

Engineers urged to use 'dynamic method' in bldg construction

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a seminar called upon the engineers to revise some of their convictions regarding the structural design of the buildings and apply scientifically proven 'dynamic method' to make these withstand earthquakes.

University of Asia Pacific (UAP) organised the seminar on "Risk Involved in Conventional Seismic Analysis" at its auditorium on Tuesday.

Presenting the key-note paper in the seminar, Dr Iftekhar Anam said the practising engineers, in most cases, used static method in the construction work instead of the dynamic method.

As they ignored the high earthquake risk factor for years, structures of all sizes are now vulnerable, he added. "Unfortunately, most of the engineers in our country are not taking the earthquake factor into consideration."

'Dynamic method' is used in construction work, Iftekhar said, to make the buildings withstand tremors.

"It is a wrong conception that tall buildings are more vulnerable than small buildings and buildings constructed with lighter materials are less vulnerable," Iftekhar said.

He also said the cost of building a structure using the dynamic method is higher by only one to two per cent.

Speaking as chief guest, Jamilur R Chowdhury, Professor of Civil Engineering, BUET, warned that a big earthquake is 'overdue' in the country. Bangladesh is always under a seismic risk and Sylhet, Mymensingh and Rangpur could be the epicentre of tremors, he added.

Chowdhury called for a 'comprehensive research' using dynamic method in construction work.

35 razakars vying for JS seats!

UNB, Dhaka

Some 35 identified Razakars (collaborators) are contesting the October 1 parliamentary election from across the country, undermining the spirit of the Liberation War.

Of them, 30 are seeking people's mandate on BNP-led four-party tickets while three were nominated by Awami League, a party that had played the most crucial role in the 1971 Liberation War. Two Razakars are vying for JS seats as independent candidates.

Bangladesh Mukti Joddha Sangsad Chairman Principal Abdul Ahad Chowdhury disclosed this at a press conference in the city yesterday.

Addressing the conference, Ahad Chowdhury urged the voters to reject the anti-liberation forces and warned that these elements under cover of the four-party alliance will turn the country into a strong base of international terrorists, if they could come to power.

"It cannot be accepted that the Razakars will sit in parliament while the Liberation War veterans will safeguard the democracy," Ahad said.

Mukti Joddha Sangsad leaders M Salahuddin, Sultanuddin M Raja, Kabir Ahmed Khan, Nurul Huda and Mazharul Islam Montu were present at the press conference.

Cyber cafe opened at NPC

BSS, Dhaka

A media center has been opened in the fashion of a cyber cafe, at the Jatiya Press Club (JPC) on the occasion of coming general elections, JPC sources said yesterday.

The center has been established by the JPC in collaboration with Sustainable Development Networking for the use of Journalists and members of National Press Club.

The center will remain open 10 am to 10 pm till October 7.

WEATHER TODAY

Light rain forecast

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Chittagong, Barisal and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Dhaka, Khulna and Rajshahi divisions till 6:00 pm today.

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

Country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 35.4 degree Celsius at Jessore and lowest 23.3 degree at Sitakunda.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:49 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:49 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	32.5	24.4	71	76
Chittagong	32.8	24.8	80	69
Rajshahi	33.5	25.8	77	89
Khulna	34.5	27.0	84	82
Barisal	33.5	25.0	-	84
Sylhet	32.0	25.4	85	83
Cox's Bazar	32.7	25.8	85	80



Incidin Bangladesh Ltd organised a day long research workshop on "rapid assessment on trafficking in children for exploitative employment" at the city yesterday. Picture shows Sheng Ji Lee, Chief of ILO, Bangladesh addressing the workshop.



Doctor's Association of Bangladesh held a roundtable conference on "National Polls, Polls Manifestos - the Physicians' thoughts" at the National Press Club yesterday.

