

## Govt in fresh move to boost manpower export

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Bangladesh in a fresh move has started manpower export to Jordan and Afghanistan.

According to officials of Expatriate Welfare and Overseas Employment Ministry, the country will send more professionals of different categories, including doctor, engineer, architect, information technologist and sailor to 11 countries soon.

The countries are Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Qatar, Italy, South Korea, Greece, Australia, Botswana, Nigeria, Jordan and Afghanistan.

At present, Bangladesh has

potential manpower markets in more than 12 countries, including Bahrain, Brunei, Ireland, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Thailand and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

The sources said steps for export of professionals to two African countries -- Botswana and Nigeria -- are in the final stage in addition to starting the process of sending sailors to Greece and computer engineers and doctors to Australia, Botswana and Nigeria.

During the period from October 2001 to July 2002 around 1,57,021 people have got jobs abroad and at

the time 22 thousand unskilled labourers were sent to Malaysia on special permission.

The sources said that about 70 thousand workers were allowed to stay in Malaysia for six months more even after the end of their service tenure.

They will be issued work permit on the basis of their efficiency, the sources said, adding some workers have already got such permit.

The officials said Qatari government has given permission to send skilled and unskilled workers to that country and sending process of workers has already started.

Referring to the recent visit of the Expatriate Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister to Malaysia, South Korea, Qatar and Greece, they said Bangladesh is in the quest of new manpower markets abroad.

"In near future, job opportunities for Bangladeshi workers abroad will be increased as these countries have shown interest in taking more workers," they said.

The Expatriate Welfare and Overseas Employment Ministry has also taken measures to teach English language to nurses and hotel workers going abroad.



Syed Manzur Elahi, chairman of Bangladesh Association of Banks (BAB), exchanges views on money laundering prevention standard in Bangladesh with Thordur Olafsson, senior financial analyst of IMF, at the BAB office in the city on Monday.



Ali Azad, managing director of Adex Corporation Ltd, speaks at a technical seminar on quality power distribution, protection and control organised by the firm at a local hotel recently. Among others, French Ambassador in Dhaka Michel Lummaux is also seen in the picture.



Photo shows Deputy Managing Director of British American Tobacco Bangladesh Golam Mainuddin with the students of Industrial and Production Engineering Department of BUET at a workshop on "Industrial Environment, Health and Safety" held in BAT's factory premises in the city recently.

## BAT workshop on industrial environment held

A workshop on Industrial Environment, Health and Safety (EH&S) was held at a Dhaka factory recently, says a press release.

The workshop was organised by British American Tobacco Bangladesh (BAT) or the students of the department of IPE of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology.

The workshop was inaugurated by Deputy Managing Director of BAT Bangladesh Golam Mainuddin and was conducted by Nurunnabi Khan, Technical Services Manager and Mainul Ahad, Environment of Health and Safety Manager.

The workshop covered real life issues regarding impacts of Industries on Environment, Health and Safety aspects of industries with an overview of BAT's initiatives in these areas.

Speaking on the occasion, Golam Mainuddin emphasised the need for understanding of EH&S by the students who are preparing to shoulder the responsibilities of running industries in future in different capacities.

20 participants from the Dept of Industrial and Production Engineering along with Dr Nikhil Ranjan Dhar, a teacher, attended the seminar.



Mahbul Alam Tara, chairman of National Credit and Commerce Bank Limited (NCC Bank), delivers the inaugural speech at a foundation training course for junior officers at the training institute of NCC Bank recently. Picture also shows Md Omar Choudhury, director (Training), Anwar Ahmed, managing director, Mir Zahir Hossain, director, and K Z Mahmud, director, at the inaugural function.

## SHIPPING

Chittagong port  
Berth position and performance of vessels as on 21.10.2002.

Berth No.	Name of vessels	Cargo	L Port call	Local agent	Date of arrival	Leaving	Import disc
J/2	Banglar Mamata	GI	Ind	BSC	19/10	27/10	338
J/4	Adonis	Sugar	Ind	CCNL	13/10	26/10	1251
J/5	Banglar Urmil	Sugar	Mumb	Mutual	9/10	24/10	1364
J/6	Pacific Emerald	Idle	Sing	Allseas	24/07	27/10	-
J/10	Eagle Strength	Cont	Sing	Nol	16/10	21/10	313/49
J/12	Oc Dignity	Cont	Sing	QCSL	18/10	21/10	232/1
J/13	Banglar Robi	Cont	Sing	BSC	20/10	23/10	132/252
CCT/1	Xpress Resolve	Cont	Col	Everbest	17/10	22/10	239/x
CCT/2	Banga Bitol	Cont	P Kel	Bdship	19/10	23/10	244/54
CCT/3	Asimont	Cont	P Kel	Seaborn	14/10	20/10	-
CCJ	Eco Charger	G F Slag	Sing	BSL	13/10	20/10	-
GSJ	Eco Vigour	Wheat	Aust	SSST	13/10	20/10	-
TSP	Gotza Belchev	R Phos	Hamr	Seacom	2/10	20/10	-
DD	Dredger Gemini	Repair	Chand	Karna	-	28/10	-
RM/8	Samjin Sun	CPOL	Mala	Seacom	18/10	22/10	-
RM/9	Banglar Doot	Repair	Mong	BSC	25/9	24/10	-
BB	Klazina	Ballast	Bomb	BSL	9/10	-	-

