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FAKE DUTY-FREE CERTIFICATES

Dhaka to ask Berlin to remove 12pc security deposit on RMG imports

Delegation to Germany in January

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The government is to send a high-powered delegation to Germany to urge the European country to remove a 12 percent security deposit it has imposed on Bangladesh garment imports.

German authorities imposed the deposit in September following investigations that showed that several companies had been exporting products to European countries using fake Bangladesh GSP (generalized system of preference) certificates.

A GSP certificate allows goods' duty free access to the European market.

The team comprising representatives from Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BKMEA), Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) and the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) will head to Germany as soon as visa and other approvals are obtained.

The move follows an earlier recommendation from the BKMEA to arrange such a delegation to Germany. Government officials will accompany the trade representatives.

The team will urge the German government to withdraw the restrictions it imposed on import from Bangladesh, stressing that German Customs can easily find out if shipments exported carry forged certificates by tracking certificates automatically.

The team will also assure the German government that no products from Bangladesh will be

exported to Germany with forged certificates.

The government will also point out that it has already introduced a new type of GSP certificate as suggested by the European Commission. The certificates are printed in Germany to protect against any possible forgery.

When contacted, BKMEA president Fazlul Hoque said that the BKMEA is seeking an immediate visit to Germany to discuss the issue with German Customs. But as the Christmas and New Year holiday coming up in Europe and the need for team members to sort of visas the visit may be delayed until early January.

Germany is the second largest importer of Bangladesh garments and Fazlul Hoque said the issue should be resolved quickly before it impacts sales.

The 12 percent deposit has to be paid by buyers and is only returned when the GSP certificate that comes with the garment shipment is authenticated. Its imposition in September caught exporters by surprise.

It has been claimed that the move was taken without any consultation or prior notification.

Talking with The Daily Star, EPB Vice Chairman Md. Shahab Ullah said German customs imposed the restriction on Bangladesh exports but German importers know very well who forged the GSP certificates.

"The team can be successful in making the German authority understand that Bangladesh exporters are not involved with such forgery," he added.



A file photo shows a woman working at a garment factory in Dhaka. Germany recently imposed a 12 percent security deposit on Bangladesh garment imports following investigations that showed that several companies had been exporting products to European countries using fake GSP certificates. Germany is the second largest market for Bangladesh garments.

SA telecoms regulators' council from tomorrow

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The ninth conference of South Asian Telecommunications Regulators' Council (SATRC) will begin in Dhaka tomorrow aiming to address policy and regulatory issues of the sector.

Asia Pacific Telecommunity (APT) and Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) will jointly organise the conference.

Mid level executives of telecoms companies and heads of the regulatory authorities of SATRC member countries are expected to attend the meeting, according to a BTRC press release.

SATRC member countries include Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Maldives and Afghanistan.

Post and Telecommunication Minister A B Mirza Azizul Islam is scheduled to inaugurate the meeting at the Radisson Water Garden Hotel.

The conference will help the regulatory bodies develop their human resources by acquiring knowledge and skills in regulatory matters, the release said.

The APT is a unique organisation of governments, telecoms service providers, manufacturers of communication equipment, research and development organisations and other stakeholders active in the field of communication and information technology.

Janata Bank won't charge interest on loans for six months in Sidr-hit areas

To make available Tk 255cr loans

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Janata Bank will not charge interest on loans for six months and will make available Tk 255 crore loan facilities for farming and income-generating activities in cyclone Sidr-hit rural areas.

The interest benefit will be applicable to both on new and outstanding farm and non-farm loans, a high official of the state-run bank said yesterday.

According to a press statement, the bank said it has decided to go for remission of six months' interest with effective from November 2007.

The cyclone-hit farmers will also receive new 'agri/rural credit' from the bank by rescheduling their previously due without any down payment for two years.

Of the total Tk 255 crore loan facilities, Tk 125 crore has been

allocated for farming activities, while Tk 130 crore for non-farming income-generating programmes to be disbursed through non-governmental organisations (NGOs).

A recent board meeting of the bank having a network of 848 branches including 4 overseas branches took the decision to help the devastating cyclone-affected people to recoup losses.

Cyclone Sidr pounded the country's southern coast on November 15, killing more than 3,400 people, leaving 2.8 lakh people homeless and destroying crops, fishery and livestock.

About eight lakh metric tons of aman rice crops worth around Tk 2,000 crore have been damaged in the southwestern districts, shows the agriculture ministry's final damage assessment.

In order to expedite loan disbursement activities high officials of the bank have already visited Sidr-affected areas.

The bank hopes the fund allocated

in income-generating activities will be disbursed by December 16.

BB ASKS BANKS TO GIVE FRESH LOANS TO WEAVERS

The central bank meanwhile has asked commercial banks to give fresh loans to flood-affected weavers in Pabna and Sirajganj districts.