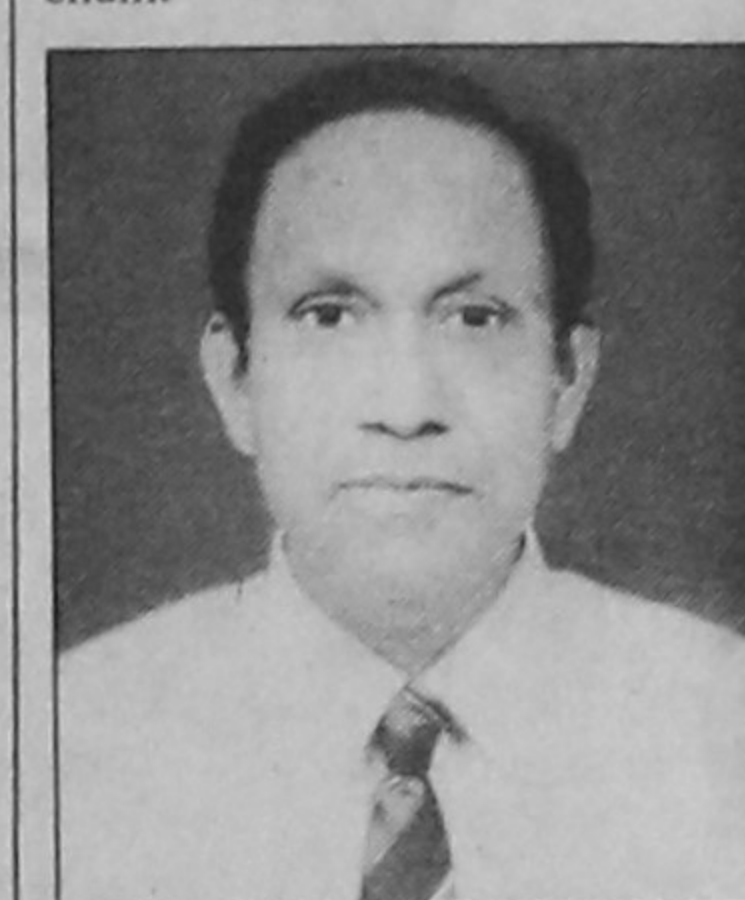
Protest in Ctg against attack on exhibition

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A human chain will be formed at the local press club premises at 10 am today to protest the attack on an exhibition of cartoons by prominent artists and the teachers and students of Fine Arts Institute of Dhaka University on September 22.

The Teachers Council of Chittagong Government Fine Arts College is organising the human chain protesting burning of the national flag, attack on the artists and their artistic works by religious fanatics.

The organisers have called upon all people to express solidarity with them and join the human chain.



Obituary

A R Haider (Tulu), son of late Abdul Momen of Laxmipur, died on September 25. He was 60, says a press release.

He is survived by his wife and two sons.

Haider's kulkhawani will be held at his residence at 153/2 East Rajabazar after Asr prayers today.

Haider, an agronomist, worked as a consultant with FAO, NMDP and some other consulting firms.

Qulkhwani

Qulkhwani of Mahmud Rashid (Putul), MD of Hightech Limited, will be held at 6/8 Lalmatia, Block-B, after Asr prayers tomorrow, says a press release.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the qulkhwani.

DHAKA TODAY

Film Show

Alliance Francaise de Dhaka will screen three movies. See How They Fall, Max and the Hoodlums and Police Python 357 as part of its thriller month programme. Venue: Auditorium of Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road. Time: 10:30 am, 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm.

Launching ceremony

Aventis Pharma will hold the re-launch ceremony of Hoechst Marion Roussel productions. Venue: Ballroom of Hotel Sonargaon. Time: 7:00 pm.

DHAKA TOMORROW

Rally & seminar

Bangladesh Retired Police Officers' Welfare Association will bring out a procession and hold a rally to mark International Children's Day and Child Rights Week 2001. It will also hold a seminar on "International Children's Day and Our Thoughts". Venue: Procession From Detective Training School to National Press Club. Seminar: NPC. Time: Rally: 10:30 am, seminar: 11:00 am.

Round table

International Chamber of Commerce, Bangladesh and European Union Election Observation Mission in Bangladesh 2001 will jointly organise a roundtable on "Independent Election Observation: an important tool for a fair election". Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 11:00 am.

Closing ceremony

Mass-line Media Centre will hold the closing ceremony of its week long debate programme titled "Elections and Women" organised in collaboration with Debate for Democracy. Venue: Natmondia, Dhaka University. Time: 4:00 pm.

Alfred Hitchcock retrospective

Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen Family Plot starring Karen Black, Bruce Dern and Barbara Harris on the last day of the Alfred Hitchcock Retrospective. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, Road No 2, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 6:00 pm.

Four BCL activists held in N'ganj

UNB, Narayanganj

Army personnel caught four Chhatra League activists and seized three vehicles from Barma Eastern area of Shiddhirganj upazila on Wednesday.

The arrested were identified as A Malek, 28, A Rahman, 27, Selim and Nasir, 30.

Police said the army men nabbed them when they along with some of their associates riding a pickup van, a private car and a microbus were following a procession of BNP candidate Mohammad Giasuddin.