Vessels due at outer anchorage

Name of vessels	Date of arrival	L Port call	Local agent	Cargo	Loading port
QC Lark	21/10	P Kel	QCSL	Cont	Sing
Xpress Manasu	22/10	P Kel	RSL	Cont	Sing
Hans Jaijivya	22/10	Tuti	Mutual	Sugar	-
Kota Naga	21/10	Sing	Pil (BD)	Cont	Sing
Makmur Perkasa	21/10	Karabi	Uniship	C Clink	-
Amanat Shah	22/10	Yang	CLA	GI	-
Qc Pintail	23/10	Hai	QCSL	Cont	Mgt
Alam Talang	22/10	Sing	Everett	GI	-
Boxer Capt Cook	22/10	P Kel	PSSL	Cont	Sing
Kota Cahaya	22/10	Sing	Pil (BD)	Cont	Sing
Banga Borat	22/10	Sing	Bdship	Cont	Sing
Pacific Spirit	23/10	Goa	ASA	GI	-
Young Jiang	23/10	Shanghai	Bdship	GI	-
Gu Jiang	23/10	-	Unique	TSP	Jetty
Du Man Gang	24/10	Visha	Uniship	Sugar	-
Kuo Hsiung	24/10	P Kel	QCSL	Cont	Sing
Asian Harvester	24/10	Indo	VML	Demolition	-
Banga Bara	26/10	-	Baridhi	Cont	Col
Hane Burg	24/10	Sing	Pil (BD)	Cont	Sing
Mardios	25/10	P Kel	RSL	Cont	Sing
Iran Toubia	25/10	Fujai	OTBL	-	-
Fenix	25/10	Mala	OTBL	-	-
Banga Lanka	25/10	-	Baridhi	Cont	Col
Banga Bjoy	26/10	-	Bdship	Cont	Sing
Banglar Moni	26/10	Sing	BSC	Cont	Col
Jaami	26/10	-	Everbest	Cont	Col
Qc Teal	28/10	P Kel	QCSL	Cont	Sing
Kota Singa	28/10	Sing	Pil (BD)	Cont	Sing
Jaya Mars	29/10	-	RSL	Cont	Sing
Orient Freedom	29/10	-	PSSL	Cont	Sing
Jin Cheng	30/10	-	Bdship	GI	-
Banglar Biraj	30/10	-	Bdship	Cont	PTP
Banga Bonik (Cont)6/10	30/10	Sing	Baridhi	Cont	Col
Kota Berjaya	02/11	Sing	Pil (BD)	Cont	Sing

Tanker due

Vessel Name	Date	Port	Agent	Cargo
Jag Pavitra	21/10	Thai	ECSL	SKO
Rejoice	21/10	Jmpt	Rainbow	CDSO
MMM Jackson	20/10	Bintunu	Seacom	CPO
Vanessa	22/10	Durb	USL	CPO
Anitares	22/10	Bintunu	Rainbow	CPO
Formosa Nine	24/10	-	Libe	HSD

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

## CURRENCY

Following is yesterday's foreign exchange rate of October 21 statement by Standard Chartered Bank.

Selling	Currency	Buying
TT/OD	BC	TT Clean
58.6500	58.6800	USD 57.8350
57.8817	57.9113	EUR 55.7182
91.5116	91.5584	GBP 88.8230
33.0493	33.0662	AUD 31.4044
0.4731	0.4733	JPY 0.4593
39.0220	39.0419	CHF 37.9944
6.2943	6.2975	SEK 6.1922
37.5072	37.5264	CAD 36.5420
7.5276	7.5314	HKD 7.4080
33.0311	33.0480	SGD 32.2992
16.0989	16.1072	AED 15.6188
15.7644	15.7725	SAR 15.3003

Exchange rates of some currencies against US dollar	
Indian rupee	48.397
Pak rupee	58.98
Lankan rupee	96.285
Thai baht	43.735
Norokroner	7.6288
NZ dollar	0.4834
AUD	3.80

**Local Interbank FX Trading:**  
The local interbank foreign exchange market was active on Monday after two days of subdued trading. Demand for dollar continued to remain high. The high demand-supply gap of the US Currency made the dollar stronger. Taka was quoted 58.05/75 against the US dollar compared with 58.65/70 on Sunday.

**Local Money Market:**  
Demand for overnight borrowing at call was high. Call money rate increased because of T-bill auction held Sunday. The rate ranged between 5.00-6.50 per cent for the day compared with 4.50-5.00 per cent Sunday. Central bank accepted a two-day repo bid for 190 million taka at an interest rate of 6.85 per cent.

## STOCK