Under the central bank's post-flood rehabilitation programme, the flood-hit weavers can receive fresh credit through rescheduling their previous classified loans. The banks may relax the provisions of down payment for rescheduling of loans, if necessary.

The Bangladesh Bank (BB) issued a circular to this effect on Thursday and directed managing directors of all scheduled banks to follow the instructions on disbursement of loans to the weavers, according to a BB statement.

The central bank also asked the banks to set up credit monitoring and compliance cells at different levels to ensure monitoring of the overall handloom loan disbursement without any harassment.

Handicrafts fair opens

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A three-day fair on handicrafts produced by small women entrepreneurs kicked off yesterday in Dhaka.

A total of 40 women are displaying sari, three piece, tribal clothes, ornaments, metal products and pottery items in the fair organised by Women in Small Enterprise (WISE) at Midas Office, Dhanmondi.

Meherun Nessa Abdullah, winner of Ramon Magsaysay Award, formally inaugurated the fair. The fair organisers said they aim to encourage women entrepreneurship.

"We are bringing the items made by rural women to the fair so that urban people can realise what unique products the women in the countryside can make," Farzana Yasmin, of Thengamara Mohila Sabuj Sangha (TMSS), a non-governmental organisation (NGO) based in Bogra.

The items being displayed in the fair include panjabi, fatua, shirt, three piece, sari, cushion, wall mate, doll item jewellery and pottery.

Talking to The Daily Star, Swapna, owner of Swapna Enterprise, said apart from usual boutiques, she engages herself in mud-work and makes showpiece, ornaments, terracotta items and pots.

She claimed that her varieties could attract some exclusive shops at Ghulshan and Dhanmondi. Having a six-year experience in the trade, Swapna now supplies her products to some exclusive shops.

Rawnak Fashion's owner Rawnak Iqbal said the fair is a manifestation of women's own creativity.

"The fair offers some exclusive items at affordable prices, so I have bought three pieces for my daughters," said Parvin Akhtar Rupa, a visitor at the fair where, according to the organisers, huge visitors thronged on the first day.

"I feel proud to see the products that women have made and it could be projected in the global market to promote 'made in brand' products," Rupa said.

Sitara Ahsanullah, general secretary of WISE, said the association is encouraging women to do something rather than making usual household works.

Such habit could help a woman to become big entrepreneur, she added.

The fair will remain open from 10am to 8pm every day.

Better food security sought to offset global commodity price hike

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Experts have advocated better food security to get rid of any negative impact a global commodity price hike may have on the country.

They fear such a price hike if the present agriculture negotiations under the WTO (World Trade Organisation) regime fail to achieve real results.

They voiced their concern at a seminar in Dhaka yesterday.

They said if the developed EU countries or USA withdraw agricultural support or subsidy, it would fuel the rise in prices of farm products resulting in an adverse effect on Bangladesh, a prime food importing country.

Unnayan Onneshan, a local research group, organised the seminar on WTO: Concerns for Bangladesh at the Brac Centre.

The programme was arranged at a time when the Doha round of talks are in slow progress on disagreements between the richer and

developing nations over farm subsidy cuts.

"Agriculture has been very high on the Doha Round agenda. We need to look at these negotiations very carefully," Commerce Secretary Feroz Ahmed told the seminar.

Referring to the issue of food aid under the farm talks, he said, "Bangladesh and other least developed countries (LDCs) hold the opinion that food aid should be demand-driven."

He demanded establishment of a food bank what he called 'Safe Box' so that LDC governments could meet emergency food needs.

The commerce secretary also advocated withdrawal of all the barriers to movement of natural persons under the WTO criteria - Mode-IV.

Demanding a rise in the amount of aid for trade to facilitate the LDCs' supply side capacity building, he said, "It should be fresh money, not contributions, and it should not be linked to adjustment

Suzuki boss sceptical about \$3,000 car

APP, Tokyo

Suzuki Motor is taking a cautious view of the race to build a 3,000-dollar car in India, where the Japanese mini-car specialist is the market leader, its chief executive said Wednesday.

India's Tata Motors has previously said it plans to introduce a 3,000-dollar car in its home market next year, while Nissan and Renault are also considering jointly launching a similarly priced vehicle in India by 2010.

But Suzuki chairman and chief executive Osamu Suzuki expressed scepticism about prospects for such a low-priced vehicle.

"Global standards for emissions, environmental protection and also automobile safety are all becoming stricter each year. It's not really clear which standards, in which year, this 3,000-dollar car is aiming to meet."

"For example, will airbags be included? Will there be seatbelts? These are questions that really need to be considered," he told reporters.

"So our fundamental stance is that rather than Suzuki becoming very concerned and watching over its shoulder to see what other people are doing, Suzuki has decided to move forward at its own pace," he said.

Suzuki was an early entrant into the Indian market when the billion-plus nation started opening up its economy in the 1990s following decades of socialist protectionism.