The army men seized the three vehicles and recovered a gun and three cartridges from inside the pickup van of BCL leader S M Sayem Mithu.

Maps on election 2001 published

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A set of maps of different size in English language titled 'Bangladesh National Parliament Election Map 2001' have been prepared recently.

A cartographic centre, The Mappa, has prepared the maps, says a press release.

Boundaries of each electoral constituencies, number of voters and polling stations of each constituency and related information on ensuing general election have been depicted in the maps.

The set of maps will be of use to the persons engaged with the publication of election results, election monitoring organisation, researchers on election and persons interested on it.

The maps can be collected from office of the Mappa at 112 Green Road, Farm Gate.

German embassy 22 firearms seized

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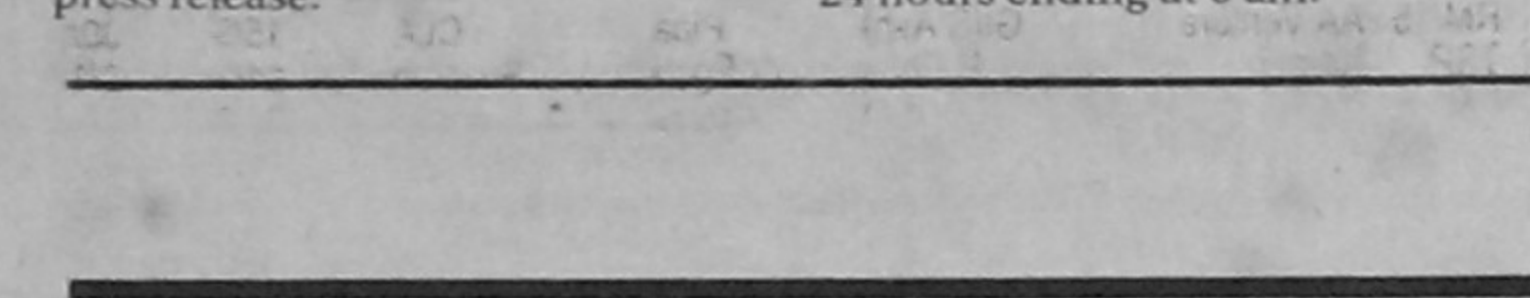
The visa section of the German Embassy in Dhaka will remain closed on October 1 for parliamentary elections.

The embassy will, however, remain open on the day and urgent consular services for German nationals will be provided, said a press release.

BSS, Dhaka

Police seized a total of 22 firearms, and 66 bullets on the 72nd day of the countrywide combing operation, official sources said yesterday.

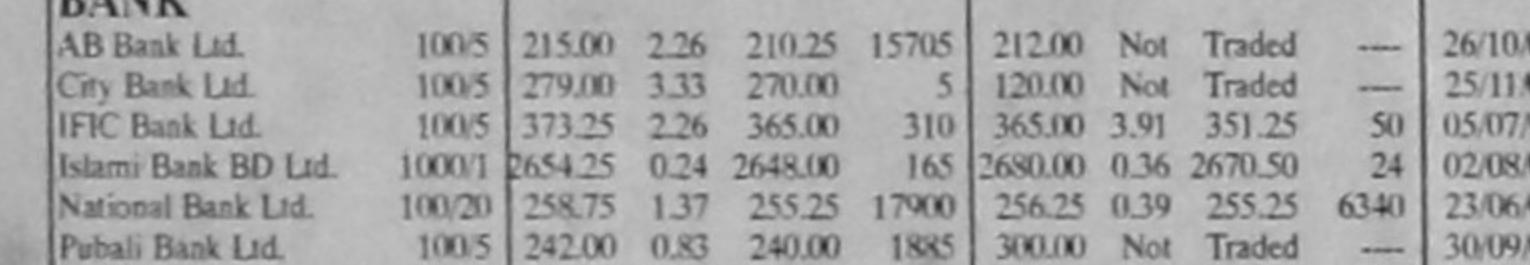
Police also arrested 988 people including 12 listed terrorists from across the country during the last 24 hours ending at 6 am.



