuan Long Ping, known as "Father of Hybrid Rice" and S S Virmani, a renowned scientist of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) visited the Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRI) yesterday. Dr M A Hamid Miah, Director General, BRRI is seen presenting the distinguished scientist with the crest of the institute.

Mahfuzul Islam takes over as environment secy

BSS, Dhaka

Mahfuzul Islam, who was the secretary of the CHT Affairs Ministry, took over as the environment secretary yesterday.

Islam replaced Mamun Ur Rashid who was made Officer on Special Duty (OSD) on April 30, said an official handout.

Meanwhile, Chowdhury Mohammad Mohsin yesterday joined as secretary of the CHT Affairs Ministry on contract.

DHAKA TODAY

Launching ceremony

Academic Press and Publishers Ltd will hold the launching ceremony of a book 'Eastern Himalayan Culture, Ecology and People' by Hasna Jasminuddin Moudud. Chief guest: Former Chief Justice Mostafa Kamal. Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26 Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 4:00 pm.

Publication ceremony

Agrani Prokashoni will hold a publication ceremony of a book titled 'Three Decades of Banking in Bangladesh' by journalist Ajay Dasgupta. Chief guest: Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria. Venue: Auditorium of the National Museum. Time: 5:00 pm.

DHAKA TOMORROW

Film show

Zahir Raihan Film Society in association with High Commission of India will screen 'Damu' by Rajan Sen. Venue: High Commission auditorium, House No 25, Rd No 2, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 5:00 pm.

Conference on Tagore

Alliance Francaise de Dhaka will host a conference by Dr Nazem Ahmed. The conference is dedicated to letters written by Rabindranath Tagore to his niece Indira during his stay in former Eastern Bengal that is now Bangladesh. Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka, 26 Mirpur Rd, Dhanmondi. Time: 7:00 pm.

WEATHER TODAY

Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty to squally wind is likely at most places over Rajshahi, Dhaka, Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at many places over Sylhet division in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today.

Little change in day temperature is expected over the country, Met Officials said.

Temporary northerly Kalbaishaki squally speed of maximum 80 KPH or more is likely over the regions of Rajshahi, Pabna, Bogra, Khulna, Noakhali and Comilla.

The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 33.5 degree Celsius at Sakthia and the lowest 19.5-degree Celsius at Khulna.

The sun sets in the capital today at 6.31 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.19 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	26.0	21.2	95	91
Chittagong	24.9	22.0	82	79
Rajshahi	29.5	20.2	--	91
Khulna	32.6	19.5	--	--
Barisal	26.0	21.0	100	--
Sylhet	26.5	22.1	94	91
Cox's Bazar	30.2	20.5	77	85

Tagore's birth anniversary celebration begins in city

BSS, Dhaka

The national level celebration of the 140th birth anniversary of Nobel poet Rabindranath Tagore began in the city in a befitting manner yesterday.

The government as well as different socio-cultural organisations celebrated through elaborate programmes the birth anniversary of Tagore, who is the composer of Bangladesh's national anthem.

National dailies brought out special supplements while Bangladesh Betar, Bangladesh Television and private TV channels aired special programmes highlighting different aspects of his life.

The Ministry of Cultural Affairs organised a two-day discussion as part of the national level programmes.

Obituary

BSS, Patuakhali

Abdul Motieb, a freedom fighter and former chairman of Laukathi Union Parishad under sadar upazila, died of a heart attack on Monday at Suhrawardy Hospital in Dhaka. He was 72.

He was buried with state honour at his village home at Maukar.

Leaders of various organisations, including Patuakhali Muktiyoddha Command Council, and Shajahan Mian MP condoled the death of Abdul Motieb.

BSS, Dhaka

Kulsuma Begum, wife of late Delwar Hossain Khan, died of cardiac arrest in the city yesterday. She was 84.

She is survived by four sons and three daughters.

Her namaz-e-janaza will be held at the Gulshan Azad Mosque after Zohr prayers today and she will be buried at the Banani graveyard.

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TODAY'S TRADED ISSUES MAY 08, 2001