Maruti Suzuki India Limited, majority owned by the Japanese automaker, now has a market share of more than 50 percent in the fast-growing Indian market, but its dominance is being increasingly challenged by global automakers.

"Going forward the idea of our being able to maintain this 55 percent share is something that's going to be very difficult to achieve," said Shinzo Nakanishi, managing director of Maruti Suzuki India Ltd.

"We will strive to keep this very large market share. However we do realise that competition is going to be fierce going forward," he said.

Chief executive Suzuki was more optimistic.

"We will forever maintain a 50 percent or more share of the (Indian) market. It all really depends on the product," he said.

Make all donation money tax-free

Suggests Wahiduddin

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

All donation money should be made tax-free in order to encourage increased corporate social responsibility (CSR), economist Wahiduddin Mahmud told a seminar in Dhaka yesterday.

He sees the existing tax-free amount of Tk 500,000 donation money as too small.

"The situation is worse now because a person intending to donate a handsome amount of money may face interrogation from the Anti-corruption Commission (ACC)," said Mahmud, who teaches Economics at the University of Dhaka.

Bankers' Forum, an association of bankers in the public and private sector, organised the seminar on Corporate Social Responsibility at the Cirdap auditorium.

Mahmud pointed to the fact that many a philanthropist came

forward in the past to fund construction of a considerable number of primary and high schools across the country, but nowadays such funding come mainly from the government.

"We should remember that the market economy has also some good aspects. We should utilise those as we have a little better options," he said.

The economist was very upbeat about the private banks' contribution to the CSR, but asked the bank owners to take further steps to develop healthcare and education.

Chaired by Bankers' Forum President MA Khaleque, the seminar was also addressed by Acting Managing Director of Karmasangsthan Bank Shahjahan Miah, Managing Director of Ansar VDP Development Bank Mujibur Rahman Khan and Executive Vice President of Islami Bank Fariduddin.

Australia committed to WTO deal

AFP, Nusa Dua

Australia's new government will redouble efforts to secure a deal in the Doha round of international trade talks, the new trade minister said Saturday, but warned of tough times ahead.

"I think the reality is that an outcome from Doha is doable, but it's going to be tough," Australia's Simon Crean said after meeting World Trade Organisation (WTO) head Pascal Lamy.

"But I want to make sure that our efforts, our support, to achieve that outcome are redoubled," he told reporters on the sidelines of a key climate change conference on Indonesia's resort island of Bali.

He said he thought the next two to three months were critical in hammering out the deal, which has been deadlocked since the Doha Development Round was first launched in 2001.

Developed and developing countries are at loggerheads over agricultural subsidies and industrial tariffs, but Lamy said last month that he hoped the WTO's 151 members would be able to reach agreement by the end of 2008.

Transparent financial audit ensures good corporate governance

Finance adviser tells ICAB awards ceremony

UNB, Dhaka

Transparent financial audit report assures proper corporate governance, Finance Adviser Mirza Azizul Islam said yesterday.

"Based on the report, investors buy company shares through which the companies raise their funds... Thus the corporate governance can be ensured by the transparent financial audit report," he said at the function marking the 7th ICAB National Awards for Best Published Accounts and Reports 2006 Competition held at Sonargaon hotel.

The finance adviser highly appreciated the ICAB process of evaluation of the Published Accounts and Reports and hoped that this would have a positive impact on bringing about transparency, accountability and good

governance among the entities.

In the financial sector (Banking category) Prime Bank, Dutch Bangla Bank and Dhaka Bank were adjudged 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively, while Bank Asia and South East Bank were awarded with a Letter of Recognition.

In the financial sector (Non-Banking category) Prime Finance and Investment, IDLC and Lanka-Bangla Finance were evaluated 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively.

In the non-financial sector (Manufacturing category) Square Pharmaceuticals, Berger Paints Bangladesh and Singer Bangladesh were evaluated 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively and ACI and GlaxoSmithKline Bangladesh awarded with a Letter of recognition.

In the NGOs/MFIs sector, BRAC,

India mulls fuel price hike

ANN/ THE STATESMAN

The government is mulling a marginal hike in petrol and diesel prices along with an excise duty cut on auto fuels to reduce the Rs 7,840 crore loss public sector oil firms are incurring every month on selling fuel below cost.

"Losses on fuel sales are mounting. The petroleum ministry is pushing for a marginal increase in petrol and diesel prices coupled with a cut in excise duty on the two fuels. I think a decision on the issue is likely to be taken after the Gujarat assembly elections," a top official said.



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চ) নির্দিষ্ট প্রকৌশলীকে মুক্তিভিত্তিক অফিস চলাকালীন সময় যোগাযোগপত্র দাখিলের সময় দরপত্র/সলভেন্সি সার্টিফিকেট প্রকৌশলীর স্বাক্ষরিত হইবে।
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