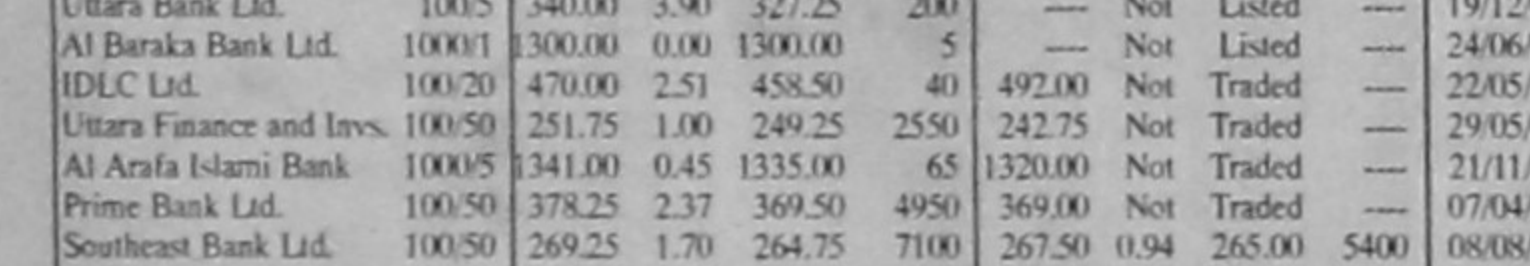
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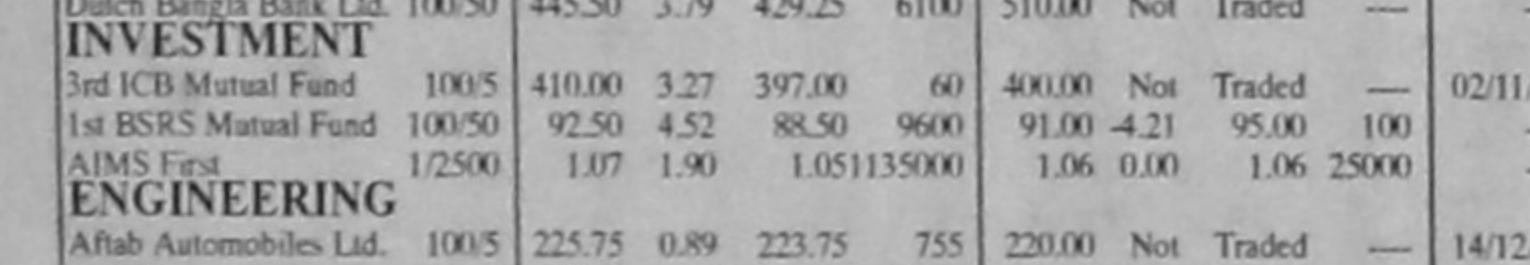
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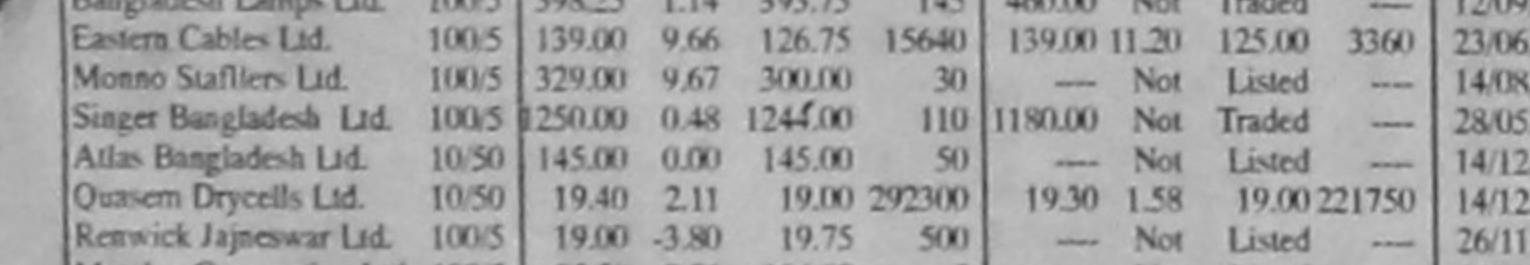
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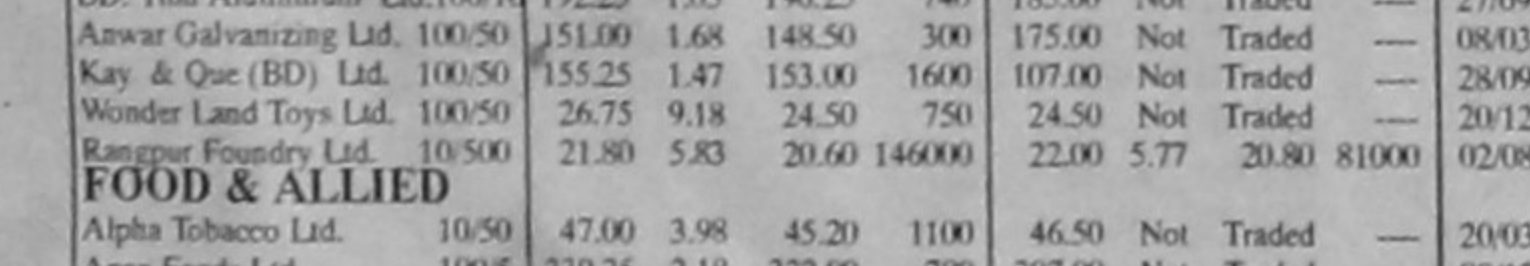