Company	FY ML (Tk.No.)	DSE			CSE			Financial Performance			Company	FY ML (Tk.No.)	DSE			CSE			Financial Performance		
		Closing	Price	Turnover	Closing	Price	Turnover	Last	EPS	DPS			Closing	Price	Turnover	Closing	Price	Turnover	Last	EPS	DPS
BANK																					
AB Bank Ltd.	100.5	209.50	-0.12	209.75	37400	2000.00	0.00	200.00	60	26.10	0.16	12.5	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	
City Bank Ltd.	100.5	220.50	0.57	219.25	55	120.00	Not Traded	---	---	25.10	0.01	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
IFIC Bank Ltd.	100.5	265.00	6.85	248.00	44.86	272.00	Not Traded	---	---	05.07/99	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd	100.5	1256.1	752.01	251.25	676	351.00	1.35	517.00	6	24.08/00	181	21.0	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
National Bank Ltd.	100.5	270.75	0.00	270.75	694.85	270.75	0.00	270.75	23540	18.10/00	18.3	20.0	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Punjab Bank Ltd.	100.5	300.00	5.26	285.00	60	115.00	Not Traded	---	---	30.09/00	124	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Rajshahi Bank Ltd.	100.5	122.50	4.91	116.75	70.10	75.00	Not Traded	---	---	11.03/00	-5.9	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
UB Bank Ltd.	100.5	152.00	-6.17	162.00	44.15	155.00	Not Traded	---	---	19.09/99	15.6	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
United Bank Ltd.	100.5	200.00	-1.19	209.50	114.5	---	Not Listed	---	---	15.12/00	19.0	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
United Leasing Co. Ltd.	100.5	670.00	1.02	465.25	60	452.00	Not Traded	---	---	21.06/00	37.3	27.5	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
United Finance and Inv.	100.5	231.50	-0.86	233.50	21.50	215.00	Not Traded	---	---	20.06/00	23.4	15.0	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Al Arifi Islamic Bank	100.5	171.00	3.82	165.00	20.10	170.50	3.18	163.50	210	21.01/01	181	12.0	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Prime Bank Ltd.	100.5	358.75	-1.44	364.00	13.10	33.25	23.9	345.00	50	07.04/01	72.0	30.0	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
South East Bank Ltd.	100.5	284.00	-1.30	287.75	339.50	284.25	-1.98	240.00	40550	17.09/00	28.4	15.0	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Dhaka Bank Ltd.	100.5	280.00	10.71	261.50	22.50	281.00	Not Traded	---	---	21.06/00	34.3	25.0	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
N.C.C. Bank Ltd.	100.5	183.25	-0.27	183.75	63.00	181.00	-1.36	183.30	23950	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Social Investment Bank Ltd.	100.5	3124.00	0.50	1195.50	10.10	---	Not Listed	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Dutch Bangla Bank Ltd.	100.5	349.50	0.22	348.75	63.00	---	Not Listed	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
INVESTMENT																					
1st ICB Mutual Fund	100.5	500.00	0.00	1500.00	45	1050.00	Not Traded	---	---	02.11/00	574	125	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
2nd ICB Mutual Fund	100.5	405.00	0.00	405.00	5	335.00	Not Traded	---	---	02.11/00	144	40.0	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
3rd ICB Mutual Fund	100.5	151.00	-2.58	155.00	50	150.00	Not Traded	---	---	02.11/00	22.4	15.0	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
4th ICB Mutual Fund	100.5	77.25	0.98	76.75	63.50	72.75	Not Traded	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
5th ICB Mutual Fund	125.00	8.95	2.15	0.93	800.00	0.93	-2.11	0.95	857500	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
ENGINEERING																					
Akash Automobiles Ltd.	100.5	217.50	1.99	213.25	555	213.00	Not Traded	---	---	14.12/00	18.9	16.0	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Ariz Pipes Ltd.	100.5	258.50	1.37	255.00	45	274.00	Not Traded	---	---	14.09/00	-3.1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Chittagong Industries Ltd.	100.5	123.25	4.89	117.50	80.70	120.25	Not Traded	---	---	09.10/00	-2.5	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Bangladesh Tannery Ltd.	100.5	478.00	-4.21	479.00	120	490.00	Not Traded	---	---	25.09/00	9.11	15.0	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Eastern Cable, P & T	100.5	137.25	2.04	134.50	120	136.75	2.05	134.00	650	12.06/00	8.15	10.0	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Singer Bangladesh Ltd.	100.5	208.00	0.35	200.75	30	119.50	Not Traded	---	---	27.05/00	64.6	50.0	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Atlas Bangladesh Ltd.	100.5	133.80	0.15	133.60	50	---	Not Listed	---	---	14.12/00	8.76	10.0	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
BD Auto Parts Ltd.	100.5	22.00	10.00	20.00	300	21.00	13.51	18.50	300	20.12/99	1.1	10.0	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Qasem Cereals Ltd.	100.5	18.00	0.54	18.50	1466.00	18.70	1.08	18.50	3660	23.12/99	11.1	10.0	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Rennick Jewellers Ltd.	100.5	25.00	1.01	24.75	250	---	Not Listed	---	---	26.11/00	24	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
National Textile Ltd.	100.5	50.00	-1.09	50.50	240	---	Not Listed	---	---	31.03/01	85.2	35.0	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
BD Text Aluminium Ltd.	100.5	18.25	0.55	18.25	36.70	20.00	Not Traded	---	---	08.03/00	10.2	20.0	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Amor Engineering Ltd.	100.5	152.50	3.35	146.50	1100	148.00	Not Traded	---	---	28.09/01	144	10.0	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Kay & Que (BD) Ltd.	100.5	110.00	2.59	110.00	1400	107.50	Not Traded	---	---	28.09/00	1.61	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Wonder Land Toys Ltd.	100.5	28.00	4.67	26.75	500	29.25	Not Traded	---	---	20.12/00	-5.9	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Rangpur Foundry Ltd.	100.5	22.00	0.44	22.50	5500	22.80	0.88	22.60	5500	06.07/00	1.39	15.0	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
FOOD & ALLIED																					
Alpha Tobacco Ltd.	100.5	54.20	0.37	54.00	300	62.00	Not Traded	---	---	29.03/00	50.0	42.5	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Apex Foods Ltd.	100.5	370.00	0.00	370.00	160	380.00	Not Traded	---	---	09.12/00	16.0	10.0	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Trips Industries Ltd.	100.5	48.50	-4.02	49.00	1630	46.00	Not Traded	---	---	09.10/00	-25	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
BDICE	100.5	427.00	0.41	425.25	10	---	Not Listed	---	---	09.08/00	31	27.5	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
BATBEL	100.5	104.50	0.38	104.50	150	105.00	Not Traded	---	---	19.06/00	5.92	40.0	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Talip Dairy & Food Ltd.	100.5	86.25	5.83	81.50	290	---	Not Listed	---	---	03.01/00	-8.8	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Chittagong Vegetable	100.5	70.50	1.08	69.75	20	70.00	Not Traded	---	---	30.12/99	-0.8	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Beunom Fisheries Ltd.	100.5	71.50	2.14	70.00	700	69.75	Not Traded	---	---	25.06/00	800	5.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Bangladesh Tannery Ltd.	100.5	478.00	-4.21	479.00	120	490.00	Not Traded	---	---	25.06/00	800	5.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
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