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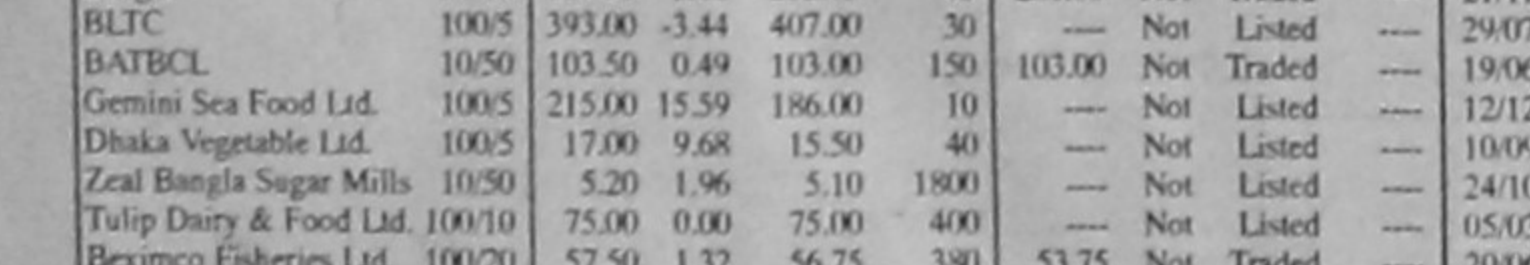
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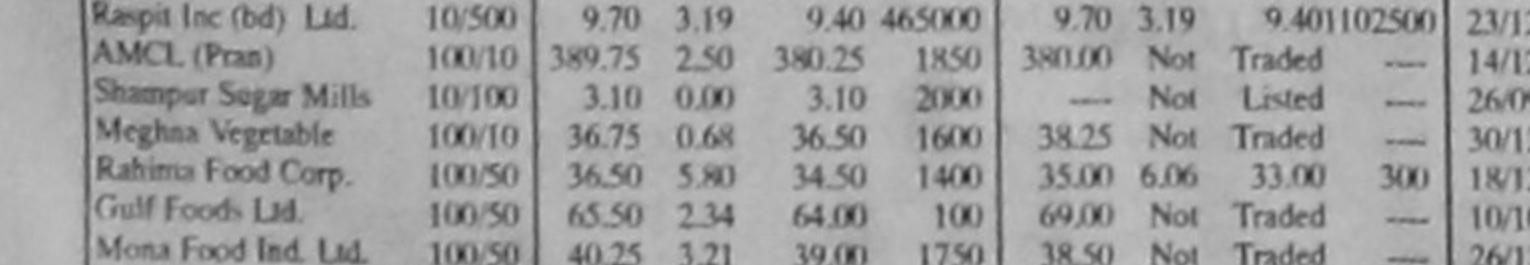
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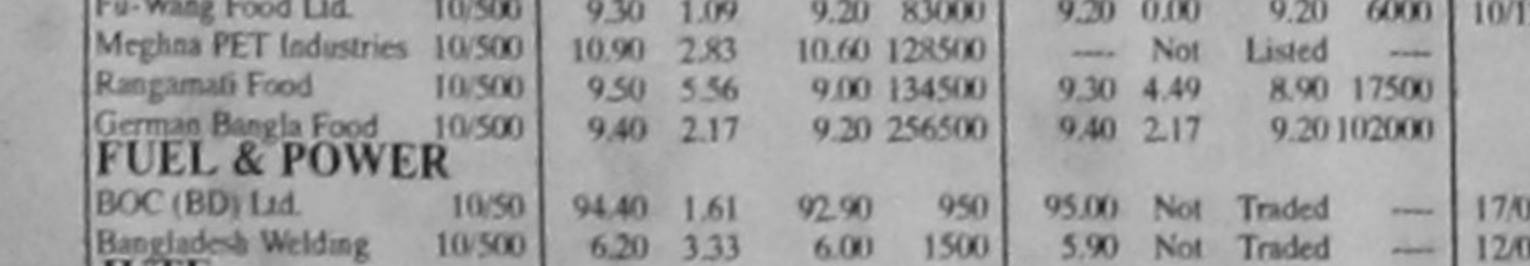
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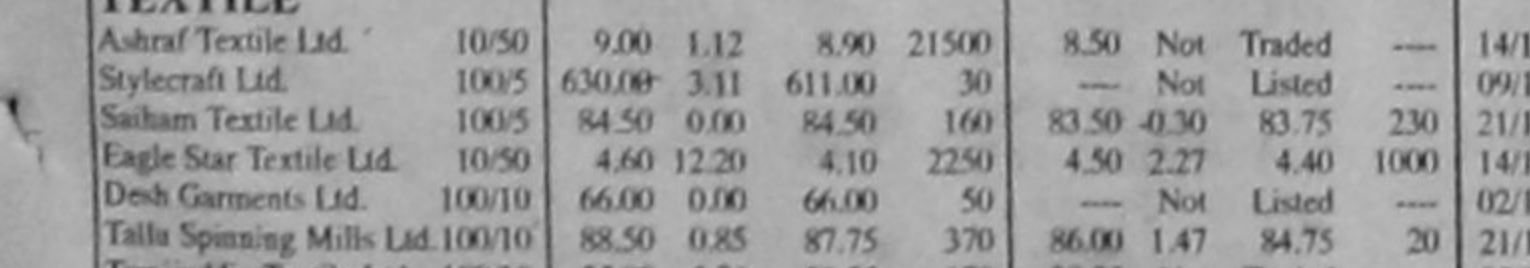
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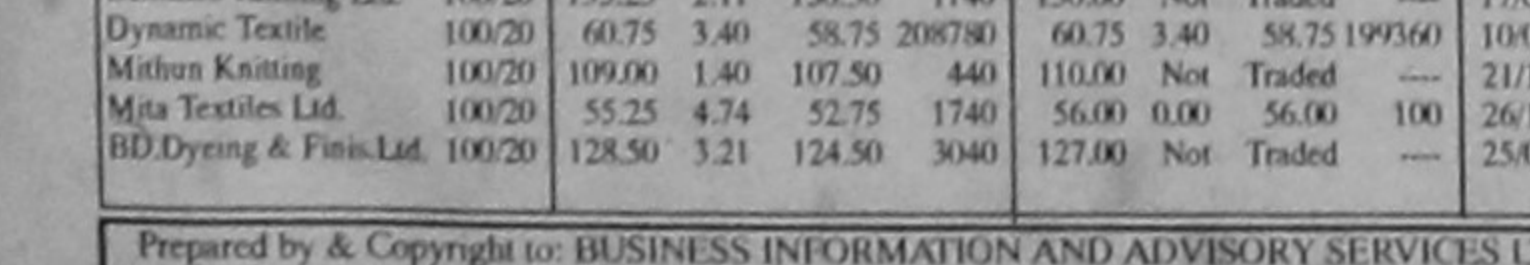
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STOCK

TODAY'S TRADED ISSUES SEPTEMBER 27, 2001

Company	FM/ML (TLn/%)	DSE			Turnover Share	CSE			Turnover Share	Financial Age	
		Price Closing	Price Change (%)	Pre Day		Price Closing	Price Change (%)	Pre Day			
BANK											
AB Bank Ltd.	10005	215.00	2.26	210.25	15705	212.00	Not	Traded	—	26/10/00	
City Bank Ltd.	10005	279.00	3.33	270.00	100	120.00	Not	Traded	—	25/11/00	
IFIC Bank Ltd.	10005	373.25	2.26	365.00	310	365.75	3.91	31.25	50	05/07/99	
Islami Bank BD Ltd.	10001	264.25	0.24	264.00	160	268.00	0.36	267.50	24	02/08/01	
National Bank Ltd.	10001	258.75	1.37	255.25	17900	256.25	0.39	255.25	6340	23/08/00	
Pabali Bank Ltd.	10005	342.00	0.83	340.00	1885	300.00	Not	Traded	—	30/09/00	
Rajshahi Bank Ltd.	10010	88.50	2.02	86.75	19000	92.00	Not	Traded	—	12/05/01	
UCBL	10005	153.50	1.99	150.25	785	155.00	0.65	154.00	100	15/09/99	
Uttara Bank Ltd.	10005	340.00	3.90	327.50	200	—	Not	Traded	—	19/12/00	
Al Baraka Bank Ltd.	10001	300.00	0.00	300.00	5	—	Not	Traded	—	24/06/01	
IDLCL Ltd.	10010	470.00	2.51	458.50	40	492.00	Not	Traded	—	22/05/01	
Uttara Finance and Inv.	10005	251.75	1.00	249.25	2550	242.75	Not	Traded	—	29/05/01	
Al Arafa Islami Bank	10005	341.00	0.45	333.00	65	332.00	Not	Traded	—	21/11/01	
Prime Bank Ltd.	10005	378.25	2.37	369.50	4950	369.00	Not	Traded	—	07/04/01	
Southeast Bank Ltd.	10005	269.25	1.70	264.75	7100	267.50	0.94	265.00	5400	08/08/01	
Dhaka Bank Ltd.	10005	345.00	2.37	337.00	1600	325.00	Not	Traded	—	26/05/01	
N C C Bank Ltd.	10005	210.25	1.57	207.50	8100	208.75	1.33	206.00	13150	28/05/01	
Deutsch Bangla Bank Ltd.	10005	445.50	3.79	429.25	6100	510.00	Not	Traded	—	—	
INVESTMENT											
3rd ICB Mutual Fund	10005	410.00	3.27	397.00	60	400.00	Not	Traded	—	02/11/00	
1st BSR Mutual Fund	10005	92.50	4.52	88.00	9600	91.00	4.21	95.00	100	—	
AIMS Fund	12500	1.07	1.90	1.05	135000	1.06	0.00	1.06	25000	—	
ENGINEERING											
Arif Automotives Ltd.	10005	225.75	0.89	223.75	755	220.00	Not	Traded	—	14/12/00	
Azziz Pipes Ltd.	10005	144.75	1.05	142.25	13110	140.00	Not	Traded	—	31/05/01	
Olympic Industries Ltd.	10005	125.50	2.87	123.00	6780	123.75	Not	Traded	—	09/10/00	
Bangladesh Lamps Ltd.	10005	398.25	1.14	393.75	145	400.00	Not	Traded	—	12/09/01	
Eastern Cables Ltd.	10005	139.00	9.66	125.75	15640	139.00	11.20	125.00	3360	23/06/01	
Monno Sulfur Ltd.	10005	329.00	9.67	309.75	30	—	Not	Traded	—	14/06/01	
Singer Bangladesh Ltd.	10005	225.00	0.48	224.00	110	118.00	Not	Traded	—	28/05/01	
Atlas Bangladesh Ltd.	10005	145.00	0.00	145.00	50	—	Not	Traded	—	14/12/00	
Ouseman Drycells Ltd.	10005	19.40	2.11	19.00	292300	19.30	1.58	19.00	21750	14/12/01	
Remnick Juyeswar Ltd.	10005	19.00	3.80	19.75	500	—	Not	Traded	—	26/11/00	
Metalex Corporation Ltd.	10005	95.50	9.91	106.00	5	—	Not	Traded	—	24/04/96	
National Tubes Ltd.	10010	51.00	0.39	462.00	100	—	Not	Traded	—	31/03/01	
TDL Aluminium Ltd.	10001	192.25	1.05	190.25	740	185.00	Not	Traded	—	27/09/01	
Anwar Galvanizing Ltd.	10005	151.00	1.68	148.00	300	175.00	Not	Traded	—	08/03/01	
Key & Que (BD) Ltd.	10005	155.25	1.47	153.00	1600	107.00	Not	Traded	—	28/09/00	
Wonder Land Toys Ltd.	10005	26.75	9.18	24.50	750	24.50	Not	Traded	—	02/12/00	
Bangla Foundation Ltd.	10005	21.80	5.83	20.00	146000	22.00	5.77	20.80	81000	20/08/01	
FOOD & ALLIED											
Alpha Tobacco Ltd.	10005	47.00	3.98	45.25	1100	46.50	Not	Traded	—	02/02/00	
Apex Foods Ltd.	10005	339.25	2.18	332.00	780	307.00	Not	Traded	—	09/12/00	
Tripti Industries Ltd.	10005	45.25	4.02	43.50	130	45.00	Not	Traded	—	09/10/00	
Banques	10005	257.50	1.88	252.75	40	280.00	Not	Traded	—	21/07/01	
BIRPS	10005	393.00	3.44	380.00	100	—	Not	Traded	—	29/11/00	
BATBEL	10005	103.50	0.40	103.00	135	103.00	Not	Traded	—	29/08/00	
Gemini Sea Food Ltd.	10005	215.00	15.59	186.00	10	—	Not	Traded	—	12/12/00	
Dhaka Vegetable Ltd.	10005	17.00	9.68	15.50	40	—	Not	Traded	—	10/09/01	
Zeal Bangla Sugar Mills	10005	5.20	1.96	5.10	1800	—	Not	Traded	—	24/05/00	
Tulip Dairy & Food Ltd.	10010	75.00	0.00	75.00	400	—	Not	Traded	—	05/10/01	
Bescon Industries Ltd.	10005	50.75	3.40	47.25	300	53.75	Not	Traded	—	27/09/01	
Bengal Biscuits Ltd.	10020	44.25	0.57	44.00	320	43.25	0.58	43.00	60	27/07/01	
Meghna Shrimp	10020	126.75	2.01	124.25	23600	127.00	3.99	122.25	220	20/05/01	
Rasipit Inc (bd) Ltd.	10500	9.70	3.19	9.40	465000	9.70	3.19	9.40	102500	23/11/00	
AMCL (Pvt) Ltd.	10010	389.75	2.50	380.25	1500	380.00	Not	Traded	—	14/12/00	
Shamper Sugar Mills	10010	3.10	1.00	3.10	2000	—	Not	Traded	—	10/09/01	
Meghna Vegetable	10010	36.75	0.68	36.50	1600	38.25	Not	Traded	—	30/01/01	
Rahima Food Corp.	10050	36.50	5.80	34.50	1400	35.00	6.06	33.00	300	18/11/01	
Gulf Foods Ltd.	10050	65.50	2.34	64.00	100	69.00	Not	Traded	—	10/09/01	
Mom Food Ind. Ltd.	10050	40.25	3.21	39.00	1750	38.50	Not	Traded	—	26/01/01	
Gashabata Aqua.	10050	33.75	0.47	28.25	1250	33.75	18.43	28.50	2650	18/11/01	
Bionic Seafood	10050	8.50	2.41	8.30	204500	—	Not	Traded	—	10/09/01	
Fu-Wang Food Ltd.	10050	9.30	3.09	9.20	83000	9.20	10.00	9.20	6000	17/01/01	
Meghna PET Industries	10050	10.90	2.53	10.60	124500	—	Not	Traded	—	10/09/01	
Rangitang Food	10050	9.50	5.56	9.00	138500	9.30	4.49	8.90	17500	10/09/01	
Shamser Food	10050	9.40	2.17	9.20	256500	9.40	2.17	9.20	102000	10/09/01	
FUEL & POWER											
BCB (BD) Ltd.	10050	94.00	1.61	92.90	950	95.00	Not	Traded	—	17/01/01	
Bangladesh Welding	10050	6.20	3.33	6.00	1500	5.90	Not	Traded	—	12/01/01	
JUTE											
Saidpur Jute Ltd.	10050	2.10	1.03	1.90	36600	—	Not	Traded	—	30/01/01	
TEXTILE											
Ashraf Textile Ltd.	10050	9.00	1.12	8.90	21500	8.50	Not	Traded	—	14/01/01	
Stylecraft Ltd.	10050	63.00	0.31	61.00	30	—	Not	Traded	—	09/11/01	
Sylham Textile Ltd.	10005	84.50	0.00	84.50	160	83.50	0.30	83.75	230	21/01/01	
Tagor Star Textile Ltd.	10050	4.60	12.20	4.10	2250	4.50	2.27	4.40	1000	14/01/01	
Devi Narayan Ltd.	10050	5.75	0.40	5.60	50	—	Not	Traded	—	10/01/01	
Tajila Spinning Mills Ltd.	10010	88.50	0.85	87.75	70	86.00	1.47	84.75	20	21/01/01	
Pamjidda Textile Ltd.	10010	35.00	5.26	33.25	170	38.25	Not	Traded	—	25/01/01	
Tadma Textile Mills Ltd.	10020	21.40	9.40	21.20	11000	21.60	Not	Traded	—	14/01/01	
Koncoons Kinning Ltd.	10020	133.25	2.11	130.50	140	130.00	Not	Traded	—	17/01/01	
Devi Narayan Ltd.	10020	5.75	0.40	5.60	50	—	Not	Traded	—	10/01/01	
Mithun Kinning	10020	10.90	1.40	10.75	440	11.00	Not	Traded	—	17/01/01	
MMA Textiles Ltd.	10020	5.25	4.74	5.25	1740	5.60	0.00	5.60	100	26/01/01	
BD Drycleaning & Finisn.Ltd.	10020	128.50	3.21	124.50	3040	127.00	Not	Traded	—	26/01/01	